

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**  
**September 13, 2023**

The Board of Education (“Board”) convened on September 13, 2023, in the Board Room, 22nd Floor, James Monroe Building, 101 North 14th Street, Richmond, VA 23219, with the following members present:

Mrs. Grace Creasey, President	Mr. Bill Hansen, Vice President (remote)
Mrs. Mashea Ashton	Ms. Anne Holton
Mrs. Debbie Kilgore	Dr. Amber Northern
Mr. Andy Rotherham	Dr. Alan Seibert
Mr. Dale Sturdifen (absent)	Dr. Lisa Coons, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board convened on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of considering disciplinary cases related to teacher licensure. Mr. Hansen made a motion to enter into a Closed Session in accordance with § 2.2-3711 and/or 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, under the following enumerated subsection:

Subsection 40: Discussion or consideration by the Board of Education of information relating to the denial, suspension, or revocation of teacher licenses subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.3.

And that legal counsel to the Virginia Board of Education and staff, whose presence would aid in this matter, participate in the closed meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Board went into closed session at 9:00 am. Mr. Hansen made a motion that the Board reconvene in open session at 12:00 p.m.

President Creasey made a motion that the Board certify by roll-call vote that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements under Chapter 37 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered.

Board roll call:

Mrs. Kilgore – aye  
Ms. Ashton-aye  
Dr. Seibert – aye  
Mr. Hansen – aye  
Mrs. Creasey – aye  
Dr. Northern – aye  
Mr. Rotherham – aye  
Ms. Holton – aye

Mr. Rotherham made a motion to issue a license to the individual in Case No. 02. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hansen made a motion to issue a license to the individual in Case No. 03. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Kilgore – aye  
Ms. Ashton-aye  
Dr. Seibert – aye  
Mr. Hansen – aye  
Mrs. Creasey – aye  
Dr. Northern – aye  
Mr. Rotherham –object  
Ms. Holton – object

Mr. Rotherham made a motion to defer action in Case No. 06. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Rotherham made a motion to deny a license to Keith Nolan Morgan. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Kilgore made a motion to revoke the license of Marissa Lynn Gray. The motion was seconded and carried with the following vote:

Mrs. Kilgore – aye  
Ms. Ashton-aye  
Dr. Seibert – aye  
Mr. Hansen – aye  
Mrs. Creasey – aye  
Dr. Northern – aye  
Mr. Rotherham –object

Ms. Holton – object

Mr. Rotherham made a motion to revoke the license of Holly Lorraine Craft. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hansen made a motion to revoke the license of Sandra Lee Kilpatrick, also known as Cassandra Lee Claycomb. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hansen made a motion to enter into a Closed Session in accordance with § 2.2-3711 and/or 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, under the following enumerated subsection:

Subsection (A)(8): Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

And that legal counsel to the Virginia Board of Education and staff, whose presence would aid in this matter, participate in the closed meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Board went into closed session at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Hansen made a motion that the Board reconvene in open session at 1:15 p.m.

President Creasey made a motion that the Board certify by roll-call vote that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements under Chapter 37 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered.

Board roll call:

Mrs. Kilgore – aye

Ms. Ashton-aye

Dr. Seibert – aye

Mr. Hansen – aye

Mrs. Creasey – aye

Dr. Northern – aye

Mr. Rotherham – aye

Ms. Holton – aye

### **WORK SESSION**

The Board convened in a work session on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. The agenda and meeting materials can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#). The

topics discussed included school facilities requirements, standards, and funding, a VLA screening measure update, high school redesign, a HB585 update, and SOL data. No votes were taken.

**DINNER MEETING**

The Board met for a public dinner on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 6:30 p.m., at the Tobacco Company restaurant with the following members present: Mr. Rotherham, Mrs. Kilgore, Ms. Holton, Dr. Seibert, Dr. Northern, and Mrs. Ashton. No votes were taken. The dinner event ended at 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Grace Turner Creasey, M.Ed.  
President, Virginia Board of Education

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The Board of Education (“Board”) convened on September 14, 2023, in the Board Room, 22nd Floor, James Monroe Building, 101 North 14th Street, Richmond, VA 23219, with the following members present:

Mrs. Grace Creasey, President  
Mrs. Mashea Ashton  
Mrs. Debbie Kilgore  
Mr. Andy Rotherham

Mr. Bill Hansen, Vice President (remote)  
Ms. Anne Holton  
Dr. Amber Northern  
Dr. Alan Seibert  
Dr. Lisa Coons, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

President Creasey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed Board members, staff, and visitors to the meeting. President Creasey also noted that she approved Mr. Bill Hansen’s remote participation because their principal residence is more than 60 miles from the meeting location under the Board’s Bylaws and § [2.2-3708.3\(B\)\(3\)](#) of the Code of Virginia.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

President Creasey asked for a moment of silence.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed the moment of silence.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

President Creasey asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Seibert motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Holton made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2023, meeting. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Wendy Little expressed concerns regarding special education.  
Kandise Lucas expressed concerns regarding special education.  
Kathy Halvorsen expressed concerns regarding special education.  
Tammy Seay expressed concerns regarding special education.  
Scott Brabrand spoke about the proposed revisions to the Mathematics Standards of Learning, and accreditation.  
JoWanda Rollins Fells spoke about the proposed revisions to the Mathematics Standards of Learning, and accreditation.  
Nancy Smith spoke regarding Model Policies.  
Eleina Espigh spoke regarding transparency for families.  
Melvin Adams spoke regarding Model Policies and updated math standards.  
Noel Pack expressed the need to move up adoption process timeline for math.  
Catherine Fulton spoke regarding Model Policies.  
Carol Nyce spoke regarding Model Policies.  
Merianne Jensen spoke regarding Model Policies.  
Amy Snead spoke regarding Model Policies.  
Susan Hogge spoke regarding Model Policies.  
Carol Nyce spoke regarding Model Policies.  
Amy Snead spoke regarding Model Policies.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### ***A. Final Review to Certify a List of Qualified Persons for the Office of Division Superintendent of Schools***

Mr. Rotherham made a motion to approve items on the Consent Agenda. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

### **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### ***B. First and Final Review of Mathematics Standards of Learning Implementation Timeline and Textbook Approval Process Launch***

Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, presented this item for consideration by the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Rotherham requested clarification about next steps regarding the timeline if it should prove unworkable for any reason. Dr. Coons stated that the VDOE is working with over 24 educators

during this process, and if those educators do not feel that there is a marketplace for appropriate material that it will come back to the Board to revise the timeline.

Mrs. Kilgore made a motion to approve the First and Final Review of Mathematics Standards of Learning Implementation Timeline and Textbook Approval Process Launch. The motion was properly seconded and carried with the following vote:

Mrs. Kilgore – aye  
Ms. Ashton-aye  
Dr. Seibert – aye  
Mr. Hansen – aye  
Mrs. Creasey – aye  
Dr. Northern – aye  
Mr. Rotherham – aye  
Ms. Holton – object

***C. First and Final Review of Nominations to Fill Vacancies on Board of Education Advisory Committees***

Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, presented this item for consideration by the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Rotherham made a motion to approve the First and Final Review of Nominations to Fill Vacancies on Board of Education Advisory Committees. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

***D. First and Final Review of Accountability Achievement Indicator***

Katie Carroll, Deputy Superintendent of Student Performance and Support, presented this item for consideration by the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Hansen made a motion to waive first review and move forward to develop a performance index model as the new achievement indicator in the proposed revised accountability system. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

***E. First and Final Review of Accountability Career Readiness Indicator***

Katie Carroll, Deputy Superintendent of Student Performance and Support, presented this item for consideration by the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Rotherham made a motion to waive first review and adopt chronic absenteeism as part of the readiness indicator per federal guidelines and continue to develop high school and career readiness measures with Ready to Learn, Ready to Graduate college career civic readiness buckets as part of our proposed accountability system. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

***F. First and Final Review of Accountability Rating System***

Katie Carroll, Deputy Superintendent of Student Performance and Support, presented this item for consideration by the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Ms. Holton requested that the VDOE provide information regarding other school systems that are implementing a summative rating system well and tell the Board what additional resources they give to the C, D, and F schools. Ms. Holton also requested that the VDOE provide information on research on the impact of summative ratings on residential segregation.

Mr. Rotherham made a motion to waive first review and move forward with developing a summative measure, based on multiple indicators for the proposed revised accountability system. The motion was properly seconded and carried with the following vote:

Mrs. Kilgore – aye  
Ms. Ashton-aye  
Dr. Seibert – aye  
Mr. Hansen – aye  
Mrs. Creasey – aye  
Dr. Northern – aye  
Mr. Rotherham – aye  
Ms. Holton – object

***G. First Review of the Performance Level Appeals for Jenkins Elementary School, Prince William County Public Schools, and John F. Kennedy Middle School, Suffolk County Public Schools***



Amy Siepka, Director of Accountability, presented this item for consideration by the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

The Board accepted the Performance Level Appeals for Jenkins Elementary School, Prince William County Public Schools, and John F. Kennedy Middle School, Suffolk County Public Schools for first review.

### **PRESENTATIONS/WRITTEN REPORTS**

#### ***H. Report from the College Partnership Laboratory School Standing Committee***

Dr. Andy Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Innovation, presented this item for consideration by the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

#### ***I. State Special Education Advisory Committee (SSEAC) – Annual Report***

Dr. Samantha M. Hollins, Assistant Superintendent, Special Populations and Mr. Mychael Willon, SSEAC Chairperson, presented this item for consideration by the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

### ***DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES***

Dr. Coons extended thanks to the VDOE data team for their coordination with the accountability team, as well Dr. Sorenson and the mathematics team, including over 24 educators, for their dedication to the children in Virginia. Dr. Coons also thanked the licensure team for revisiting the licensure system, making it more efficient, and launching a brand new system in October as well as the finance team, who will be working to allocate the additional 2% raise for educators. Additionally, Dr. Coons thanked the parent engagement office for their work in supporting Virginia families and highlighted the All In website, which gives parents various resources and includes a portal for individuals willing to volunteer and provide tutoring.

Dr. Seibert requested that the VDOE post materials related to the SOQs earlier to help facilitate discussion for the next meeting. The VDOE will include more information and documents in the weekly emails for the Board to review and will also put out a survey through the Superintendent's Newsletter to glean feedback for the Board's October meeting. In addition, Dr. Solari and Dr. Sorenson will bring updates regarding the Literacy Act in October. Ms. Holton requested that in the October report, the VDOE incorporate the JLARC recommendations, as to

the extent they are relevant to the SOQs, so the Board is aware during their deliberations. Ms. Holton also requested a cross-walk of what has not been funded from previous SOQ prescriptions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Creasey adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Mrs. Grace Turner Creasey, M.Ed.  
President, Virginia Board of Education