

Professional Education Council
Wednesday, May 13, 2026: 3:30pm
Room 3073

Attendees:

Members: Nicholas Brake, Ellen Casale, Nick Fortune, Nancy Hulan, Thomas Kingery, Ting-Hui Lee, Stacey Leggett, Jeremy Logsdon, Hope Marchionda, Erin Margarella, Cynthia Mason, Brian Meyers, Angela Nagel, Carnetta Skipworth, Kandy Smith, Melissa Stewart, Trini Stickle, Janet Tassell, Minday Waldrop, Erin Warfel, Mandy Zeh

Advisory Member: Jennifer Hammonds, Susan Keesey, Danita Kelley

Chair: Jennifer Klemm

Guest: Erin Feeney

Started 3:33pm

- I. Approval of March 2026 Meeting Minutes & May 2026 Agenda
 - a. Motion to Approve: Leggett
 - b. Second: Logsdon
 - c. Approve/Deny: Approve
- II. Approving Agenda
 - a. Motion: Leggett
 - b. Second: Casale
 - c. Approve/Deny: Approve
- III. EPSB Updates from Professional Education Unit Head – (Dean Murphy)
 - a. New Praxis Tests: approved for early childhood and middle level social studies. Students may take the new te4st if available but cut scores and transition details are pending from the Department of Ed – current test remains valid until further notice.
 - b. KDE Grade Band Changes
 - i. Approved at the April EPSB Board Meeting
 1. Pre-K: Unchanged, new 1st-3rd grade add-on endorsement available for preschool teachers.
 2. Elementary: K-6, previously K-5 with conditional 6th grade access.
 3. Middle Grades: 4-9, previously 5-9

- 4. Secondary: 7-12, previously 8-12
 - c. Middle Grades Math: permission expanded: Algebra 1 and Geometry can now be taught through grades 10-12 middle certified teachers.
 - d. Secondary General Science Certification: approved – most states already have this; intended to address science teacher shortage.
 - e. Implementation timeline: nothing goes into effect immediately; estimated Fall 2027 at the earliest, pending standards development and program approval processes.
- IV. Accreditation & Continuous Improvement (Dr. Klemm)
 - a. EPSB KECS Program Manager & Annual Report
 - i. System needs to be updated so I may contact you if I need information
 - b. CAEP Key Assessment Data Collection Reminders
 - i. Manual collection F25 & S26
 - ii. Initial Programs 5A, 5B, and 6 & MAT Dispositions
 - iii. Undergraduate dispositions are being collected bis Google Forms (OPES)
 - iv. Advanced: Final Common Capstone Rubric and Dispositions
 - v. Student Teachers are still in Anthology for F25 & S26
 - vi. Education CAEP Data Collection
 - vii. Initial Programs Key Assessment Table
- V. Office of Professional Education Services (Dr. Klemm)
 - a. Changes in office staffing structure
 - i. Director position is being eliminated. The office will be moved under the Dean's office.
 - ii. Sarah Fischer will be expanding her responsibilities.
 - iii. Shannon Evans will continue clinical work.
 - iv. Students and faculty/staff should direct certification questions to teacher.certification@wku.edu (this will be a shared inbox for OPES)
 - v. More details to this change will come Fall 2026.
 - b. Candidates completing Requirements for Admission to the PEU
 - c. Candidates for Student Teaching
 - i. There are 200 plus students anticipated for Spring placement. One of our largest placements.
- VI. New Business

- a. Student teaching requirements and approval process – alignment edits
 - i. Motion to approve edits to the process
 - 1. Motion to approve edits: Stickle
 - 2. Second: Nagel
 - 3. Approve/Deny: Approve
 - ii. Motion to approve leaving grades at C or higher
 - 1. Motion to approve: Nick Brake
 - 2. Second: Stickle
 - 3. Approve/Deny: Approve
- VII. Other Business
 - a. No new business
- VIII. Adjournment (at 4:25pm)
 - a. Motion to adjourn: Logsdon
 - b. Second: Fortune
 - c. Approve/Deny: Approve