

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

**MINUTES**

**Meeting Date and Location:** March 24, 2014  
Comfort Suites at Virginia Center Commons  
Glen Allen, Virginia

**ABTEL Members Present:**

Debra Abadie	Thelma Hampton	Kate Sydney
Allen Lee Bierlair	Kathy Heil	Janice Bell Underwood
Bonnie Bowen	Kenneth LaLonde	Ruth Wallace
Dr. Cathy Fisher	Dr. Susan G. Magliaro	Jane Watkins
Dr. Courtney Gaskins	Dr. Brian Matney	Vern Williams
Dr. Rebecca Gates	Patricia McGloine	

**ABTEL Members Absent:** Nancy Moga  
Conner Waldron

**Board of Education Liaison:** Winsome E. Sears

**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:** Jim Batterson, NASA - Retired  
Paul Joseph, Educational Consulting Services  
Dr. Cathy Owens-Oliver, Educational Testing Service  
Melissa Porfirio, 2014 Virginia Teacher of the Year  
Dr. Philip Reed, Old Dominion University  
Antoinette Rogers, Virginia Education Association  
Bruce Watson, Goochland County Public Schools  
Anne Wescott, Virginia Department of Education

## **FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES**

### **9:00 a.m.**

- **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

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

- **Introduction of ABTEL Members**

The Advisory Board members, Ex Officio Members, Virginia Department of Education Personnel, and guests introduced themselves.

- **Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Sue Magliaro made a motion to approve the agenda. Ruth Wallace seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Kathy Heil made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2014, Advisory Board meeting. Ruth Wallace seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment**

Dr. Philip A. Reed, associate professor, Old Dominion University, spoke during the public comment.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **Presentation from the 2014 Virginia Teacher of the Year**

Melissa A. Porfirio, a first-grade teacher at Crestwood Elementary School in Fairfax County (Region 4) and the 2014 Virginia Teacher of the Year, made a presentation to the full Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure. Ms. Porfirio is one of four finalists for the 2014 National Teacher of the Year. Ms. Porfirio shared comments regarding her personal journey into the teaching profession. She shared her commitment to teaching the “whole child” and to developing professional relationships with students and their families as a way of making a positive impact on student achievement.

## **REPORTS**

- **Report on the 2014 Virginia General Assembly**

Ms. Anne Wescott, assistant superintendent of policy and communications, Virginia Department of Education, made a presentation on education bills passed by the 2014 Virginia General Assembly. She provided Advisory Board members with a summary of General Assembly education bills passed and the Web link to the Virginia legislation tracking site, (<http://leg1.state.va.us/>). Ms. Wescott explained that Governor Terry McAuliffe could still veto or amend bills passed by the Virginia General Assembly. The Veto Session will be held on April 23, 2014.

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

Patty S. Pitts provided a summary of the following Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommendations considered by the Board of Education at the February 27, 2014, meeting:

- *Final Review of Recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) for a Passing Score for the Praxis II Family and Consumer Sciences Test (5122):* The Board of Education (1) accepted the Advisory Board of Teacher Education and Licensure's recommendation and approved a pass score of 153 (67 raw-score points) for the Praxis II Family and Consumer Sciences (5122) test with an implementation date of July 1, 2015, and (2) approved the acceptance of passing scores for initial licensure for individuals who took the currently-approved licensure assessment [Praxis II Family and Consumer Sciences (0121/5121)] prior to July 1, 2015.
- *First Review of Recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) to Accredit the Teacher Education Program at Bridgewater College through a Process Approved by the Board of Education:* The Board of Education waived first review and approved the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's recommendation to accredit the professional education program at Bridgewater College.
- *First Review of Recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) for a Passing Score for the Praxis II Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (5857) Test:* The Board of Education will receive this item for approval at the March 27, 2014, meeting.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- ***Review of the Standard Setting Study and Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Praxis II Elementary Education: Reading and Language Arts Subtest (5002) and Mathematics Subtest (5003)***

Dr. Mark Allan, director of licensure and educational leadership, and Dr. Cathy Owens Oliver, client relations director, Teacher Licensure and Certification, Educational Testing Service, made a presentation on the Standard Setting Study and Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Praxis II Elementary Education: Reading and Language Arts Subtest (5002) and Mathematics Subtest (5003) administered by the Educational Testing Service.

At the March 18, 2013, meeting, the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommended that the Board of Education set the passing scores recommended by the Virginia standard setting panel for the Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) test to become effective July 1, 2014.

In December 2013, ETS contacted the Virginia Department of Education to request participation in multistate standard setting studies on February 3-4, 2014, for the revised Reading and Language Arts Subtest (5002) and the revised Mathematics Subtest (5003) of the Praxis II Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) test. The Department was unaware that the subtests had been revised and new standard setting studies would be required for the revised subtests. A multistate standard setting study was conducted by ETS in February 2014 for the revised Praxis II Reading and Language Arts (5002) and Mathematics (5003) subtests. Revisions to the subtests required states using the Praxis II Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) test to establish new passing scores for the revised subtests.

Advisory Board members discussed that the recommendation to the Board of Education should include a provision that an individual who takes the exact test that the Board of Education will approve to become effective at a future date, such as July 1, 2015, be accepted if the individual obtains the Board of Education's approved passing score prior to the effective date of the test (e.g., July 1, 2015).

**Bonnie Bowen made the motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend to the Board of Education to accept the recommendation of the multistate standard setting study panel to approve a passing scaled score of 157 for the Reading and Language Arts Subtest (5002) and a passing scaled score of 157 for the Mathematics Subtest (5003) of the Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Test with an effective date of July 1, 2015, for both subtests. Jane Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Sue Magliaro made the motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommends that the Board of Education approve the following subtests and passing scaled scores for the Praxis II Elementary Education Multiple Subjects Test (5001) effective July 1, 2015, for individuals seeking an initial license with an early/primary education or elementary endorsement:**

- **Reading and Language Arts (5002) – 157 scaled score**
- **Mathematics (5003) – 157 scaled score**
- **Social Studies (5034) – 155 scaled score**
- **Science (5035) 159 – scaled score**

**In addition, the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommends that the Board of Education accept the following scores on the Reading and Language Arts (5002) and the Mathematics (5003) subtests on the Praxis II Elementary Education Multiple Subjects (5001) test for candidates who take and pass the subtests prior to July 1, 2015:**

- **Reading and Language Arts (5002) – 157 scaled score**
- **Mathematics (5003) – 157 scaled score**

**Bonnie Bowen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- ***Review of the Standard Setting Study and Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Praxis II Middle School Science (5440) Test***

Dr. Mark Allan, director of licensure and educational leadership, and Dr. Cathy Owens Oliver, client relations director, Teacher Licensure and Certification, Educational Testing Service, made a presentation on the Standard Setting Study and Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Praxis II Middle School Science (5440) Test.

**Allen Bierlair made the motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommends to the Board of Education to accept the recommendation of the multistate standard setting study panel to approve a passing scaled score of 150 for the Praxis II Middle School Science (5440) test with an effective date of July 1, 2015. Ruth Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Virginia Community College System (VCCS)**

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

1. The EducateVA Career Switcher spring program currently has 139 students enrolled, including 21 students in the English as a second language endorsement program. Twenty endorsement areas are represented by these students with 44 of the students seeking endorsements in multiple areas. Students successfully completing Level I of the Career Switcher program in June 2014 will be seeking employment for the 2014-2015 school year.
2. A recruitment/interview day is being planned for May 15, 2014, to allow school divisions to interview EducateVA candidates. An e-mail announcing the event was sent to school division human resource representatives. For additional information contact Michelle Gordon, director EducateVA, at [mgordon@ccwa.vccs.edu](mailto:mgordon@ccwa.vccs.edu).

3. Including fall and spring programs, EducateVA will graduate 221 students this school year, of which 113 have already received positions.

### **State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)**

No report was presented.

### **Virginia Department of Education**

Patty Pitts provided an update on the terms of Advisory Board members and announced that the following individuals will be seeking reappointment to the ABTEL: Dr. Brian Matney, Nancy Moga, and Vern Williams. Kate Sydney and Allen Bierlair are completing an unexpired term and will also seek reappointment. Kenneth LaLonde has indicated he will not seek a second term on the Advisory Board. Debra Abadie's term has expired. Nominations for a Parent and Teacher Association representative and a school division human resources representative will be sought. Nominations for the two additional ABTEL member positions (faculty members from teacher preparation programs) established by the 2014 General Assembly will be requested after July 1, 2014, when the legislation becomes effective.

### **Announcements**

No announcements were made.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting adjourned at noon.