

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

MINUTES

Meeting Date and Location:

March 18, 2013
DoubleTree Hotel – Richmond Airport
Richmond, Virginia

ABTEL Members Present:

Rena Berlin
Bonnie W. Bowen
Dr. Catherine Fisher
Charlotte B. Hayer
Kathy Heil

Kenneth LaLonde
Dr. Susan G. Magliaro
Dr. Brian Matney
Patricia McGloine
Nancy M. Moga

Dr. James T. Roberts
Janice B. Underwood
Ruth Wallace
Vern Williams

ABTEL Members Absent:

Debra Abadie
Dr. Courtney Gaskins
Thelma Hampton
Kathleen Sydney

Board of Education Liaison:

Betsy Beamer

Ex-Officio Members:

Dr. Monica Osei
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Dr. Susan Wood (Absent)
Virginia Community College System

Patty S. Pitts
Virginia Department of Education

Department of Education Staff:

Dr. Mark R. Allan
Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver

Guests:

Dr. John Blackwell, Virginia State University
Linda J. Falden, University of Mary Washington
Kathryn B. Galford, 2013 Virginia Teacher of the Year
Dr. Mary Gendernalik-Cooper, University of Mary Washington
Dr. Jane Huffman, University of Mary Washington
Paul Joseph, Joseph Educational Consulting Services
Martin Karlin, Evaluation Systems group of Pearson
Cathy Owens-Oliver, Educational Testing Service
Tamara Sober, Virginia Education Association

FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES

- **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Charlotte Hayer, chair of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and welcomed members and guests.

- **Approval of Agenda**

Kathy Heil made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Brian Matney seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Kathy Heil made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2013, Advisory Board meeting. Bonnie Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment**

The following individual spoke during public comment:

- Dr. John Blackwell, coordinator of assessment and technology, College of Education, Virginia State University

An e-mail message was received from Richard Burge, director of personnel, Campbell County Public School. [Dr. Mark Allan, director of licensure and educational leadership, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, Department of Education, shared the e-mail message with the Advisory Board members.]

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation from the 2013 Virginia Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Kathryn B. Galford, a sixth-grade English teacher at Greenbrier Middle School in Chesapeake City Schools (Region 2) and the 2013 Virginia Teacher of the Year, made a presentation to the full Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL). Mrs. Galford shared comments regarding her “journey into the teaching profession.” She offered the following recommendations regarding improving preparation for pre-service teachers:

- Provide pre-service teachers with classroom experience early in their preparation programs.
- Permit only highly-qualified teachers who model best practices to be selected as cooperating teachers.
- Provide follow-up (mentoring) for first-year teachers for a few years after their graduation.
- Provide a strong professional development model to support lifelong learners.

- Ensure that pre-service teachers receive consistent, high quality feedback regarding their performance.

Presentation of the Recommendation of the Work Group to Establish Online Teacher Licensure in the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*

Patty Pitts, assistant superintendent, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, Virginia Department of Education, presented an overview of the draft recommendations of the Work Group to Establish an Online Teacher License. Mrs. Pitts explained that the revisions will establish a license and eligibility criteria for teachers who teach only online courses. The ABTEL Licensure Committee will review the language proposed by the work group and make a recommendation to the full Advisory Board regarding revisions to the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*. The Advisory Board is to make a recommendation to the Board of Education. The draft recommendations will be presented to the Board of Education. Regulation revisions are subject to the procedures of the Administrative Process Act.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Review and Approval of a Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA)**

Dr. Mark Allen and Dr. Martin Karlin, vice president – assessment services, Evaluation Systems group of Pearson, made a presentation on the standard-setting study and recommendation for a passing score for the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment.

Vern Williams made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education accept the following cut scores recommended by the standard-setting panel for the VCLA: Reading - 26 and Writing - 29. Dr. Cathy Fisher seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 10-4 vote.

Dr. Cathy Fisher made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education implement the new VCLA cut scores as of July 1, 2014. Ruth Wallace seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 12-0 vote.

- **Review and Approval of a Recommendation for a Passing Score for the New Praxis II Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) Test Developed by the Educational Testing Service**
- Dr. Mark Allan and Cathy Owens-Oliver, client relations director for teacher licensure and certification, Educational Testing Service, made a presentation on the standard-setting study and the Virginia panel's recommendation for a passing score for the New Praxis II Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) Test Developed by the Educational Testing Service.

Kathy Heil made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education accept the following cut scores recommended by the

Virginia standard-setting panel for the Praxis II Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) Test Developed by the Educational Testing Service: Reading and Language Arts - 40; Mathematics - 24; Social Studies - 34; and Science - 31. Bonnie Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 12-2 vote.

Dr. Brian Matney made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education implement cut scores for the Praxis II Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) Test Developed by the Educational Testing Service effective, July 1, 2014. Patricia McGloine seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 12-2 vote.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Standing Committees met from 11:30 a.m. until noon.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Teacher Education Committee

Dr. Sue Magliaro, chair of the Teacher Education Committee, presented to the full Advisory Board the background information and the Teacher Education Committee recommendation for the following agenda item: Review and Approval of a Recommendation to Accredit the Teacher Education Program at the University of Mary Washington through a Process Approved by the Board of Education.

The Teacher Education Committee recommended that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education accept the onsite review team's recommendation that the professional education program at the University of Mary Washington be "accredited," indicating that the program has met the standards set forth in 8VAC20-542-60 of the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia*.

The Committee's recommendation was approved unanimously.

Teacher Licensure Committee

Kathy Heil, chair of the Teacher Licensure Committee, presented to the full Advisory Board the background information and the Teacher Licensure Committee recommendation for the following agenda item: Review and Approval of a Recommendation to Establish an Online Teacher License in the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*.

The Teacher Licensure Committee made a motion to the Advisory Board that the proposal submitted by the Online License Work Group be recommended to the Board of Education with the following additional requirement. In addition, the Committee's motion included a

provision to allow the Department of Education staff to make editing revisions to the proposed language for technical clarity and add a description of the online instructional procedures course.

Online instructional procedures: 3 semester hours. Skills in this area shall contribute to an understanding of the principles of online learning and online instructional strategies....

The Committee's motion was approved unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND DISCUSSION

Patty Pitts provided updates on the following informational items:

- **Report on Board of Education Agenda Items on February 28, 2013, Regarding Teacher Education and Licensure.**
 - Final Review of Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's Recommendation to Grant Approval to Add New Education (Endorsement) Programs at Averett University, Mary Baldwin College, Radford University, Regent University, University of Virginia, and Virginia Commonwealth University; and
 - Final Review of Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's Recommendation to Grant Approval to Washington and Lee University (Rockbridge Teacher Education Consortium - RTEC) to Offer Education (Endorsement) Programs.
- **Discussion on the Approval of Recommendations to Revise the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* and the *Regulations for the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia*.**
 - Patty Pitts discussed the timeline and regulatory revisions to the licensure regulations and the approved-program regulations.
- **Report on the 2013 General Assembly Actions Related to Teacher Education and Licensure**
 - Virginia Department of Education Web site link provides an overview of bills of the 2013 General Assembly.
- **ABTEL Retirements and Appointments for 2013**

The following ABTEL members' first terms will expire on June 30, 2013, and they are seeking reappointment for a second term: Bonnie Bowen, Dr. Cathy Fisher, Thelma Hampton, and Ruth Wallace. The Advisory Board will have a vacancy for an elementary classroom teacher with priority in Region 5. This vacancy is to fill an unexpired term of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015.

In addition, Dr. James Roberts will not seek a second term on the Advisory Board; therefore, there will be a superintendent vacancy effective July 1, 2013.

- **Announcements and Discussion by ABTEL Members**

- Rena Berlin announced that she would be retiring from her position as director of education, Virginia Holocaust Museum, effective June 30, 2013, and as a result would be resigning from the Advisory Board.
- Dr. Sue Magliaro announced that a pre-conference on Clinical Practice sponsored by the Southwest Virginia Professional Educational Consortium will be held on April 3, 2013, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Florence Elston Conference Center at Sweet Briar College.

LIAISON REPORTS

The Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

No report was presented.

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

Dr. Monica Osei, assistant director for academic affairs and student programs, reported the following information:

- The maximum federally-calculated Expected Family Contribution for the Two-Year College Transfer Grant has been increased to \$12,000. This means that most families with incomes up to \$80,000 (and up to \$100,000 for some families) could qualify for financial support.
- The Tuition Assistance Grant for Virginians attending participating private institutions has been increased to \$3,100.
- SCHEV is posting by institution the average wage earnings for students graduating in various degree programs. This information may be accessed at the following Web site: (Virginia Longitudinal Data System - <http://research.schev.edu/default.asp?select1=Reports>).
- During the summer of 2013, SCHEV will begin posting by institution the average loan debt for students graduating in various degree programs.
- On March 14, 2013, the College Access Challenge Grant Program (CACGP) staff presented an interactive workshop, “Developing a College-Going Culture Level,” at the Virginia School Counselors Association Conference (VSCA).
- The VSCA session conducted for middle school counselors featured the new, “I Am the One Middle School Planner,” CACGP’s first middle school informational publication.

SCHEV and CACGP partnered with VSCA to develop the content for the new planner, *Planning My Future: One Piece at a Time*. The planner focuses on identifying a student's learning style, interests, strengths and goals, and exploring Virginia colleges and universities. Ordering information for the publications may be obtained through SCHEV.

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)

No additional report was provided by VDOE staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure was adjourned.