

Open Education Curriculum Board Meeting  
Minutes

July 10, 2012

The Open Education Curriculum Board (OECB) met at 2 p.m. in the James Monroe State Office Building, Jefferson Conference Room, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

**Members Present**

Senator John Watkins, Chair  
Mr. Douglas Levin

**Members Absent**

The Honorable Laura Fornash, Secretary of Education  
Delegate Christopher Peace  
Delegate Betsy Carr  
Delegate Richard “Rich” Anderson  
The Honorable Jim Duffey, Secretary of Technology  
Dr. Patricia Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Mr. Chris McCarney  
Ms. Joanie Pond

**Department of Education Staff Present**

Mrs. Anne Wescott, Assistant Superintendent for Policy and Communications  
Mr. Lan Neugent, Assistant Superintendent for Technology, Career and Adult Education  
Dr. Tammy McGraw, Director, Office of Educational Technology  
Mrs. Jean Weller, Educational Technology Specialist, Office of Educational Technology

The approval of the minutes from the meetings held May 12, 2011 and October 17, 2011, was deferred to the next meeting as there was not a quorum present.

Senator Watkins reviewed the revised legislation that was approved by the General Assembly. The Open Education Curriculum Board is now an advisory board as opposed to a policy-making board. The purpose of the Board is to advise the Governor and Board of Education on all aspects related to the development and use of open educational resources.

Mrs. Jean Weller reported to the Board that two information briefs are being developed that will provide information to school divisions. One information brief focuses on the creation of open education resources and the considerations that school divisions will need to take into account as they develop resources. The second information brief provides information on the consumption of open education resources. These are tied to the goals for the school division for using open education resources so that there is a purpose for their use. The briefs are scheduled to be completed by the end of August in time for the upcoming school year. Information will also be available on the Virginia Department of Education Web site. Senator Watkins has requested that once the two documents are finalized, they be sent to Board members.

Mr. Brian Callahan, WHRO, made a presentation to the Board on eMediaVA, a statewide digital media distribution system featuring purpose-built educational content. Learning objects are correlated with Virginia Standards of Learning and are searchable by keyword, grade level, media type, and SOL. eMediaVA is being offered as a free service to Virginia educators and students.

Dr. Tammy McGraw gave the Board members a demonstration of the Economics and Personal Finance iBook. The recently developed economics and personal finance course will be offered through Virtual Virginia and Virginia school divisions beginning with the upcoming school year. An Economics and Personal Finance iBook has been developed as a companion resource to the course. The course has been divided into two books, economics and personal finance, and will be available by August 1, 2012, on the iBook store.

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.