

Minutes
Professional Review Committee Meeting

Date

Friday, August 11, 2023

Time

10:00 a.m.

Location

Video Conference via Teams

Dr. Jessica McLees, Chair

Committee Members Present: Jessica McLees, Brian Carruthers, Patti Jones, Beth Costner, Jerome Davis, Judy Collazo, Kevin Eakes, Reginald Williams, Jennifer Wise, Beverly Flythe, Michael Hylen, Kristy Hammett Lishu Yin

Committee Members Absent: Tria Grant

Guests: None

Office of Educator Services (OES) Staff Present: James Ritter, Jacki Walsh, Whitney Jett,

I. Overview

A. Meeting Called to Order

Jessica McLees called the meeting to order at 10:00 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

Judy Collazo made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Reginald Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

E. Approval of the June Meeting Minutes

Reginald Williams made a motion to approve the June 16, 2023, Professional Review Committee (PRC) meeting minutes. Kevin Eakes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) Information and Update Items

- A. State Board of Education (SBE) approval items for August were shared with the PRC. There are no scheduled SBE items for September.
- B. On July 10, 2023, OES staff received a letter of notification from Furman University regarding a class change to its Master of Arts program for the certification fields of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Literacy, Special Education: Emotional Disabilities, and Special Education: Learning Disabilities, effective Fall 2023.
- C. On July 10, 2023, OES staff received a letter of notification from Furman University regarding a class change to its Master of Arts and Educational Specialists degree programs for the certification of building level school leaders, effective Fall 2023.
- D. On July 17, OES staff received a letter of notification from Coastal Carolina University regarding a prefix and class change to its Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education program, effective fall 2023.

- E. On July 17, 2023, OES staff received a notification from Charter Inspire alternative preparation program with its intent to add the certification fields of Special Education, World Languages, and Music.
- F. SCDE staff will notify the PRC when Anderson University, Converse University and Coastal Carolina University revised program proposals are ready for PRC review.

III. New Traditional Educator Preparation Program

A. Presbyterian College

- i. Bachelor of Science, English for Speakers of Other Languages

Beth Costner made a motion to approve the program. Judy Collazo seconded the motion. The motion carried. There was one abstention.

B. Converse University

- i. Bachelor of Arts, Special Education: Multi-categorical
- ii. Master of Arts in Teaching, Special Education: Multi-categorical

The PRC will render decisions for these programs at the October meeting.

IV. New Alternative Educator Preparation Provider

- A. **Florence School District One – TeachFlorence 1:** Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Middle Level Mathematics, Middle Level Language Arts, Middle Level Social Studies, Middle Level Science, Mathematics, English, Social Studies, History, Economics, Geography, Government, Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth and Space Science, Special Education: Multi-categorical, French, Spanish, Art, Music Education – Choral, Music Education – Instrumental, Business and Marketing Education

Brian Carruthers made a motion to approve the provider and programs. Jennifer Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- B. **Teach Right USA – TRUSA:** Middle Level Language Arts, Middle Level Mathematics, Middle Level Science, Middle Level Social Studies, English, Mathematics, Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Physics, Social Studies, Economics, Geography, Government, History, Psychology, Sociology, Art, Dance, Health Education, Music Education, Music Education – Choral, Music Education – Instrumental, Music Education – Instrumental, Music Education – Piano, Music Education – Strings, Music Education – Voice, Physical Education, Theater, American Sign Language, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish

James Ritter presented an overview of the program and its status. The PRC will render decisions for these programs at the September meeting.

V. Initial Continuing Reports

After a careful review, the PRC rendered the following decisions:

A. Erskine College

- i. Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education, *State Recognized with Conditions*
- ii. Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education, *State Recognized*
- iii. Bachelor of Science, Music Education, *State Recognized with Conditions*
- i. Bachelor of Science, Special Education (Early Childhood), *Further Development Required*
- ii. Bachelor of Science, Special Education (K-12), *State Recognized*

B. Morris College

- i. Bachelor of Science in Education, Early Childhood Education, *State Recognized*

- ii. Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education, *State Recognized with Conditions*
- iii. Bachelor of Science, Mathematics Education, *State Recognized with Conditions*
- iv. Bachelor of Science, Biology Education, *State Recognized*
- v. Bachelor of Arts, English Education, *State Recognized with Conditions*
- vi. Bachelor of Arts, Social Studies Education, *State Recognized with Conditions*

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C. North Greenville University

- i. Post-baccalaureate, Early Childhood Education
- ii. Post-baccalaureate, Elementary Education

D. Winthrop University

Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in Teaching, Early Childhood Education

VI. Response to Conditions Report

After a careful review, the PRC rendered the following decision:

- A. Anderson University - Bachelor of Science, Social Studies Education, *State Recognized*.

VII. New Business

- A. Beth Costner requested further discussion of the special education program review process for the September meeting.
- B. James Ritter South Carolina Family & Community Engagement Summit is held in Columbia, SC on September 27, 2023.
- C. Lishu Yin announced The Center of Excellence conference updates will be placed on CAAL agenda August 24, 2023.
- D. Jacki Walsh requested PRC members to submit their final report to Whitney Jett and copy the EdPrep team.

VIII. Good of the Order

Jessica McLees made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Beth Costner seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.