

Minutes
Professional Review Committee Meeting

Date

November 8, 2024

Time

10:00 a.m.

Location

Video Conference via Teams

Dr. Kevin Eakes, Chair

Committee Members Present: Kevin Eakes, Judy Collazo, Reggie Williams, Mark McCann, Julie Fernandez, Jennifer Wise, Cathy Scott, Erin Hamel, Jerome Davis, and Kelly Harrison

Ex officio, non-voting member Absent: Lishu Yin

Committee Members Absent: Tria Grant, Michiko McClary, and Brian Carruthers

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 10:01 a.m.

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 October Meeting Minutes

Unanimous approval of the October meeting minutes.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

- A. On October 15, 2024, the SCDE received a notification that a late pre-service option was needed due to the number of teacher vacancies remaining unfilled after the start of the GATE summer institute. By allowing a modified pre-service schedule for a small number of GATE candidates, Greenville County Schools was able to start the school year with all teacher vacancies filled.
- B. On November 1, 2024, the SCDE received a notification that Converse College was altering the number of hours required for their MED in Art Education. Previously the program required 36 hours. Now the program will require 30 hours. This change is to be more in-line with other programs in the state.

- III. **New Alternative Educator Preparation Program** (December approval item)
A. Winthrop University's NetAPT, Additional fields of Early Childhood and Elementary

The PRC will render a decision on this program at the December meeting.

- IV. **Expediated Review Request – North Greenville University's Post Masters in Administration and Supervision** (November approval item)

The PRC considered an expediated request from North Greenville University. After much discussion, the PRC voted to deny this request.

- V. **Review of SCDE guidance 2.4** (November approval item)

The PRC reviewed and offered edits to the proposed language revision to SCDE Guidance 2.4. After discussion, the PRC approved of the new language for SCDE Guidance 2.4.

- VI. **Initial Continuing Reports** (November approval items)

The PRC considered the initial continuing reports from South Carolina State and Lander University. State designations are noted below:

- A. South Carolina State University
 - i. Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Teaching, Early Childhood, *State Recognized*
 - ii. Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary, *Further Development Required*
 - iii. Bachelor of Science, Physical Education, *Further Development Required*
- B. Lander University
 - i. Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood, *State Recognized*
 - ii. Bachelor of Science, Special Education: Multi Categorical (PK only), *State Recognized*

- VII. **Initial Continuing Reports** (December approval items)

- A. Lander University
 - i. Bachelor of Science, Elementary
 - ii. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Chemistry
 - iii. Bachelor of Science, Secondary History
 - iv. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Mathematics
- B. Francis Marion University
 - i. Bachelor of Science, Art
 - ii. Bachelor of Science, Elementary
 - iii. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Biology
 - iv. Bachelor of Science, Secondary English
 - v. Bachelor of Science, Secondary History
 - vi. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Mathematics
 - vii. Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in Teaching, Special Education: Multi-Categorical (K-12)
 - viii. Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in Teaching, Special Education: Multi-Categorical (PK)

- C. College of Charleston
 - i. Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in Teaching, Early Childhood
- D. South Carolina State University
 - i. Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Biology
 - ii. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Social Studies
 - iii. Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary English Language Arts
 - iv. Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Mathematics
 - v. Bachelor of Science, Special Education Learning Disability (K-12)

A designation decision for these programs will be rendered at the December meeting.

VIII. Response to Conditions Reports (December approval items)

- A. Coastal Carolina University,
 - i. Master of Arts in Teaching, Mathematics
 - ii. Master of Arts in Teaching, English Language Arts
- B. North Greenville University
 - i. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Social Studies

A designation decision for these programs will be rendered at the December meeting.

IX. New Business

Members of the PRC discussed helpful suggestions to share with EPPs when writing program reports.

X. Good of the Order

Reggie Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark McCann seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.