

MINUTES

Professional Review Committee

June 5, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Video Conference, via Teams

Dr. Mark McCann, Chair

Committee Members Present: Mark McCann, Cathy Scott, Chris Burkett, Erin Hamel, Marla Sanders, Lisa Stockdale, Stephen Bismarck, Gretchen Whitman, James Ritter, Julie Fernandez and Kelly Harrison

Committee Members Absent: Jennifer Wise and Candice Moore

Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Member Absent: Lishu Yin

Office of Educator Services (OES) Staff Present: Jacki Walsh and Jessica McLees

I. Overview

a. Meeting called to order

Mark McCann called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

b. Quorum of members determined

Mark McCann confirmed a quorum of members present for the meeting.

c. Welcome from the Chair

Mark McCann offered a welcome to the group and provided a brief overview of the meeting.

d. Approval of the Agenda

Chris Burkett made a motion to approve the agenda. Julie Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e. Approval of the May Meeting Minutes

Kelly Harrison made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Erin Hamel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

- a.** On May 8, 2026, Presbyterian College submitted their Secondary Social Studies Initial Program Report. This report will be shared with the PRC in August and slated for a decision in October.

- b. On May 11, 2026, Presbyterian College submitted their Middle Level Initial Program Report. This report will be shared with the PRC in August and slated for a decision in October.
- c. On May 18, 2026, Teach Florence 1 notified the SCDE of the addition of the following preparation programs, PE (PK-Grade 12) and Health (PK-Grade 12).
- d. On May 20, 2026, Presbyterian College submitted the following three Initial Program Reports: ESOL, Elementary, and Secondary – Mathematics. These reports will be shared with the PRC in August and slated for a decision in October.
- e. On May 22, 2026, Presbyterian College submitted their Early Childhood Initial Program Report. This report will be shared with the PRC in August and slated for a decision in October.
- f. On May 22, 2026, Coker University notified the SCDE of a change in modality for the Early Childhood and Elementary Education programs. Both programs are now offered in-person and online.
- g. On May 28, 2026, Converse University submitted their Middle Level Initial Program Report. This report will be shared with the PRC in August and slated for a decision in October.
- h. On June 4, 2026, APEC Coker notified the SCDE of their addition of two new partner schools, Coastal Montessori Charter School and Butler Academy.
- i. On June 5, 2026, Furman University submitted the Response to Conditions Reports for their M.A. and Ed.S. in Educational Leadership programs. These reports will be shared with the PRC in August and slated for a decision in October.

III. New Program Proposals (June approval item)

- a. Clemson University
 - i. BS, Early Childhood and Special Education: Multi-categorical

The PRC voted to approve Clemson's BS, Early Childhood and Special Education: Multi-categorical program.

IV. Modified Program Proposal (June approval item)

- a. USC-Aiken

- i. BA, Middle Level – Mathematics

The PRC voted to approve USC-Aiken's BA, Middle Level-Mathematics program.

V. Initial Reports (June approval items)

The PRC rendered the following decision:

- a. USC Aiken
BA, Special Education: Multi-categorical (PK only), *state recognized with conditions*

VI. Response to Conditions Report (June approval items)

The PRC rendered the following decisions:

- a. Allen University
 - i. BA, Elementary, *state recognized with conditions*
Cathy Scott abstained from the vote.
- b. Coker University
 - i. BS, Biology, *state recognition*
Lisa Stockdale abstained from the vote.
- c. Columbia College
 - i. BA, Early Childhood, *state recognition*
 - ii. BA, Elementary, *state recognition with conditions*
 - iii. BA, English, *state recognition*
 - iv. BA, Middle Level, *state recognition with conditions*
Gretchen Whitman and Marla Sanders abstained from the votes.
- d. Erskine College
 - i. BA, Social Studies, *state recognition with conditions*
- e. The Citadel
 - i. BS, Biology, *state recognition with conditions*
 - ii. MAT, Biology, *state recognition with conditions*
 - iii. BS, Chemistry, *state recognition with conditions*
 - iv. MAT, Mathematics, *state recognition with conditions*
 - v. MAT, Middle Level, *state recognition with conditions*
- f. Winthrop University
 - i. BA and MAT, English, *state recognition*
Erin Hamel and Lisa Stockdale abstained from the vote.

VII. New Business

No new business was shared.

VIII. Good of the Order

Kelly Harrison made the motion. Cathy Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.