

MINUTES

Professional Review Committee
September 5, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.
Video Conference, via Teams
Dr. Mark McCann, Chair

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

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

Mark McCann called the meeting to order at 10:01 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

Jerome Davis made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e. Approval of the August Meeting Minutes

Erin Hamel made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes. Reggie Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

- a. On August 20, 2025, Coastal Carolina University notified the SCDE of an adjustment to the Music Education program, including the move of field experience hours from MUED 291/292: Fundamentals of Percussion/Strings to MUED 353: Music Methods, Grades 6-12. This change is to ensure

consistency and fidelity across field experiences.

- b. In October the PRC will vote to fill vacancies beginning in January 2026. These vacancies include 2 public institution members, 2 private institution members, and a district representative member. Applications for these positions are in the Google drive and will be voted on in October.
- c. The SCDE is in the process of writing the guidelines for the non- certification teacher pilot. These guidelines will be read before the State Board of Education in October.
- d. On August 29, 2025, Lander University submitted their Response to Conditions Report for the Secondary - Chemistry program.
- e. On September 3, 2025, Coastal Carolina University submitted their Response to Conditions Report for the Middle Level program.
- f. On September 4, Converse University submitted the following initial program reports:
 - BA, Early Childhood
 - MAT, Early Childhood
 - BA, Special Education: Hearing Impairments (PK only)
 - BA, Special Education: Hearing Impairments (K-12)

All program reports mentioned above will be shared with the PRC in October and slated for a decision in December.

III. New Program Approval (September approval item)

- a. Winthrop University's, Special Education Multi-Categorical add-on

After much discussion the PRC voted to approve Winthrop University's Special Education: Multi-categorical add-on coursework. Erin Hamel abstained from the vote.

IV. Discussion of the Field and Clinical Guidelines

PRC members reviewed the Field and Clinical Guidelines and offered points in the revision process.

V. Discussion of South Carolina Alternative Provider and Program Approval Process and Standards

PRC members will review the standards and form a list of ideas regarding the alternative route standards.

VI. Initial Reports (October approval items)

- a. Allen University
 - i. BS, Elementary
- b. College of Charleston
 - i. BS and MAT, Elementary
- c. College of Charleston
 - i. BS, Social Studies
- d. Furman University,
 - i. MA and Ed.S., in Educational Leadership
- e. South Carolina State University
 - i. BS, Chemistry
 - ii. BS Middle Level

The PRC will render decisions on these program reports in October.

VII. Response to Conditions Report (October approval item)

- a. Coker University
 - i. BS, Biology
- b. Francis Marion University
 - i. BS, Art
- c. Lander University
 - i. BS, Social Studies
- d. Newberry College
 - i. BS, Mathematics
- e. South Carolina State University
 - i. BS and MAT, Biology
 - ii. BS and MAT, Elementary
 - iii. BS, Physical Education
 - iv. BA and MAT, English
 - v. BS and MAT, Mathematics
 - vi. BS, Social Studies
 - vii. BS SPED Learning Disabilities (K-12)
- f. Winthrop University

- i. M.Ed. and Ed.S., Educational Leadership
- ii. MAT, Modern Languages – Spanish
- iii. MAT, Mathematics

The PRC will render decisions on these program reports in October.

VIII. New Business

Lishu Yin shared the CHE's 2025-26 Centers of Excellence Request for Proposal (RFP), Collaborative Center of Excellence for Math Education. This RFP seeks to equip pre-service teachers with fundamental pedagogical skills for integrating higher-order critical thinking and mathematical skills into instruction for grades 1-5.

IX. Good of the Order

Kevin Eakes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Burkett seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 10:49 am.