

Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL)



Agenda | Monday, August 17, 2026

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

9:00 a.m. Arrival at the Meeting, Receive Materials and light breakfast

9:30 a.m. Advisory Board Convenes, Dr. Jessica Jones Presiding

- Opening Remarks and Welcome
- Introduction of Guests
- Introduction of New members
- Elect New Chair, Vice-Chair, Chair of Licensure Committee
- and Chair of Teacher Education Committee
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes

10:00 a.m. [Public Comment *](#)

10:30 a.m. VDOE Presentations

Time	Presentation Description	Presenter
10:30 a.m.	Update on Legislative Changes From the 2026 General Assembly Objective: - Provide update on key changes in legislation that impact Teacher Education and Licensure.	Mr. Rob Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent of Educator Workforce, VDOE
10:45 a.m.	Discuss Division Superintendent License Changes From HB1165 (2026) Objective: - Detail the impact on division superintendent licenses from recent legislative changes.	Dr. Bryan Jackson, Director of Licensure, Office of Educator Workforce
11:00 a.m.	Assessment Transition for Paraprofessionals Setting the cut score for the Paraprofessional Praxis Objective: - Determine a recommended cut score for the new Paraprofessional Praxis to be recommended to the Board of Education.	Ms. Shawna LeBlond, Director of Apprenticeship, Office of Educator Workforce
11:15 a.m.	Alternate Route Work Group Objectives: - Share details about a new work group that will provide feedback and recommendations on Alternate Pathways to Licensure.	Ms. Shawna LeBlond, Director of Apprenticeship, Office of Educator Workforce

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	- Solicit nomination for two representatives from ABTEL to the work group.	

11:30 a.m.

Voting Items

- Item 1: Make recommendations on new reporting features for Division Superintendent licenses.
- Item 2: Make a recommendation on the new Paraprofessional Praxis test score to the Board of Education.
- Item 3: Make a recommendation to the Alternate Route Work Group for 2 representatives.

11:45 a.m.

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

11:55 a.m.

Announcements and discussion by ABTEL Members

12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

12:15 p.m.

Lunch (provided by VDOE)

12:45 p.m.

Standing Committees Convene

- **Discussion Topic:** Recommended Areas of Focus for 2026-2027
TBD, Chair, Licensure Committee
TBD, Chair, Teacher Education Committee

1:30 p.m.

Conclusion (approximately)

Next Meeting:

Monday, September 14, 2026, 9 a.m.
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* 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.