

Minutes
Professional Review Committee Meeting

Date

Friday, January 19, 2024

Time

10:00 a.m.

Location

Video Conference via Teams

Dr. Jessica McLees, Chair

Committee Members Present: Jessica McLees, Brian Carruthers, Judy Collazo, Kevin Eakes, Reginald Williams, Kristy Hammett, Patti Jones, Tria Grant, Jerome Davis, Erin Hamel, Mark McCann

Committee Members Absent: Jennifer Wise, Michiko McClary Beverly Flythe, Lishu Yin

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

I. Overview

A. Meeting Called to Order

Jessica McLees called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

B. Quorum of Members Determined

Jessica McLees confirmed a quorum of members present for the meeting.

C. Welcome from the Chair

Jessica McLees offered a welcome to the group and provided a brief overview of the meeting.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Patti Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Judy Collazo seconded the motion. The motion carried.

E. Approval of the December Meeting Minutes

Brian Carruthers made a motion to approve the December minutes, Professional Review Committee (PRC) meeting minutes. Reggie Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

- A. On December 20, The SCDE received a Statement of Intent from UofSC– Aiken for a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership culminating in Elementary and Secondary Principal Certification.
- B. On January 3, Converse University notified the SCDE that it has reduced the hours required for four-degree programs: elementary, secondary English, secondary social studies, and middle level.
- C. On January 3, Charleston Southern University submitted a Statement of Intent for a New Principal Certification Only Program.
- D. On January 18, SCDE Educator Preparation Office Hours were held. Topics included APEPT and Provider Portal updates, LETRS training, Read to Succeed legislation, and potential reading assessments for consideration. It was also noted that the SCDE is planning to hold a Program Review Workshop on March 1.

III. New Alternative Educator Preparation Provider

The following provider/programs will be considered at the February meeting:

- A. APEC at Coker
- B. Charter Inspire- Additional fields of Spanish and Special Education: Multi-categorical

IV. New Educator Preparation Provider Program

The following programs will be considered at the March meeting:

- A. College of Charleston, Master of Arts in Teaching, English as a Second Language
- B. Bob Jones University, Bachelor of Science, Special Education: Multi-categorical Language

V. Initial Continuing Reports

There are no continuing reports submitted for review this cycle.

VI. Response to Conditions Report

The following programs will be considered at the March meeting:

Erskine College, Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education

VII. Special Education Certification Field and Program Review Update

Chair McLees gave a status update on the Special Education letter sent to Deputy Superintendent, Matthew Ferguson.

VIII. New Business

IX. Good of the Order

Kevin Eakes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judy Collazo seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.