

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

MINUTES

Meeting Date and Location: November 16, 2015
Holiday Inn Richmond Airport
445 International Center Drive
Sandston, Virginia 23150

ABTEL Members Present:

Mr. Allen Lee Bierlair	Mrs. Nancy Moga	Ms. Jane Watkins
Mrs. Bonnie Bowen	Mr. Jeffrey Pennington	Mr. Vern Williams
Mrs. Kathy Burcher	Dr. Diane Simon	Dr. Sherry Wilson
Dr. Rebecca Gates	Ms. Cheryl Sprouse	Dr. Phillip Wishon
Dr. Holly Gould	Dr. Patricia Stohr-Hunt	
Dr. Brian Matney	Mrs. Ruth Wallace	

ABTEL Members Absent: Mrs. Thelma Hampton
Ms. Kate Sydney

Board of Education Liaison: Mrs. Joan Wodiska (absent)

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

Dr. Daniel Lewis
Virginia Community College System

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts
Virginia Department of Education

Department of Education Staff: Dr. Joan B. Johnson
Dr. Kendra Crump

Guests: Ms. Debra Shapiro, Virginia Technology and Engineering
Education Association
Mr. Jesse White, Retired CTE Director with Hampton Public
Schools
Mr. James Batterson, Former Senior Advisor to the
Commonwealth for STEM Initiatives
Mr. George Bishop, Project Lead the Way Instructor
Mr. Kurt Thompson, Richmond Joint Engineers Council
Mr. Christopher Martini, Arlington County Public Schools

Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure

Mr. Jorge Valenzuela, Virginia Technology and
Engineering Education Association
Sandra Barnstead, Virginia Education Association
Dr. Patricia R. Aldridge, Chair of the Department of
Teaching and Learning, Virginia State University
Mr. Phil Gullion, Pearson
Ms. Lisa Hedrick, Educational Testing Service
Mr. Paul Joseph, Joseph Educational Consulting Services
Mr. Andy Stephenson, Past President, International
Technology and Engineering Educators Association and
Virginia Technology and Engineering Education
Association
Dr. Robert N. Corley III, Interim Dean for the College of
Education and Association, Vice Provost for Graduate
Programs, Virginia State University
Ms. Harriet C. Wynn, Virginia State University
Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver, Educational Consultant
Dr. Donna Kanary, Virginia State University
Dr. Claire Robinson, Virginia State University

FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES

9:00 a.m.

• **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Dr. Brian Matney, chair of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL), called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed members and guests.

• **Introductions**

ABTEL members, Ex Officio members, Department of Education personnel and guests introduced themselves.

• **Approval of Agenda**

Mrs. Bonnie Bowen made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Ruth Wallace seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Allen Bierlair made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015, Advisory Board meeting with an edit to correct the spelling of Nancy Moga’s name from “Mogo” to “Moga.” Mrs. Ruth Wallace seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment**

The following individuals spoke during public comment. Public comments were regarding the proposed engineering endorsement in the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*.

Ms. Debra Shapiro
Mr. Jesse White
Mr. Jim Batterson
Mr. George Bishop
Mr. Kurt Thompson
Mr. Christopher Martini
Mr. Jorge Valenzuela

- **Appointment of Committee Chairs**

As chair of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, Dr. Brian Matney, announced the chairs of the Teacher Education Committee and the Licensure Committees. Dr. Holly Gould will serve as the chair of the Teacher Education Committee, and Mr. Vern Williams will serve as the chair of the Licensure Committee. Dr. Gould and Mr. Williams will be members on the Executive Committee.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Review of a Request to Grant Approval to Add a New Graduate Education (Endorsement Program) at Emory and Henry College**

Dr. Joan Johnson presented a request from Emory and Henry College to add a new graduate education (endorsement) program in history and social sciences. The program endorsement competencies were verified through the review of course descriptions and syllabi to determine alignment with each of the competencies required. A review of the *Request for New Endorsement Program* application submitted by the institution evidenced written documentation of school division demand data, as well as institutional and school division support for the requested program. **Mrs. Bonnie Bowen made a motion to grant the approval. Mr. Allen Bierlair seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

- **Review of Public Comments on the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia***

On June 27, 2013, the Virginia Board of Education approved proposed revisions to the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia*. Due to the significant number of revisions, the Board recommended repealing the current regulations (8VAC20-542) and promulgating new, revised regulations (8VAC20-543).

The proposed regulations were published in the Virginia Register of Regulations, VOL. 31, ISS. 26, on August 24, 2015. An online comment period was open on the Virginia Register's Town Hall. Public comments were accepted through Saturday, October 31, 2015. A public hearing on the proposed regulations was held Thursday, October 22, 2015, in the 22nd Floor Jefferson Meeting Room, James Monroe Building (101 North 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219). Advisory Board members received a written summary of all comments received.

As discussed during the meeting, the Advisory Board on Teacher Education is to make a recommendation to the Board of Education in response to the public comments during its January 2016 meeting. Dr. Joan Johnson presented a detailed summary of the public comments on the proposed *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia*. The Advisory Board's recommendation is anticipated to be presented to the Board of Education in February 2016.

- **Review of Public Comments on the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel***

On June 27, 2013, the Board of Education approved proposed revisions to the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*. Due to the significant number of revisions, the Board recommended repealing the current regulations (8VAC20-22) and promulgating new, revised regulations (8VAC20-23).

The proposed regulations were published in the Virginia Register of Regulations VOL. 32, ISS.1, on September 7, 2015. An online comment period was open on the Virginia Register's Town Hall. Public comments were accepted through Friday, November 6, 2015. A public hearing on the proposed regulations was held Thursday, October 22, 2015, in the 22nd Floor Jefferson Meeting Room, James Monroe Building (101 North 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219). Advisory Board members received a written summary of all comments received.

As discussed during the meeting, the Advisory Board on Teacher Education is to make a recommendation to the Board of Education in response to the public comments during its January 2016 meeting. Dr. Kendra Crump presented a detailed summary of the public comments regarding the proposed *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*. The Advisory Board's recommendation is anticipated to be presented to the Board of Education in February 2016.

LIAISON REPORTS

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

Dr. Daniel Lewis, director of academic programs, Virginia Community College System, shared information from Ms. K. M. Ogden, director of EducateVA/Career Switcher Program, VCCS.

Over 160 teachers have completed VCCS's Career Switcher Program and are filling critical shortage positions in Virginia. EducateVA, the VCCS's Career Switcher Program, hosted its annual fall Level 2 meeting for all program participants in their first year of teaching. The October meeting convened participants at their respective community college sites, including fellow teachers, program mentors, and instructional faculty. A full day of instruction was delivered, including content in classroom management, data analysis, the seven performance standards, and instructional planning. These students are meeting with mentors and completing the coursework required in the Level 2 phase of the program. Additionally, over 70 individuals are completing Level 1 of the Career Switcher Program on December 5, 2015.

- **State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)**

Dr. Monica Osei, assistant director for academic affairs and student services, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, did not present a report.

- **Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)**

Mrs. Patty Pitts, assistant superintendent of Teacher Education and Licensure, reported that Natalie DiFusco-Funk, a fifth-grade teacher at West Salem Elementary in Salem, was named the 2016 Virginia Teacher of the Year. The announcement was made by Governor Terry McAuliffe during a reception at the Executive Mansion. Dr. Joan Johnson is the Department of Education staff coordinator of the event.

ABTEL MEETING DATES

- **Review of ABTEL Meeting Dates**

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure has the remaining meeting dates for the 2015-2016 year:

January 25, 2016

March 21, 2016

April 25, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Mrs. Bonnie Bowen made a motion that an executive committee meeting did not need to be held. Ms. Cheryl Sprouse seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.