

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
June 20, 2024

The Board of Education (“Board”) convened in a meeting on June 20, 2024, at the Old City Hall, 1001 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219, with the following members present:

Mrs. Grace Creasey, President

Dr. Alan Seibert

Mr. Andy Rotherham (not present for executive session)

Mr. Dale Sturdifen

Mrs. Debbie Kilgore

Ms. Anne Holton

Dr. Amber Northern

Mrs. Mashea Ashton (not present for executive session; remote after executive session)

Dr. Lisa Coons, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of considering disciplinary cases related to teacher licensure. Mr. Hansen made a motion to enter into a Closed Session in accordance with § 2.2-3711 and 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, under the following enumerated subsection:

Subsection 40: Discussion or consideration by the Board of Education of information relating to the denial, suspension, or revocation of teacher licenses subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.3.

And that legal counsel to the Virginia Board of Education, as well staff members, whose presence would aid in this matter, participate in the closed meeting. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously. The Board went into closed session at 9:00 am. Mr. Hansen made a motion that the Board reconvened in open session.

Mr. Hansen made a motion that the Board certify by roll-call vote that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements under Chapter 37 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered.

Board roll call:

- Ms. Kilgore – aye
- Mr. Hansen – aye
- Dr. Seibert - aye

- Dr. Northern - aye
- Mr. Sturdifen – aye
- Ms. Holton – aye
- Mrs. Creasey - aye

Ms. Holton made a motion to suspend the license of Joseph Lee Edmunds, Jr. for a period of sixty days, with reinstatement contingent upon satisfying the following provisions: completion of de-escalation, seclusion and restraint training. The motion was properly seconded and carried with the following votes:

- Ms. Kilgore – aye
- Mr. Hansen – aye
- Dr. Seibert - aye
- Dr. Northern - aye
- Mr. Sturdifen – aye
- Ms. Holton – aye
- Mrs. Creasey - aye

Mr. Sturdifen made a motion to revoke the license of Michael James Freeman. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sturdifen made a motion to issue the license in Case 2024-004. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

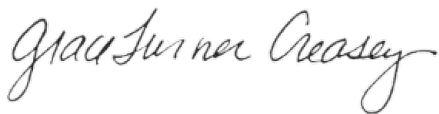
Dr. Seibert made a motion suspend the license of Rebecca Lynn-Yee for two years. The motion was properly seconded and carried on a vote of 5-2.

WORK SESSION

The Board convened in a work session on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The agenda and meeting materials can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#). The topics discussed included presentations on school models for ESSA decision making, school construction grant awards and updates on the status of several lab school applications. No votes were taken.

DINNER MEETING

The Board met for a public dinner on Thursday, June 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at The Native Plate restaurant. No votes were taken. The dinner event ended at 8:30 p.m.



Mrs. Grace Turner Creasey, M.Ed.
President, Virginia Board of Education