

**ADVISORY BOARD ON TEACHER EDUCATION
AND LICENSURE (ABTEL) MEETING**

MINUTES

Meeting Date and Location: November 18, 2013
DoubleTree Hotel – Richmond Airport
Richmond, Virginia

ABTEL Members Present:

Debra Abadie	Kathy Heil	Janice Bell Underwood
Bonnie Bowen	Kenneth LaLonde	Conner Waldron
Dr. Cathy Fisher	Dr. Susan G. Magliaro	Ruth Wallace
Dr. Courtney Gaskins	Dr. Brian Matney	Jane Watkins
Dr. Rebecca Gates	Patricia McGloine	
Thelma Hampton	Nancy Moga	

ABTEL Members Absent: Kate Sydney
Vern Williams

Board of Education Liaison: Betsy Beamer

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

Dr. Chris Pfautz for Dr. Susan Wood
Virginia Community College System

Patty S. Pitts
Virginia Department of Education

Department of Education Staff: Dr. Mark R. Allan
Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver

Guests: Barb Hancock-Henley, president, Virginia
Association of Career and Technical Education
Paul Joseph, Educational Consulting Services
Dr. Johnny J. Moyer, Old Dominion University
Cathy Owens-Oliver, Education Testing Service
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 and welcomed members and guests.

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

The ABTEL members, Virginia Board of Education liaison, Ex-Officio members, and Virginia Department of Education personnel introduced themselves.

- **Introduction of Guests**

Guests introduced themselves to the Advisory Board.

- **Approval of Agenda**

Bonnie Bowen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the flexibility to make changes as necessary to accommodate the arrival time of a presenter. Dr. Sue Magliaro seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Ruth Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes with the following correction: change the title of F. Johnson Scott, III, from “Dr.” F. Johnson Scott, III, to “Mr.” F. Johnson Scott, III. Dr. Rebecca Gates seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Public Comment**

The following individual spoke during public comment:

- Dr. Johnny J. Moye, Old Dominion University, spoke regarding the proposed engineering endorsement.

- **Committee Assignments for 2013-2014**

Members were asked to advise Department of Education staff of their preference for serving on either the Teacher Education Committee or the Licensure Committee.

- **Review of the Standard-Setting Study and Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Praxis Family and Consumer Sciences (5122) Test Administered by the Educational Testing Services**

Dr. Mark Allan, director of licensure and school leadership, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, Department of Education, and Cathy Owens-Oliver, client relations director, Education Testing Service, made a presentation on the standard-setting study and recommendation for a passing score on the Praxis Family and Consumer Sciences (5122) test.

Patricia McGloine made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Virginia Board of Education approve a pass score of 153 recommended by the multistate standard-setting panel for the Praxis Family and Consumer Sciences (5122) test with an implementation date of July 1, 2015. Bonnie Bowen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Report of Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure Recommendations to the Virginia Board of Education**

Patty S. Pitts, assistant superintendent, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, Virginia Department of Education, reported that the following Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommendations were presented for first review at the October 24, 2013, Board of Education meeting. These items will be considered for final review at the November 21, 2013, meeting of the Board of Education.

- First Review of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's Recommendation to Grant Approval to Add New Education (Endorsement) Programs at Averett University, Hollins University, Lynchburg College, Old Dominion University, Randolph College, Randolph-Macon College, Shenandoah University, Sweet Briar College, and Virginia Wesleyan College.
- First Review of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's Recommendation to Approve Education Programs Offered by Virginia Institutions of Higher Education as Required by the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* (8VAC20-542-10 et seq.)

- **Report on Recent Initiatives Related to Teacher Education and Licensure**

Patty S. Pitts provided a report on the following initiatives:

- Status of the Administrative Process Act to Revise the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* and the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia*.

Regulatory changes must be processed through the Administrative Process Act. The regulations need to undergo executive review by the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Planning and Budget, the Secretary of Education, and the Governor. Upon approval by the Governor, the proposed regulations are published in

the *Virginia Register*, and there is a 60-day comment period. Once the 60-day comment period is complete, the regulations will be presented to the Advisory Board of Teacher Education and Licensure, with any changes as a result of public comment. The regulations will be presented to the Board of Education for final review and approval.

- Amendments to the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* in Response to Statutory Revisions.

The *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* (8VAC20-22-10 et seq.) have been amended to conform to legislation passed by the 2013 General Assembly. Superintendent's Memo #280-13, dated October 18, 2013, and Superintendent's Memo #285-13, dated October 25, 2013, were provided to the Advisory Board to provide additional information on each of the amendments.

- Computer-Based Test Administration for the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment.

The National Evaluation Group of Pearson administers the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA). Beginning November 1, 2013, the VCLA will only be available via computer-based testing. Paper-based test administrations will no longer be given. Alternative testing arrangements, including a paper-based test, will continue to be available to candidates who qualify and provide the required supporting documentation to the National Evaluation Group of Pearson.

- New Web-Based Licensure System.

On Tuesday, November 12, 2013, the Division of Teacher Education and Licensure implemented a new Web-based licensure system. The Web-based system includes a new feature that will enable the Department to track endorsements.

- **Report on the Executive Summary of Proposed *Updates and Revisions to the Renewal of Virginia's Application for Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) Flexibility* (Principle 3 – Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems)**

Dr. Mark Allan provided a report on the executive summary of proposed *Updates and Revisions to the Renewal of Virginia's Application for Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) Flexibility* (Principle 3 – Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems).

- **Presentation on Part VII of the Licensure Regulations for School Personnel and Investigative and Reporting Requirements Established by Statute**

Nancy Walsh, professional practices specialist, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, Virginia Department of Education, made a presentation on Part VII: Revocation,

Cancellation, Suspension, Denial, and Reinstatement of Teaching Licenses of the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* and investigative and reporting requirements established by statute.

LIAISON REPORTS

Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

Dr. Chris Pfautz, director of student support technologies, Virginia's Community College System, reported the following:

- Educate VA: The English as a Second Language (ESL) Career Switcher Program and other Career Switcher endorsement offerings have 92 students currently enrolled.
- The fall ESL cohort has 21 students who are anticipated to complete Level I requirements on December 7, 2013.
- Seventy-one students completing endorsement offerings, other than ESL, will finish on December 14, 2013. The majority of students are currently completing their field placements in school divisions across the Commonwealth.
- Over 108 graduates have reported being hired for the 2013-2014 school year in over 40 different school divisions and/or accredited private schools. These students have been assigned an Educate VA mentor who will provide support during the first year of teaching and as the students complete Level II instructional requirements.
- Since January, over 700 individuals have registered for Educate VA informational webinars that are held monthly. The application deadline for the spring programs is January 2, 2014. ESL programs begin on January 25, 2014 and programs of all other endorsement offerings begin on February 1, 2014.

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

No report was presented.

Virginia Department of Education

No report was presented.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting adjourned.