

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

**Minutes**  
January 24, 2005

**Meeting Date and Location:** January 24, 2005  
Crowne Plaza Richmond Hotel  
Richmond, Virginia

**ABTEL Members Present:**

Cynthia D. Baird	Mark L. Ingerson
Sharon L. Condrey	Linda W. Kelly
Dr. Nancy Davenport	Cheryl Lightfoot
Dr. Judy Davis-Dorsey	Suzanne Meyer
Dr. Ronald E. Diss	Donald Plank
Dr. William H. Graves, III	James B. Scott
Margaret Shibley Gray	Sandra Smith-Jones
Rebecca Hill	Rena' White

**ABTEL Members Absent:** Rene Massey Ashjian  
Gloria Talbott

**Board of Education Liaison:** Dr. Ella P. Ward

**Ex-Officio Members:** Toni Cleveland (absent)  
Harvey Carmichael (absent)

**Department of Education Staff:** Dr. Thomas A. Elliott  
Douglas Cox  
Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver  
Patty S. Pitts  
Dr. Melanie Biermann

**Guests:** Betty Lambdin, Virginia Education Association  
Beth Smith, Educational Testing Service, (DC)  
Connie Smith, Fairfax County Schools  
Judi Swingen, Chesterfield County Schools

## **FULL BOARD MEETING**

Linda Kelly, chair of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, called the meeting to order. Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver introduced Dr. Melanie Biermann, teacher education specialist, Department of Education, to the advisory board.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

James Scott made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Sandra Smith-Jones seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Nancy Davenport made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Bill Graves seconded the motion. Margaret Shibley Gray indicated that her name should be included as attending the November ABTEL meeting. Rena' White requested that her name be inserted as an attendee of the Virginia Teachers of the Year Banquet in the minutes in the following sentence: *ABTEL members Dr. Ron Diss, Renee Ashjian, Rena' White, and Dr. William Graves attended the (Teachers of the Year) banquet.*

Rena' White made a motion to accept the amendments to the minutes. Dr. Nancy Davenport seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The original motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

## **PRESENTATIONS TO THE FULL BOARD**

### The Virginia Comprehensive Data System—TEAL II

Dr. Thomas A. Elliott provided an overview of the Virginia Comprehensive Data System—TEAL II. The project is supported by funding from the Governor's Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant. TEAL II will provide the mechanism to following teachers from teacher preparation to retirement. This system is to provide valuable data on the teaching force, critical teacher shortages areas, and teacher effectiveness. A grant was awarded to The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) in October 2004 to develop the system. Mr. Tod R. Massa, director of Policy Research and Data Warehousing, SCHEV, planned to present the project to the advisory board; however, he was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Board of Education Actions on January 12, 2005

Technical Revisions to the Regulations Governing The Licensure of School Personnel (8 VAC 20-21-10 et seq.), presented by Dr. Thomas A. Elliott

Revisions are needed in the *Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel* to align the regulations with a change in the *Code of Virginia*. The 2004 General Assembly amended the *Code of Virginia* requiring the following:

...the Board's licensure regulations shall also require that, on and after July 1, 2005, initial licensure for principals and other school leaders, as may be determined by the Board, be contingent upon passage of the School Leader's Licensure Assessment.

The Board of Education approved the technical revisions to proceed with the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (APA). Since the changes are to align the regulations with the *Code of Virginia*, the regulations are exempted from the public participation process of the Administrative Process Act. The APA process will need to be completed prior to the implementation of the requirement.

There were questions regarding the implementation of the regulations. The Question and Answer document on the Teacher Education and Licensure Web page responds in writing to the implementation procedures.

Progress Report in Response to House Joint Resolution 123 of the 2004 Virginia General Assembly, presented by Dr. Thomas A. Elliott

The Board of Education approved the progress report in response to House Joint Resolution 123 that required the Board of Education to study alternative licensure for principals and assistant principals. Additionally, the resolution stipulated that the board shall submit to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary and report on the progress in meeting the request. The board approved the submission of the report to the General Assembly.

Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to Amend *The Regulations Governing Licensure of School Personnel* (8 VAC 20-21-10 et seq.), presented by Patty S. Pitts

The Board of Education approved the first process in the Administrative Process Act to begin the revision of *The Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel*. The Notice of Intended Regulatory Action was approved.

Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to Amend *The Regulations Governing Approved Programs for Virginia Institutions of Higher Education* (8 VAC 20-541-10 et seq.), presented by Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver

The Board of Education approved the first process in the Administrative Process Act to begin the revision of *The Regulations Governing Approved Programs for Virginia Institutions of Higher Education*. The Notice of Intended Regulatory Action was approved.

Accreditation of Continuing Approved Teacher Preparation Programs Reviewed in 2004, presented by Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver

The Board of Education approved continuing program approval for Old Dominion University, Bluefield College, Virginia Wesleyan College, James Madison University, and Averett University.

## **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Linda Kelly introduced the following guests attending the advisory board meeting:

Doug Cox, Virginia Department of Education  
Betty Lambdin, Virginia Education Association  
Connie Smith, Fairfax County Schools  
Beth Smith, Educational Testing Service, District of Columbia  
Dr. Judi N. Swingen, Chesterfield County Schools

Linda Kelly reminded advisory board members that the March meeting would be held at Christopher Newport University.

Linda Kelly and advisory board members congratulated Mark Ingerson who became National Board Certified.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Teacher Education and the Professional Licensure Standing Committees met from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

## **PRESENTATION TO FULL BOARD**

### *Passport to Teaching*

Dr. Randy C. Thompson, vice president; Michael Fluharty, state relations consultant; and Andrew Campanella, director of communications, at the American Board for Certification for Teacher Excellence presented on the *Passport to Teaching*.

The *Passport to Teaching* is a new alternate route to certification for teaching. Candidates seeking *Passport to Teaching* certification must meet the American Board's standards by passing two computer-based examinations, hold a bachelor's degree or higher, and pass a background check. The Subject Area Knowledge examination gives the candidates the option to earn certification in Elementary Education K-6, Mathematics, or English. The Professional Teaching Knowledge examination covers teacher's responsibilities, from instructional design and classroom management to student assessment and parent communication. This examination includes a written essay on a school-related issue. The fee is \$500.

The advisory board received the report for information.

## **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

### *Teacher Education Committee*

Dr. Bill Graves, chair of the Teacher Education Committee, presented the following report and recommendations from the Teacher Education Committee:

1. Dr. Graves called to the attention of ABTEL members the letter to Dr. Art Wise, president of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) from Dr. Jo Lynne DeMary, superintendent of public instruction. The letter advised Dr. Wise that ABTEL supported a seven-year accreditation and review cycle for state and NCATE approval of programs that have been granted continuing accreditation by NCATE. The letter further states that the ABTEL recommendation will be included as part of the revisions to the NCATE/State Partnership Protocol for Initial, Continuing, and Probation Reviews of Professional Education Units in the State of Virginia, and will become effective immediately. The STATE/NCATE protocol is included in the procedures manual for administering the *Regulations Governing Approved Programs for Institutions of Higher Education*.
2. Dr. Graves made a motion that the Teacher Education Committee recommends that Ferrum College's teacher education programs be approved with stipulation. The motion was approved by a vote of 13-0 with 2 abstentions.
3. Dr. Graves made a motion that the Teacher Education Committee recommends that Department of Education staff members notify NCATE that all other elements of the

state/NCATE protocol remain in effect with the exception of the change mentioned in Dr. DeMary's December 28, 2004, letter regarding a seven-year accreditation and review cycle for state and NCATE approval of programs that have been granted continuing accreditation by NCATE. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Dr. Graves reported that the Teacher Education Committee would develop a State/TEAC partnership that reflects the applicable components of the NCATE partnership and develop a timeline and process. This recommendation will be presented to the full advisory board in March 2005.
5. A proposal on Revisions to the *Regulations Governing Approved Programs for Institutions of Higher Education* will be submitted to the full advisory board in March 2005.

### Professional Licensure Standing Committee

Dr. Judy Davis-Dorsey, chair of the Professional Licensure Standing Committee, reported that the Licensure Committee discussed possible revisions in the *Regulations Governing the Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* in the following areas:

- Remove "peer observation" and "educational travel" as renewal options;
- Align regulations with *Code of Virginia* revision that discontinued the issuance of the Local Eligibility License in federal core teaching areas;
- Incorporate the Virginia Reading Assessment (VRA);
- Incorporate proposal by the Special Education Committee;
- Incorporate the recommendations from the Task Force on School Leadership;
- Add the mathematics specialist endorsement;
- Review requirements for student teaching hours;
- Consider testing as an option for meeting content or teaching area requirements;
- Consider a multi-tiered licensure system;
- Creating an International License;
- Consider an interdisciplinary degree or equivalent or degree in core area for elementary and middle education;
- Discontinue the Visiting Teacher endorsement; and
- Language revisions in the competencies.

Dr. Davis-Dorsey requested that if members of the Teacher Education Committee had recommendations regarding the licensure regulations, please forward them to the Professional Licensure Committee members.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

**The Virginia Community College (no report)**

**The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) (no report)**

**The Department of Education**

Dr. Elliott reminded ABTEL members that the Second Great Virginia Teach-In will be held at the Richmond Convention Center on March 4-5, 2005. He encouraged ABTEL members to serve as ambassadors at the event.

The second Teachers of Promise Institute will be held on March 18-19, 2005, at James Madison University. The theme of this year's institute will be *We the Teachers: Light the Future*.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Linda Kelly reminded advisory board members that the next ABTEL meeting will be held on March 21, 2005, at Christopher Newport University.

Linda Kelly congratulated Suzanne Meyer on earning a master's degree.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The ABTEL meeting was adjourned.