

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

9:30 a.m.

849 Learning Lane

West Columbia, SC 29172

In Attendance: Committee Chair, Dr. Joette Johnson; Dr. David Mathis, Chair-Elect; Cliff Warren, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Richard Harrington, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Jacqueline Lynn, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Joyce Crimminger, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Christian Hanley Jr., M.D., Ninth Judicial Circuit; Vincent, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Tammie Shore, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Ken Richardson, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and Joey Haney, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; Tammy Brown, Administrative Coordinator, Division of College, Career, and Military Readiness; Barbara Drayton, Parliamentarian and Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division of Legal Affairs; Nicole Barker, Education Associate, Office of Instructional Materials, Division of College, Career, and Military Readiness; Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of College, Career, and Military Readiness; Jaclyn Walsh, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of College, Career, and Military Readiness; Jessica McLees, PhD, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of College, Career, and Military Readiness; and Lilla Toal Mandsager, Executive Director, Talent & Continuous Improvement, Division of College, Career, and Military Readiness; and Allana Prosser, Executive Director, Teaching and Learning, Division of College, Career, and Military Readiness.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Johnson.

Chair Johnson welcomed visitors in attendance. There was no news media in attendance.

The minutes for the June 3, 2025, meeting was approved by unanimous consent.

The agenda for the August 5, 2025, meeting was approved by unanimous consent.

There wasn't anyone present for public comment.

The following items were reviewed by the Committee.

1. Retired Educator Certificate Guidelines (2025)—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of College, Career, and Military Readiness

Mr. Warren made a motion to approve this item. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Adoption of a Basic Skills Assessment for Paraeducators—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of College, Career, and Military Readiness

Mr. Harrington made a motion to approve this item. Mr. Warren seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. New Alternative Route Program: Aiken Alternative Licensure for Teacher (Aiken-ALT)—Jessica McLees, PhD, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of College, Career, and Military Readiness

Mr. Warren made a motion to approve this item. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. National Accreditation Decisions: Morris College and the University of South Carolina—Jaclyn Walsh, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of College, Career, and Military Readiness

Mr. Warren made a motion to approve this item. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The following items were presented before the Committee.

5. Professional Review Committee (PRC): Providers and Program Updates—Jaclyn Walsh, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of College, Career, and Military Readiness

Mr. Warren made a motion to place the following items on the consent agenda. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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There was no other business discussed.

Mr. Warren moved to **adjourn**; Mr. Harrington seconded. Motion was unanimously approved; meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.