

MINUTES

Professional Review Committee

November 7, 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, Marla Sanders, Chris Burkett, and Jerome Davis

Committee Members Absent: Michiko McClary, Erin Hamel, and Julie Fernandez

Ex-officio, non-voting member absent: 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

Chris Burkett made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e. Approval of the October Meeting Minutes

Kevin Eakes made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes. Kelly Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

- a. On October 3, Clemson notified the SCDE of a decision to cross list English coursework.

- b. On October 17, Coastal Carolina University notified the SCDE of revisions to the BA in Social Studies.
- c. On October 21, Newberry notified the SCDE of revisions to undergraduate programs.
- d. October 24, USC–Aiken notified the SCDE of revisions to BA, Middle Level, BS, Mathematics, and BA, Social Studies programs.
- e. On October 29, Teach Florence 1 notified the SCDE of their decision to modify the existing curricula for Special Education candidates by replacing EDSP 8200: Language Arts Instruction for Individuals with Disabilities with EDSP 8720: Advanced Classroom Management.

All curricula changes reflect the needs of teacher candidates.

III. Response to Conditions Report (November approval item)

- a. Winthrop University
 - i. MAT, Modern Languages: Spanish, *state recognized*

IV. Initial Report (November approval item)

- a. Columbia College
 - i. BA, Elementary, *state recognized with conditions*
- Gretchen Whitman and Marla Sanders abstained from the vote.

V. Initial Reports (December approval items)

- a. College of Charleston
 - i. AB, BS, Secondary Education – English
 - ii. AB, BS, Secondary Education – Biology, Chemistry, & Physics
- b. Columbia College
 - i. BA, Early Childhood
 - ii. BA, Middle level
 - iii. BA, Secondary – English
 - iv. BA, Special Education: Multi-categorical (K-12)
 - v. BA, Special Education: Multi-categorical (PK only)
 - vi. M.Ed., Educational Administration & Leadership
- c. Converse University
 - i. BA, Early Childhood
 - ii. BA, Special Education: Hearing Impairments (K-12)
 - iii. BA, Special Education: Hearing Impairments (PK only)
 - iv. MAT, Early Childhood

VI. Response to Conditions Report (December approval items)

- a. Coastal Carolina University
 - i. BA, Middle Level
- b. Erskine College
 - i. BS, Secondary – Social Studies
- c. Lander University
 - i. BS, Secondary – Chemistry
- d. USC-Aiken
 - i. BA, Early Childhood
 - ii. BA, Secondary, Social Studies

VII. New Business

No new business was shared.

VIII. Good of the Order

Kevin Eakes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cathy Scott seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:26 am.