

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

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Richmond Hotel (Henrico County)
2925 Emerywood Parkway
Richmond, Virginia 23294**

Monday, January 8, 2024

AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Arrival and Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES**

**Dr. Jessica Jones,
ABTEL Board Chair
Presiding**

- **Opening Remarks and Welcome**
- **Introduction of Board of Education Liaison, Ex-Officio Members, and Department Personnel**
- **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 Ms. Alice Bryant at Alice.Bryant@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 371-2522.
3. Speakers are urged to contact Ms. Bryant in advance of the meeting. Because of time limitations, those persons who have not previously 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.

Presentations

Board Action Update from December 2023 Board of Education meeting

Mr. Robert Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Teacher Education and Licensure, VDOE

Global Biliteracy Seal

Dr. Christine Harris, Director of Humanities, VDOE

Reach VA

Mrs. Debbie Biggs, Director of Reach Virginia

Biannual Report- Education Programs Offered by Virginia Institutions of Higher Education as Required by the Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia

Ms. Johnelle Torbert, Director of Teacher Education, VDOE

Approval of New Education (Endorsement) Programs at Institutions of Higher Education

Ms. Johnelle Torbert

Proposal 1 for VCLA- Redundancy for Specific Endorsement Areas

Dr. Eric Moffa and Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller, ABTEL board members

Proposal 2 for VCLA- Assessment Waiver Process for Education Preparation Program Deans and Directors

Dr. Eric Moffa and Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller, ABTEL board members

AGENDA ITEMS

Item 1: Recommendation to Approve New Education (Endorsement) Programs at Institutions of Higher Education

Ms. Johnelle M. Torbert

Item 2: Recommendation to Approve Biannual Report-Education Programs Offered by Virginia Institutions of Higher Education as Required by the Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia

Ms. Johnelle M. Torbert

Item 3: Recommendation to request the Board of Education to eliminate the requirement of the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) for individuals seeking a professional license in the endorsement areas of PreK-3, PreK-6, K-6, Special Education General Curriculum K-12, Visually Impaired, and Deaf & Hard of Hearing.

Mr. Robert Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Teacher Education and Licensure, VDOE

Item 4: Recommendation to request that the Board of Education grant the same authority to Deans, Directors, or otherwise titled head administrators of state-approved Education Preparation Programs, concurrent with the existing ability of division superintendent, to selectively grant assessment waivers to program candidates based on the criteria of attempting all required assessments, sufficient Grade Point Average, sufficient course performance, sufficient practica performance, and three letters of recommendation.

Mr. Robert Gilstrap

LIAISON REPORTS

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)

Dr. Bryan Jackson
Director of Licensure

1. VALO update
2. iteach update

Ms. Shawna Leblond
Director of Apprenticeship

1. Grow Your Own updates

Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

Dr. Dan Lewis
Director of Academic Programs and Policy

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

Dr. Monica Osei
Associate Director for Academic Programs and Instructional Sites

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCUSSION

Announcements and Discussion by ABTEL Members

10:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

11:15 a.m. – Standing Committee Meetings

Dr. Eric Moffa, Chair, Licensure Committee

Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller, Chair, Teacher Education Committee

11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Working Lunch**

Discussion