



VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item: K

Date: November 17, 2022

Title: First Review of Nomination to Fill Vacancy on the Early Childhood Advisory Committee

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Purpose of Presentation:

Review/action required by Board of Education bylaws

Executive Summary:

The Board's advisory committees have three-year terms. Some of the Board's advisory committees require specific categories of expertise or geographic representation pursuant to state or federal law or regulation. A vacancy arose on the Early Childhood Advisory Committee after Mrs. Grace Creasey's appointment to the Virginia Board of Education. Due to her appointment to the Board, she resigned from her position on ECAC as the representative of the Virginia Council on Private Education. The individual recommended for appointment is the recommended representative from the Virginia Council on Private Education.

To fill this vacancy, the nominee recommended for appointment is as follows:

Ms. Wendy Lipscomb
Director of Early Learning
The Blessed Sacrament Huguenot School
Region 1
Representing the Virginia Council on Private Education

Action Requested:

Other. Specify below:

The Board is requested to waive first review and approve this appointment.

Superintendent's Recommendation

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education waive first review and approve this appointment to the Early Childhood Advisory Committee.

Rationale for Action:

Board action is required on all appointments to Board advisory committees. To fill the current vacancy, Board action is requested at this meeting.

Previous Review or Action:

No previous review or action.

Background Information and Statutory Authority:

Article Nine, Section 2 of the Board of Education's bylaws states the following:

Section 2. Advisory Committees. Advisory committees may be created by the Board for special purposes to include, but not be limited to, federal and state-mandated committees. An advisory committee shall be composed of persons who represent the views and interests of the general public and who are known to be qualified to perform their duties. Personnel of the Department of Education may be appointed to the committee, as members or as consultants. Unless otherwise prescribed by state or federal law or regulations, all appointments to an advisory committee shall be made by the Board upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Public Instruction...

The Board of Education's bylaws also specify the membership and term of service in Article Fifteen, Section 3 and 4, as follows:

Section 3. Membership. The Board shall determine the number of members to serve on an advisory committee, and shall appoint the members of the committee, as specified in Board bylaws under Article 9, Section 2, except as provided by state or federal law or regulation. Nominations for all vacant positions will be solicited as widely as practicable and on forms provided by the Virginia Department of Education. Members of advisory committees shall not receive compensation for their service, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with state travel guidelines set forth by the Department of Accounts. The Board, at its discretion, may appoint a member of the Board to serve as a liaison to the advisory committee.

Section 4. Term of Service. Appointments to an advisory committee shall be for a term of three years. Members of an advisory committee may be re-appointed, with no member serving more than two consecutive three-year terms. Any vacancies shall be filled by the Board.

Timetable for Further Review/Action:

Following Board action, Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) staff will notify the individual of their appointment.

Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources:

The operating expenses and other costs associated with the meetings and functions of the Board of Education's advisory committees are provided through the Department of Education's operating funds.

Where applicable, federal funds are provided to support the expenses and the work of an advisory committee.