

ADVISORY BOARD ON TEACHER EDUCATION AND LICENSURE (ABTEL) MEETING

MINUTES

Meeting Date and Location: November 17, 2014
Comfort Suites at Virginia Center Commons
Glen Allen, Virginia

ABTEL Members Present:

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| Allen Bierlair | Kathy Heil | Ruth Wallace |
| Kathy Burcher | Dr. Susan G. Magliaro | Jane Watkins |
| Dr. Catherine Fisher | Dr. Brian Matney | Vern Williams |
| Dr. Courtney Gaskins | Patricia McGloine | Dr. Sherry Agnew Wilson |
| Dr. Rebecca Gates | Nancy Moga | |
| Dr. Holly Gould | Janice Bell Underwood | |

ABTEL Members Absent: Bonnie Bowen
Thelma Hampton
Kate Sydney
Dr. Phillip Wishon

Board of Education Liaison: Winsome Earle Sears (Absent)

Ex-Officio Members: Dr. Monica Osei
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Dr. Chris Pfautz
Virginia Community College System

Patty S. Pitts
Virginia Department of Education

Department of Education Staff: Dr. Mark R. Allan

Guests: Lisa Hedrick, Educational Testing Service
Paul Joseph, Educational Consulting Services
Antoinette M. Rogers, Virginia Education Association

FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES

9:00 a.m.

- **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Dr. Courtney Gaskins, chair, Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and welcomed members and guests.

Mrs. Patty Pitts, assistant superintendent for teacher education and licensure, asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Dr. James W. Lanham, III, who passed away on November 12, 2014. Dr. Lanham served as the director of teacher education and licensure at the Department of Education, as well as staff to ABTEL, before his retirement in 2011.

- **Introduction of ABTEL Members**

ABTEL members introduced themselves to the Advisory Board.

- **Introduction of the Board of Education Liaison, Ex Officio Members, and Department Personnel to ABTEL**

The Board of Education liaison, ex officio members, and Virginia Department of Education staff members introduced themselves to the Advisory Board.

- **Introduction of Guests**

Guests attending the meeting introduced themselves.

- **Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Sue Magliaro made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Nancy Moga seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Allen Bierlair made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2014, Advisory Board meeting. Brain Matney seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment**

No individuals requested to speak during the public comment period.

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

• **Presentation from the 2015 Virginia Teacher of the Year**

Jaclyn Marie Roller Ryan, agriscience teacher and Future Farmers of America (FFA) advisor at Signal Knob Middle School in Shenandoah County Public Schools, made a presentation to the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure. Ms. Ryan shared her heritage of being the third generation in her family to be an agriscience teacher and FFA sponsor. She stated that she is committed to “cultivating life skills” in her students through authentic learning experiences that require teamwork, collaboration, and critical thinking skills. Ms. Ryan works with her students to promote environmental awareness and agricultural awareness in the community through various community service projects.

• **Presentation on the 2015 General Assembly Legislation Process**

Susan B. Williams, director of policy, Virginia Department of Education, made a presentation on the 2015 General Assembly legislation process. She provided Advisory Board members with an overview of the Legislative Information System (LIS) for tracking of 2015 session bills and resolutions. Ms. Williams reviewed how bills become laws in Virginia. She shared the role of the Virginia Department of Education’s policy office during the General Assembly session.

• **Presentation of Assessment Updates from the Educational Testing Service**

Lisa D. Hedrick, client relations director, Educational Testing Service (ETS) made a presentation on assessment updates including recent program developments, test administration, test regeneration and development, and test preparation resources for candidates.

• **Report on the Status of Regulations**

Patty Pitts reported the following:

The proposed *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* and *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia*, are currently in the executive review process of the Administrative Process Act.

The proposed *Procedures for Adjusting Grievances* and the *Regulations Governing the Employment of Professional Personnel* also are in the executive review process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no announcements and discussion items.

LIAISON REPORTS

Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

Dr. Chris Pfauz, director of student report technologies, Virginia's Community College System, presented the following:

- EducateVA: Five students are anticipated to complete Level I requirements of the English as a Second Language (ESL) Career Switcher Program on December 6, 2014.
- Seventy-five students seeking endorsements, other than ESL, are anticipated to complete Level I requirements on December 13, 2014. Of these students 13 are seeking endorsements in Middle Education 6-8: Mathematics or Mathematics, 13 in Middle Education 6-8: Science or in a high school science area, 16 Middle Education 6-8: English or English, 17 Middle Education 6-8: History and Social Sciences or History and Social Sciences, three in Foreign Language, six in Health and Physical Education, and seven in a Career and Technical Education area.
- Over 161 graduates of the VCCS Career Switcher Program have reported being hired for the 2014-2015 school year.
- On November 25, 2014, Dr. Kimberly Ogden will begin as the new director of EducateVA.

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

Dr. Monica Osei shared the following information on behalf of the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia:

- The College Access Challenge Grant Program (CACGP) has ended.
- Virginia has been awarded \$22 million for a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) grant. Grant funding began with the 2014-2015 school year and is for a seven-year period that includes 29 middle schools representing 16 school divisions throughout the Commonwealth. Grant funding supports College Nights Virginia and the Virginia College Application Week held November 17-21, 2014.
- Financial Aid: New federal legislation will expand eligibility for in-state tuition for individuals utilizing the Government Issue (GI) Bill.

Virginia Department of Education

No additional report was provided.

ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting adjourned.