

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS Tuskegee University

WHEREAS, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.59(3), allows a program leading to an Alabama Professional Educator Certificate be approved through the Continuous Improvement in Educator Preparation (CIEP) program review process; and

WHEREAS, Tuskegee University submitted their (Elementary Education, English Language Arts, Mathematics, General Science, and Physical Education) programs for review in 2016 and were granted conditional approval through May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Tuskegee University resubmitted programs in 2020 and had new conditions cited in their report with an expiration date of June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Tuskegee University resubmitted these programs on January 1, 2023, for a final CIEP review; and

WHEREAS, the CIEP program approval review constituted both a document submission and a formal visit to the institution; and

WHEREAS, Tuskegee University documented compliance with all standards for the programs submitted; and

WHEREAS, Tuskegee University has made the necessary progress to seek Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) accreditation outlined in the *Alabama Literacy Act*; and

WHEREAS, Tuskegee University was required to submit an application and a self-study for accreditation to CAEP; and

WHEREAS, Tuskegee University submitted a CAEP self-study report, and has an accreditation continuing visit scheduled from May 13-15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Tuskegee University was required to ensure that they have three core faculty members for their Elementary Education program prior to approval; and

WHEREAS, Tuskegee University now has three full-time persons with doctorates and with professional education work experience in Grades K-6; and

WHEREAS, one faculty member has a major specialization in elementary education and one in reading; and

WHEREAS, Tuskegee University submitted a progress report in September 2023 (i.e. revised course syllabi, matrix of program progression, evidence of faculty training in the Science of Reading, evidence of newly adopted textbooks, etc.) detailing their efforts toward meeting the recommendations provided by the Barksdale Institute for Science of Literacy; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama literacy review team examined the evidence presented by Tuskegee University and determined that significant progress has been made toward implementing the recommendations submitted by Barksdale; and

WHEREAS, Tuskegee University is now and will continue to be engaged in a process of continuous improvement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby grants approval of the following programs until December 31, 2030:

Class B Elementary Education (K-6)
Class B English Language Arts (6-12)
Class B Mathematics (6-12)
Class B General Science (6-12)
Class B Physical Education (P-12)

Approval of the aforementioned programs until December 31, 2030, is contingent upon Tuskegee University receiving CAEP accreditation. If the CAEP accreditation review produces any result other than full approval, the programs are conditionally approved until December 31, 2025.

Done this 14th day of December 2023