

**Advisory Committee on Adult Education and Literacy
to the Virginia Board of Education**

Meeting Date and Location:

March 20, 2012
James Monroe Building
22nd Floor Conference Room
Richmond, Virginia

Minutes

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Dr. Thomas M. Brewster, Chair
Ms. Elaine Callahan
Mr. Rodney D. Caulkins
Ms. Annette Loschert
Ms. Betsy Mathias
Dr. Bonnie Moore
Dr. Troilen Seward
Mr. E. Denton Sisk
Ms. Bette Sneed
Mr. Randall Stamper (Ex-Officio)

Others:

Mr. George Bailey
Dr. Emily Ferlis
Ms. Heather Lamb

Department of Education Staff:

Mr. James Andre
Ms. Debbie Bergtholdt
Ms. Cynthia Finley
Ms. Gloria Murphy
Dr. Michael Nusbaum
Mr. Thomas Suh

Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Marcia Gail Derrick
The Honorable Kenneth R. Plum
The Honorable Phillip P. Puckett
Dr. Paulette Richmond
Ms. Mary Elizabeth White

Full Advisory Committee Convened

9:09 a.m.

Opening Remarks and Introductions

Dr. Thomas Brewster, Chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed members, and introduced new members in attendance, Mr. E. Denton Sisk and Mr. Rodney D. Caulkins.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the June 9, 2011, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Presentation and Discussion of Changes to GED Testing

Mr. Randall Stamper, OAEL Director, presented an overview of the changes to GED testing and the testing program. The agenda for this meeting addressed those changes and the programmatic, organizational, and funding implications of those changes with specific focus on the Individual Student Alternative Education Plan (ISAEP) Program.

Mr. Stamper introduced Ms. Debbie Bergtholdt, state GED administrator, and Dr. Michael Nusbaum, specialist for adult secondary and ISAEP programs, with the Office of Adult Education and Literacy (OAEL).

Ms. Bergtholdt presented information on the impending changes to the GED testing program, highlighting the following points of information:

- The GED Testing Service's merge with Pearson VUE Company forming a public/private partnership
- The January 1, 2014, target date for the delivery of the new GED test that will be delivered in computer based format only
- Computer skills training for students and teachers
- Virginia's conversion to computer-based testing beginning in late 2012-2013 that must be completed by January 1, 2014.

Dr. Nusbaum presented information on the GED testing changes specific implications for the ISAEP Program, highlighting the following points of information:

- The increased financial burden that the new GED testing cost structure will place on ISAEP students and school division programs
- The reduction in number and the relocation of GED testing centers

Questions from the Committee Members and Discussion with OAEL Staff

Adjournment

The Advisory Committee on Adult Education and Literacy meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.