

**Minutes
Professional Review Committee**

Date
March 14, 2025

Time
10:00 am

Location
Video Conference, via Teams
Dr. Kevin Eakes, Chair
Dr. Mark McCann, Chair-Elect

Committee Members Present: Kevin Eakes, Reggie Williams, Michiko McClary, Chris Burkett, Erin Hamel, Cathy Scott, Mark McCann, Kelly Harrison, Jennifer Wise, Gretchen Whitman, Julie Fernandez, Marla Sanders, Jerome Davis

Ex officio, non-voting member Present: Lishu Yin

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

Office of Educator Services (OES) Staff Absent: Jacki Walsh

I. Overview

A. Meeting called to order

Kevin Eakes called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

B. Quorum of members determined

Kevin Eakes confirmed a quorum of members present for the meeting.

C. Welcome from the Chair

Kevin Eakes offered a welcome to the group and provided a brief overview of the meeting.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Mark McCann made a motion to approve the agenda. Kelly Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

E. Approval of the February Meeting Minutes

The February meeting minutes were unanimously passed.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

On March 4, 2025, the Office of Educator Services emailed EPPs the Middle and Secondary workbooks. This will allow EPPs an opportunity to show curricula alignment to the South Carolina literacy competencies for Middle and Secondary Programs. EPPs

are asked to align curricula at the indicator level and the workbooks are due by August 1, 2025.

On March 6, 2025, the Office of Educator Services emailed all EPP contacts inviting them to a virtual meeting with colleagues from the Office of Instructional Services on Thursday, April 3, at 10:00 am. This call will provide EPP faculty with more information on the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework referenced in the South Carolina Literacy Competencies. We will record the call and share the link.

In the March State Board of Education meeting, the new Educational Leadership programs leading to principal licensure from Columbia International University, North Greenville University, and USC-Aiken were approved. All programs are set to begin in Fall 2025.

The TeachFlorence¹ alternative certification program is updating their literacy course requirement for early childhood education and elementary education candidates. Previously the provider offered EDLT 8100: Foundations of Reading and Writing through Clemson University. The provider will now utilize LETRS training. This change will be implemented 8/12/25.

The Office of Educator Services received the following program reports from the following EPPs.

- A. Clemson University
 - i. BA and MAT Teacher Residency in Early Childhood
 - ii. BA and MAT Teacher Residency in Elementary
 - iii. BA/BS, MAT Teacher Residency, and MAT in Secondary – Mathematics
 - iv. BA/BS, MAT Teacher Residency, and MAT in Secondary – Science
 - v. BA and MAT SPED: Multi-Categorical (PK only)
- B. College of Charleston
 - i. BS in SPED: Multi-Categorical (PK and K-12)
 - ii. BS in Secondary – Mathematics
- C. Francis Marion University
 - i. BA in Elementary
- D. The Citadel
 - i. BS and MAT in Secondary Education with a concentration in Social Studies
 - ii. BA in Middle Level
- E. University of South Carolina – Aiken
 - i. BA in Early Childhood
- F. Winthrop University
 - i. BS and MAT in SPED: Multi-Categorical (PK only)

All reports will be shared with the PRC in April and slated for a decision in June.

III. South Carolina Special Education Pre-K Program Approval Standards (March approval item)

After much discussion, the PRC voted to grant preliminary approval of the South Carolina Special Education Pre-K Program Approval Standards.

IV. New Alternative Certification Preparation Program (March approval item)

- A. Teach AOP (Anderson, Oconee, Pickens)
 - i. Certification fields: Business and Marketing, Middle Level Mathematics, Middle Level Science, Physical Education, Secondary Mathematics, Secondary Science, and Special Education: Multi-Categorical

After much discussion, the PRC voted to grant preliminary approval of the proposal from Teach AOP to serve as a new Alternative Route Provider.

V. Existing Alternative Certification Preparation Program (April approval item)

- A. Lowcountry Educator Alternative Pathway (LEAP)
 - i. Additional fields: Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Special Education: Multi-Categorical
- B. Teach Florence 1
 - i. Modification of admissions criteria for World Language: French and Spanish

Decisions regarding these programs will be rendered in April.

VI. Initial Report (March approval items)

The PRC reviewed the following initial program reports and rendered the following decisions:

- A. Coker University
 - i. Bachelor of Arts, Early Childhood, *state recognized*
 - ii. Bachelor of Arts, Elementary, *state recognized*
 - iii. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Biology, *further development required*
- B. Erskine College
 - i. Bachelor of Arts, Secondary English, *state recognized*
 - ii. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Social Studies, *further development required*
- C. Newberry College
 - i. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Social Studies, *state recognized*

VII. Continuing Reports (March approval items)

The PRC reviewed the following continuing program reports and rendered the following decisions:

- A. Erskine College
 - i. Bachelor of Science, Music Education, *state recognized*
 - ii. Bachelor of Science, Physical Education, *state recognized*
 - iii. Bachelor of Science, SPED: Multi-categorical (PK only), *further development required*
- B. Newberry College

- i. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Mathematics, *state recognized with conditions*
- C. North Greenville University
 - i. Elementary Education, certification-only, *state recognized*

VIII. New Business

CHE will host the Centers of Excellence Symposium in Columbia on May 15.

IX. Good of the Order

Reggie Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelly Harrison seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:34 am.