

Minutes
Professional Review Committee Meeting

Date

October 11, 2024

Time

10:00 a.m.

Location

Video Conference via Teams

Dr. Kevin Eakes, Chair

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

Ex officio, non-voting member Present: Lishu Yin

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

I. Overview

A. Meeting Called to Order

Kevin Eakes called the meeting to order at 10:02 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

Kelly Harrison made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried.

E. Approval of the September Meeting Minutes

Unanimous approval of the September meeting minutes.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

- A. On September 13, 2024, the SCDE received the initial continuing reports for the College of Charleston's BS in Early Childhood and MAT in Early Childhood programs.
- B. On September 25, 2024, USC-Beaufort submitted a letter informing the SCDE that they have modified their M.Ed. in Literacy program to add online delivery, in addition to a blended/hybrid delivery. This change is to meet the needs of students.
- C. On September 29, 2024, the SCDE received an Alternative Preparation Statement of Intent from the Centers of Excellence for Educator Preparation and Innovation (EPI Center).
- D. On Tuesday, October 7, the OES presented two exams for the in-service Read to Succeed Literacy Teacher Endorsement. Those exams are, ETS Praxis 5205 Teaching Reading: Elementary, and Pearson's Foundations of Reading (890/190).
- E. On Thursday, October 10, the educator preparation team held a virtual meeting with SCDE ELA colleagues to review the newly implemented ELA Standards.

- F. The OES is working on a template that will help EPPs show program alignment to revised literacy competencies noted Act 114. This template will be emailed to EPPs by the beginning of November.
- G. The educator preparation team will be engaged in two upcoming accreditation visits: USC, October 21-23 and Morris College, November 13-15
- H. On September 12, 2024, Lander University expressed interest in having their History program reviewed for Social Studies certification. On October 10, 2024, after SCDE review, Lander University was approved to move to Social Studies certification with no content changes. This will be shared with the SBE as an information item.
- I. On October 7, 2024, The SCDE reminded EPPs of the policy regarding [Emergency Provisions for Clinical Experience \(Student Teaching\) Requirements](#). This policy provides guidance to educator preparation providers regarding clinical experience (student teaching) requirements in the event that unexpected or emergency events cause extended closures of South Carolina's institutions of higher education and/or the state's PK-12 public schools. If necessary, the dean/director or designee of teacher education should use the [Emergency Provisions for Clinical Experience \(Student Teaching\) Notification Form](#) to notify the OES of any clinical modifications.
- J. The educator preparation team has been asked to review SCDE Guideline 2.4. Additional information will be shared with the PRC at the November 2024 meeting.

III. Professional Review Committee Membership Elections

- A. The PRC reviewed several applications to fill two full-term memberships from Private Institutions. After deliberation, the PRC voted to recommend Julie Fernandez from Charleston Southern University to a full three-year term and Gretchen Whitman from Columbia College to a full three-year term.
- B. The PRC reviewed several applications to fill two full-term memberships from Public Institutions. After deliberation, the PRC voted to recommend Cathy Scott from Coastal Carolina University to a full three-year term and Chris Burkett from the University of South Carolina to a full three-year term.
- C. The PRC reviewed several applications to one full-term membership for a representative of an Alternative Certification Pathway. After deliberation the PRC voted to recommend Marla Sanders from APEC at Columbia College.
- D. The PRC reviewed several applications to one full-term membership for a Teacher of the Year / Honor Roll Teacher representative. After deliberation, the PRC voted to recommend Jennifer Wise from Lexington School District Two.

IV. New Alternative Educator Preparation Program

- A. Winthrop's NetAPT
Additional fields of Early Childhood and Elementary.
The PRC will render a decision on this program at a future meeting.

V. Initial Continuing Reports

The PRC considered the initial continuing reports from Newberry College. State designations are noted below:

- A. Newberry College
 - i. Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education, *State Recognized*
 - ii. Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education, *State Recognized*
 - iii. Bachelor of Science, Mathematics Education, *Further Development Required*

VI. Response to Conditions Reports

The PRC considered response to conditions reports from Coastal Carolina University, Morris College, and North Greenville University. State designations are noted below:

- A. Coastal Carolina University
 - i. MAT, Social Studies, *State Recognized*
- B. Morris College
 - i. Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education, *State Recognized*
 - ii. Bachelor of Arts, English Education, *State Recognized*
 - iii. Bachelor of Science, Mathematics Education, *State Recognized with Conditions*
 - iv. Bachelor of Science, Social Studies Education, *State Recognized with Conditions*
- C. North Greenville University
 - i. Early Childhood Education (certification only), *State Recognized*
 - ii. Elementary Education (certification only), *State Recognized with Conditions*

VII. Initial Continuing Reports (December approval items)

- A. Lander University
 - i. Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood
 - ii. Bachelor of Science, Elementary
 - iii. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Chemistry
 - iv. Bachelor of Science, Secondary History
 - v. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Mathematics
 - vi. Bachelor of Science, Special Education: Multi Categorical (PK only)
- 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 Arts and Master of Arts in Teaching, Early Childhood
 - ii. Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary
 - iii. Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Biology
 - iv. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Social Studies
 - v. Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary English Language Arts
 - vi. Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Mathematics
 - vii. Bachelor of Science, Special Education Learning Disability (K-12)
 - viii. Bachelor of Science, Physical Education

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

No new business.

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- A. Newberry College will host their GROW symposium on January 24, 2025. If interested, please reach out to Dr. Daphne Poore at Newberry College.
- B. CHE is working on the RFP for the year 2025-26 and looks forward to sharing this at a future meeting.
- C. Kelly Harrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cathy Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:37 am.