

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

MINUTES

Meeting Date and Location: April 27, 2015
Holiday Inn, Richmond Airport
Sandston, Virginia

ABTEL Members Present:

Debra Abadie	Katherine Hipsman	Dr. Janice Bell Underwood
Allen Lee Bierlair	Dr. Susan G. Magliaro	Jane G. Watkins
Bonnie Bowen	Dr. Brian Matney	Vern Williams
Kathy Burcher	Patricia McGloine	Dr. Sherry Wilson
Dr. Cathy Fisher	Nancy Moga	Dr. Phillip Wishon
Dr. Courtney Gaskins	Cheryl Sprouse	
Dr. Rebecca Gates	Kate Sydney	

ABTEL Members Absent: Dr. Holly Gould
Ruth Wallace
Thelma Hampton

Board of Education Liaison: Joan Wodiska (absent)

Ex-Officio Members: Dr. Monica Osei
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Dr. Chris Pfautz (absent)
Virginia Community College System

Patty S. Pitts
Virginia Department of Education

Department of Education Staff: Dr. Joan B. Johnson

Guests: Dr. Cynthia Cave, Assistant Superintendent,
Division of Policy and Communications
Paul Joseph, Educational Consulting Services
Dr. Antoinette Rogers, Virginia Education
Association

FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES

9:00 a.m.

- **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Dr. Courtney Gaskins, chair, Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and welcomed members and guests.

- **Introduction of New and Returning ABTEL Members**

New and returning ABTEL members were introduced. The new ABTEL members are Katherine Hipsman, Fourth-Grade Teacher, Richmond County Public Schools, and Cheryl Sprouse, Middle School Mathematics Teacher, Bedford County Public Schools.

- **Introduction of the Board of Education Liaison, Ex Officio Members, and Department Personnel to ABTEL**

The Board of Education Liaison, Ex Officio members, and Virginia Department of Education personnel introduced themselves to the Advisory Board.

- **Introduction of Guests**

Guests were introduced.

- **Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Susan Magliaro made a motion to approve the agenda. Patricia McGloine seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Bonnie Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015, Advisory Board meeting. Allen Bierlair seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- **Recognition of Service to ABTEL**

Dr. Courtney Gaskins and Dr. Brian Matney, vice chair, recognized the following ABTEL members for their excellent service and presented a certificate of appreciation. This was the last meeting for the following members:

Dr. Catherine Fisher
Dr. Susan Magliaro
Ms. Patricia McGloine

Dr. Brian Matney recognized the exemplary service of the current chair of ABTEL,

Dr. Courtney Gaskins, whose term expired. Dr. Matney presented Dr. Gaskins with a certificate of appreciation.

On behalf of the Department of Education, Mrs. Patty S. Pitts, assistant superintendent for teacher education and licensure, thanked all members for their service and contributions to ABTEL.

- **Public Comment**

No individuals requested to speak during the public comment period.

ACTION ITEMS:

As agreed upon by ABTEL members, the George Mason University action item was presented first on the agenda.

- **Request to Recommend Approval to George Mason University to Add Graduate Endorsement Programs in Music Education: Instrumental PreK-12 and Music Education: Vocal/Choral PreK-12**

Dr. Joan Johnson, director of teacher education, made a presentation on the requests from George Mason University to grant approval to add new education (endorsement) programs in the following areas:

Institution	Endorsement Program Requested	Level of Program
George Mason University	Music Education – Vocal/Choral PreK-12	Graduate
	Theatre Arts PreK-12	Graduate

Program endorsement competencies, based on the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* (8VAC20-542-10 et seq.), have been verified through the review of course descriptions and syllabi to determine alignment with each of the competencies required, including supervised classroom instruction. A review of the *Request for New Endorsement Program* application submitted evidenced written documentation of school division demand data, as well as institutional and school division support for the requested programs.

Section 8VAC20-542-40 of the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* requires institutions seeking education program approval to establish partnerships and collaborations based on PreK-12 school needs. A copy of the *Virginia Department of Education – Standards for Biennial Approval of Education Programs Accountability Measurement of Partnerships and Collaborations Based on PreK-12 School Needs* (8VAC20-542-40.7.a) form for the requested program endorsement areas was submitted. George Mason University will submit a biennial report for these education programs for the period of September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2017.

Dr. Brian Matney made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure make a recommendation to the Board of Education that the education

programs at George Mason University submitted for review be granted “Approved” status. Nancy Moga seconded the motion. Dr. Courtney Gaskins recused herself. The motion passed with a 15-0 vote.

- **Approval of Dates for ABTEL Meetings for the 2015-2016 School Year**

Patty S. Pitts presented the following proposed dates for the ABTEL meetings for the 2015-2016 school year.

Bonnie Bowen made a motion to accept the dates as modified for the 2015-2016 ABTEL meeting dates. Allen Bierlair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The following 2015-2016 ABTEL meeting dates were approved:

**September 21, 2015
November 16, 2015
January 25, 2016
March 21, 2016
April 25, 2016**

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

- **Report on the 2015 Virginia General Assembly**

Dr. Cynthia Cave, Assistant Superintendent of the Division of Policy and Communication, Virginia Department of Education, made a presentation on the comprehensive overview of the education-related resolutions and bills passed by the 2015 Virginia General Assembly. Information regarding the legislation is available on the following VDOE Web site:

<http://doe.virginia.gov/boe/legislation/index.shtml>.

Superintendent’s Memorandum Number 099-15, dated April 24, 2015, reflects the Final Legislative Report for the 2015 General Assembly. Refer to the following Web site:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2015/099-15.shtml.

- **Review of Action by the 2015 General Assembly Impacting Teacher Education and Licensure**

Patty S. Pitts highlighted the following bills that will impact teacher education and licensure.

HB 1320: Teacher licensure renewal; no longer mandatory that individuals take college courses for renewal.

Excerpt from HB 1320

4. Every person seeking renewal of a license shall complete all renewal requirements, including professional development in a manner prescribed by the Board, except that no person seeking renewal of a license shall be required to satisfy any such requirement by completing coursework and earning credit at an institution of higher education;

HB 2137: Teachers; initial license with no industry certification credential, may issue provisional license

Permits the Board of Education, upon request of the employing school division or educational agency, to issue a provisional license to a teacher seeking an initial license in the Commonwealth who has not attained an industry certification credential in the area in which the teacher seeks endorsement to allow time for the teacher to attain such required credential.

Excerpt from HB 2137

G. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Board may provide for the issuance of a provisional license, valid for a period not to exceed three years, pursuant to subdivision D 6 or to any person who does not meet the requirements of this section or any other requirement for licensure imposed by law.

The following two resolutions were approved by the 2015 General Assembly

HJ 558: Requests the Virginia Department of Education and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to examine shortages of qualified teachers generally and in certain teaching endorsement areas and to recommend strategies for addressing the shortages. The Department and the Council must report their findings and recommendations no later than the first day of the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

SJ 218: Requests the Department of Education to study the feasibility of implementing a program in the Commonwealth to track teacher turnover by developing exit questionnaires and other means.

- **Presentation on the Progress Tables (Value Tables): Another Measure of Student Growth**

Patty S. Pitts provided a presentation on progress tables (value tables) as another measure of student growth for teacher evaluation. The PowerPoint was previously presented to the Board of Education by Shelley Loving-Ryder, assistant superintendent for assessment and accountability. The presentation can be accessed on the following link:

http://doe.virginia.gov/boe/committees_standing/accountability/2015/meeting_materials/jan-21_measure_of_student_growth.pdf. Ms. Loving-Ryder made the presentation to the Board of Education Accountability Committee in January 2015.

After researching other growth models, the Department of Education determined that progress tables (value tables) would provide teachers and principals with more useful growth data. Value tables, unlike student growth percentiles, are based solely on individual student performance from one year to the next and account for each student advancing toward

proficiency in reading or mathematics. Virginia plans to begin using value tables as a measure of student growth in 2015-2016.

LIAISON REPORTS

- **Virginia Community College System (VCCS)**

Due to the absence of Mr. Chris Pfautz, Patty Pitts shared the following update provided by the VCCS. Educate VA, the Career Switcher Teacher Licensure Program, is in the final five weeks of this cohort. Candidates have now entered into classrooms around the state to complete their field experience, where they observe, collaborate, and teach.

The second annual recruitment event connected 28 school divisions with over 80 students, many of whom were interviewed on the spot, or in follow-up meetings to the March event. Three additional students from the fall cohort have been hired into teaching positions this year, which means that more than a third of candidates have secured a contract mid-year.

On May 16, 2015, 11 candidates seeking an English as a Second Language endorsement will complete their coursework and be eligible for licensure. Receipt of applications for the fall cohort have already begun to be submitted for consideration. The next cohort begins August 1, 2015.

- **Virginia Department of Education**

Patty Pitts reported the following on behalf of the Virginia Department of Education:

April is designated as "The Month of the Military Child" to recognize the contributions of children whose parents serve in the military.

The Board of Education issued a *Resolution of Recognition* to commemorate May 4-8, 2015, as National Teacher Appreciation Week.

- **State Council of Higher Education for Virginia**

Dr. Monica Osei shared the following information on behalf of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia:

Summit on Quality and Value: SCHEV has opened registration for the Summit on Quality and Value in Virginia Higher Education, slated for June 9 at the Crown Plaza hotel. In collaboration with Virginia's institutions of higher education and the Virginia Assessment Group (VAG), SCHEV is planning a one-day summit on quality and value in undergraduate education. The summit is an initiative of the statewide strategic plan for higher education and is intended to engage institutions, government, and the private sector in developing a unified vision that recognizes both the inherent value of higher education and its instrumental value as an engine of economic and personal prosperity. Information and registration are accessible at the following Web site: <http://www.schev.edu/QualitySummit.asp>.

SCHEV Statewide Strategic Plan: At its September 2014 and October 2014 meetings, Council approved a framework for the statewide strategic plan for higher education in Virginia including mission, vision, four goals, and multiple strategies aligned with each of the goals. The new strategic plan creates a coherent vision and ongoing direction for higher education in the Commonwealth. The 2015 Virginia General Assembly endorsed the Statewide Strategic Plan for Higher Education with joint resolutions in both the House and Senate.

Additional information about the statewide strategic plan for higher education in Virginia is available on the SCHEV Web site at: <http://www.schev.edu/schev/StrategicPlan.asp>.

Financial Aid: Effective July 1, 2015, an additional \$7.8 million was added to need-based financial aid for undergraduate students attending public institutions for a total of \$165.9 million. Effective July 1, 2015, students eligible for the Transfer Grant can receive an additional \$1,000 if they transfer to Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, Radford University, The University of Virginia at Wise, Virginia Commonwealth University, or Virginia State University. The VCCS is piloting a program to provide state grants for students in non-degree programs leading to industry-based credentials.

- **Announcements by ABTEL Members**

The following announcements were made by an ABTEL member:

The PutKidsFirst event was held in Richmond with approximately 2000 participants.

The Virginia PTA encourages individuals to wear red on May 5 to honor teachers during Teacher Appreciate Week 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting adjourned.