

MINUTES

Professional Review Committee

May 1, 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, Jennifer Wise, Stephen Bismarck, Gretchen Whitman, Candice Moore, and James Ritter

Committee Members Absent: Julie Fernandez and Kelly Harrison

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

Office of Educator Services (OES) Staff Present: Jacki Walsh, Russell Clark 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. Jennifer Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e. Approval of the April Meeting Minutes

Cathy Scott made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Erin Hamel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

- a. On April 9, 2026, Coastal Carolina University notified the SCDE of the transition of the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership program from traditional/face-to-face format to a blended/hybrid model. This change was

approved by CHE and is effective Fall 2026.

- b. On April 13, 2026, USC Aiken submitted a Statement of Intent to modify the existing M.Ed. in Educational Leadership program. USC-Aiken seeks to modify 24 credit hours to better align the program with expectations within the field. These changes will first be shared with CHE and then the SCDE.
- c. On April 23, 2026, Erskine College submitted a Statement of Intent for a New Program, a BS in Science. The EPP plans to submit the full proposal in October 2026.
- d. On April 29, 2026, Teach Florence 1 submitted a letter notifying the SCDE of their decision to add Physical Education (Grades PK-12) and Health (Grades PK-12) to their current alternative route preparation programs.
- e. The Ed Prep Team is emailing Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 completer and employer surveys next week. The SCDE would appreciate EPPs sharing this information with their completers and district partners. The SCDE has already reached out to public school districts to inform them of the upcoming surveys.

III. Read to Succeed Pre-Service Requirements

The PRC discussed possible implications for an EPP failing to provide evidence of Early Childhood, Elementary, Special Education, Middle Level, and Secondary program alignment with the updated South Carolina Literacy Competencies.

IV. 2026-27 PRC Meeting Dates (May approval item)

The PRC reviewed, voted on, and ultimately approved the 2026-27 meeting dates.

V. Election of 2026-27 PRC Vice Chair (May approval item)

The PRC nominated Gretchen Whitman to serve as the PRC Vice Chair for 2026-27. The nomination passed.

VI. New Program Proposals (May approval item)

- a. Clemson University
 - i. BA, World Languages: German
The PRC voted to approve Clemson's BS, World Languages: German program.
 - ii. MAT, World Languages: German
The PRC voted to approve Clemson's MAT, World Languages: German

program.

- iii. MAT Teacher Residency, World Languages: German
The PRC voted to approve Clemson's MAT Teacher Residency, World Languages: German program.
- iv. BS, Early Childhood and Special Education: Multi-categorical
The PRC had questions regarding Clemson's BS, Early Childhood and Special Education: Multi-categorical program. These questions will be shared with the EPP, and the PRC will review the proposal at a future meeting.

VII. Modified Program Proposal (June approval item)

- a. USC-Aiken
 - i. Middle Level – Mathematics

The PRC will render a decision on this modified program proposal at their June meeting.

VIII. Initial Reports (June approval items)

- a. USC Aiken
 - i. BA, Special Education: Multi-categorical (PK only)

The PRC will render a decision on this initial program report at their June meeting.

IX. Response to Conditions Report (June approval items)

- a. Allen University
 - i. BA, Elementary
- b. Coker University
 - i. BS, Biology
- c. Columbia College
 - i. BA, Early Childhood
 - ii. BA, Elementary
 - iii. BA, English
 - iv. BA, Middle Level
- d. Erskine College
 - i. BA, Social Studies
- e. The Citadel
 - i. BS and MAT, Biology and Chemistry and BS, Chemistry
 - ii. MAT, Mathematics
 - iii. MAT, Middle Level

- f. Winthrop University
 - i. BA and MAT, English

The PRC will render decisions on the response to conditions program reports at their June meeting.

X. New Business

On April 30, 2026, CHE's CAAL Committee received guests to discuss the FY24-26 Productivity Report. The next CAAL meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2026.

XI. Good of the Order

Chris Burkett made the motion. Erin Hamel seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.