

MINUTES

Professional Review Committee

December 12, 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, Kelly Harrison, Jennifer Wise, Michiko McClary, Erin Hamel, and Chris Burkett

Committee Members Absent: Jerome Davis, Marla Sanders, and Julie Fernandez

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 10:00 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

Kelly Harrison made a motion to approve the agenda. Kevin Eakes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e. Approval of the November Meeting Minutes

Chris Burkett made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. Kevin Eakes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

- a. On November 7, The Citadel notified the SCDE of their closure of the MAT, Chemistry program due to low enrollment. The program has been closed for many years.

- b. On November 17, CAEP's Accreditation Council granted North Greenville University continued accreditation at the initial licensure level.
- c. On November 19, Clemson submitted their response to conditions report for the Secondary Mathematics (BA, MAT, MAT Teacher Residency) program. This report will be shared with the PRC in January and slated for a March decision.
- d. On November 20, Teach Anderson, Oconee, Pickens (Teach AOP) notified the SCDE of their decision to add the certification areas of Middle Level: Language Arts and Secondary English to meet the increasing need of middle and high school English teachers.
- e. On November 24, Greenville Alternative Teacher Education (GATE) notified the SCDE of the creation of a winter cohort.
- f. On December 2, the State Board of Education confirmed the nominations of Kelly Harrison, James Ritter, Stephen Bismarck, Lisa Stockdale, and Candice Moore to the PRC beginning January 2026.
- g. On December 5, EPPs were emailed their updated Read to Succeed (R2S) course sequence as aligned to the South Carolina Literacy Competencies. EPPs are asked to review the course sequence and confirm its accuracy.
- h. On December 11, The Citadel notified the SCDE of the 2023 termination of the B.S. in Modern Languages (Teaching French, Teaching German, and Teaching Spanish) Education programs.

III. Initial Reports (December approval items)

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

- a. College of Charleston
 - i. AB, BS, Secondary Education – English, *state recognition*
 - ii. AB, BS, Secondary Education – Biology, Chemistry, & Physics, *state recognition*Kevin Eakes abstained from the vote.
- b. Columbia College
 - i. BA, Early Childhood, *state recognition with conditions*
 - ii. BA, Middle Level, *state recognition with conditions*
 - iii. BA, Secondary – English, *state recognition with conditions*

- iv. BA, Special Education: Multi-categorical (K-12), *state recognition*
- v. BA, Special Education: Multi-categorical (PK only), *state recognition*
- vi. M.Ed., Educational Administration & Leadership, *state recognition*
Gretchen Whitman and Chris Burkett abstained from the vote.

c. Converse University

- i. BA, Early Childhood, *state recognition*
- ii. BA, Special Education: Hearing Impairments (K-12), *state recognition with conditions*
- iii. BA, Special Education: Hearing Impairments (PK only), *state recognition with conditions*
- iv. MAT, Early Childhood, *state recognition*
Kelly Harrison abstained from the vote.

IV. Response to Conditions Report (December approval items)

The PRC reviewed the following response to conditions program reports and rendered the following decisions:

a. Coastal Carolina University

- i. BA, Middle Level, *state recognition*
Cathy Scott abstained from the vote.

b. Erskine College

- i. BS, Secondary – Social Studies, *state recognition with conditions*

c. Lander University

- i. BS, Secondary – Chemistry, *state recognition*

d. USC-Aiken

- i. BA, Early Childhood, *state recognition*
- ii. BA, Secondary, Social Studies, *state recognition*

V. New Business

No new business was shared.

VI. Good of the Order

Kevin Eakes made the motion. Jennifer Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.