

## **Minutes**

Professional Review Committee

June 13, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Video Conference, via Teams

Dr. Kevin Eakes, Chair

**Committee Members Present:** Kevin Eakes, Reggie Williams, Chris Burkett, Cathy Scott, Jerome Davis, Mark McCann, Gretchen Whitman, Julie Fernandez, Kelly, Harrison, and Jennifer Wise

**Committee Members Absent:** Michiko McClary, Erin Hamel, and Marla Sanders

**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 10:00 am.

#### **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**

Reggie Williams made a motion to approve the agenda. Chris Burkett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **e. Approval of the May Meeting Minutes**

Mark McCann made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Reggie Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items**

- a. On May 21, the SCDE received a letter of notification from The Citadel identifying the removal of two courses to the Interdisciplinary STEM Education M.Ed. Program. This change was made to better assist candidates in receiving financial aid.

- b. On May 23, 2025, the SCPCSD notified the SCDE that two charter schools will be operating as a part of the alternative certification program, Charter Inspire, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, Tall Pines STEM Academy and Liberty STEAM Charter School.
- c. On May 28, 2025, Teach Florence 1 notified the SCDE that it will allow candidates to meet the required literacy coursework through LETRS training.
- d. On June 3, the State Board of Education approved of Special Education: PK-Grade 2 South Carolina Standards. EPPs will now have the choice of using the South Carolina or EI/ECSE Standards in meeting the PK portion. Also, at the same meeting the State Board of Education approved the revised World Language admissions criteria for Teach Florence 1, as well as the additional certification fields of Early Childhood, Elementary, and SPED: Multi-Categorical for the LEAP alternative route program.
- e. On June 4 the SCDE received the initial program reports from Furman University for their MA in Ed Leadership and EdS in Ed Leadership programs. These reports will be shared with the PRC in August and are slated for an October decision.
- f. On June 6, 2025, Winthrop University's NetAPT notified the SCDE that it will expand admission criteria to align with the Alternative Route Program Provider and Program Approval Process and Standards.
- g. On June 8, the SCDE received Converse University's Statement of Intent to create a MED in SPED: Hearing Impairments. The anticipated start date is Spring 2026.
- h. On June 11 the SCDE received the following initial program reports from College of Charleston
  - Secondary, Social Studies
  - MAT Elementary
  - BS ElementaryThese reports will be shared with the PRC in August and are slated for an October decision.

**III. 2025-26 Proposed PRC Dates** (June approval item)

The PRC reviewed and voted to approve the 2025-26 meeting dates.

**IV. Initial Reports** (June approval items)

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

a. Clemson University

- i. Bachelor of Arts and MAT Teacher Residency, Early Childhood Education, *state recognized*
- ii. Bachelor of Arts and MAT Teacher Residency, Elementary Education, *state recognized with conditions*
- iii. Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Science, MAT Teacher Residency, and MAT, Secondary – Mathematics, *state recognized with conditions*
- iv. Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Science, MAT Teacher Residency, and MAT, Secondary – Science (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), *state recognized*
- v. Bachelor of Arts and MAT Teacher Residency, SPED: Multi-Categorical (PK only), *state recognized with conditions*

b. Coastal Carolina University

- i. Bachelor of Science, Secondary – Biology, *state recognized*
- ii. Bachelor of Arts, Secondary – Chemistry, *state recognized*
- iii. Bachelor of Arts, Secondary – English, *state recognized*
- iv. Bachelor of Science, Secondary – Mathematics, *state recognized*
- v. Bachelor of Arts, Secondary – Physics, *state recognized*

Cathy Scott abstained from the vote on these program reports.

c. College of Charleston

- i. Bachelor of Science, Secondary – Mathematics, *state recognized*

Kevin Eakes abstained from the vote on this program.

d. The Citadel

- i. Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education with a concentration in Biology or Chemistry; MAT in Secondary Education with a concentration in Biology, *state recognized with conditions*

- ii. Bachelor of Science and MAT in Secondary Education with a concentration in Social Studies, *state recognized*
- iii. MAT in Secondary Education with a concentration in Mathematics, *further development required*
- iv. MAT in Middle Level, *state recognized with conditions*
- v. MAT in Secondary Education with a concentration in English, *state recognized*

Jerome Davis abstained from the vote on these program reports.

**V. Response to Conditions Report** (June approval item)

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

- a. Francis Marion University
  - i. Bachelor of Arts in Elementary, *state recognized*

**VI. New Business**

No new business was presented.

**VII. Good of the Order**

Reggie Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerome Davis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.