

Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL)

**James Monroe Building | Conference Room B
101 N. 14th Street Richmond, Virginia 23219**

**Monday, April 20, 2026
Agenda**

- 9:00 a.m. Arrival at the Meeting and Receive Materials**
- 9:30 a.m. Advisory Board Convenes, Dr. Jessica Jones Presiding**
- Opening Remarks and Welcome
 - Introduction of Guests
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Public Comment

Guidelines For Public Comment

1. The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure is pleased to receive public comment at each of its regular meetings. Public comment is only accepted during the public comment period, not during standing committees. To allow the Advisory Board sufficient time for its other business, the total time allotted for public comment will generally be limited to thirty (30) minutes. Individuals seeking to speak to the Board will be allotted three (3) minutes each.
2. Those wishing to speak at the Advisory Board should contact Dr. Bryan Jackson at Bryan.Jackson@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 786-2302.
3. Speakers are urged to contact Dr. Bryan Jackson in advance of the meeting. Because of time limitations, those people who have not registered to speak prior to the day of the Advisory Board meeting cannot be assured that they will have an opportunity to appear before the Advisory Board.
4. In order to make the limited time available most effective, speakers may provide multiple written copies of their comments.

Presentation Description	Presenter
<p>Changes recommended for the Administrator Endorsement This presentation is to consider a change to the Licensure Regulations for School Personnel that would open a pathway for either School Psychologists or School Social Workers to become school administrators</p>	<p>Dr. Bryan Jackson, Director of Licensure, Office of Educator Workforce</p>
<p>Review the newest elementary education exam (8001 series) This presentation reviews the 5 possible components (Reading Language Arts, Teaching Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies) that will be available for use as of this month. This test is based on the latest standards in each area and has Praxis STEPs built in. Praxis STEPs allow for candidates to test with additional flexibility not only at the subtitle level but at the content level.</p>	<p>Mr. Malik McKinley, Director of Educational Partnerships Educational Testing Service (ETS)</p>
<p>Setting the Cut score for the Geometry Praxis This presentation would be to determine a cut score for the Geometry Praxis to be recommended to the Board of Education.</p>	<p>Dr. Bryan Jackson, Director of Licensure, Office of Educator Workforce</p>
<p>Biennial Report This presentation will update the Advisory Board on the Biennial Report for 2026-2027. If approved, this report will go to the Board of Education in June.</p>	<p>Dr. Johnelle M. Torbert, Director of Teacher Education, Office for Educator Workforce</p>
<p>Changes to the Advisory Board for next year and schedule This presentation will be to determine next year's schedule.</p>	<p>Dr. Bryan Jackson, Director of Licensure, Office of Educator Workforce</p>

VOTING ITEMS

Item 1: Acceptance of the 2026-2027 Biennial Report:
Dr. Bryan Jackson, Director of Licensure, Office of Educator Workforce

Item 2: Replace Elementary Education test 5001 with new test 8001:
Dr. Bryan Jackson, Director of Licensure, Office of Educator Workforce

Item 3: Pursue a NOIRA for the purpose of adding either School Psychology or School Social Work as acceptable pathways to school administration:
Dr. Bryan Jackson, Director of Licensure, Office of Educator Workforce

LIAISON REPORTS

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)
Dr. Monica Osei

Associate Director for Academic Programs and Instructional Sites

Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

Dr. Dan Lewis

Director of Academic Programs and Policy

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCUSSION

Announcements and discussion by ABTEL Members

12:00 p.m. Adjournment

12:15 p.m. Lunch

12:45 p.m. Standing Committees Convene

Discussion Topic: Advice from out going members.

- Dr. Andy Cox, Chair, Licensure Committee
- Dr. Margaret Schimmoeller, Chair, Teacher Education Committee

Next Meeting: TBD