

College Partnership Laboratory School Standing Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

Monday, January 8, 2024

The College Partnership Laboratory Schools Standing Committee (Standing Committee) met in the conference room on the 22nd Floor of the James Monroe Building, 101 North 14th Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

Committee Members

Ms. Joan Wodiska, Chair – Attended in-person	Dr. Pam Moran, Vice Chair – Attended in-person
Mr. John Bailey – Attended virtually	Mr. Bill Hansen – Attended in-person
Mr. Andy Rotherham – Absent	

The Chair of the Standing Committee, Joan Wodiska, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Wodiska approved the remote participation of Mr. Bailey under the Board Bylaws and § 2.2-3708.3(B)(3) of the Code of Virginia because his principal residence is more than 60 miles from the meeting location identified in the notice.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Ms. Wodiska asked for a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The December meeting minutes were approved by the Committee as distributed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no sign-ups for public comment prior to the meeting.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Recognition of Lab School Planning Grant Review Committee

Item A was removed from the Agenda.

B. First Review of College Partnership Laboratory School Application from James Madison University

Dr. Andy Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Innovation, presented this item to the Standing Committee. Representatives from James Madison University were in attendance to present and respond to questions from the Committee.

The Applicants responded very well to initial feedback and coaching provided by the VDOE SME team, and provided additional information as requested. The Applicants have options for students including dual enrollment options with a sustainable governance structure, including a sustainable financial model for the operation of the lab school program.

After thorough review, the Committee opted to take this item for first and final review. Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve the College Partnership Laboratory School Application from James Madison University, as presented. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously. Ms. Wodiska requested that the VDOE post the application for a ten-day public comment period and forward the application to the Board of Education in accordance with the Standing Committee's procedures.

C. First Review of College Partnership Laboratory School Application from Mountain Gateway Community College

Dr. Andy Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Innovation, presented this item to the Standing Committee. Representatives from Mountain Gateway Community College were in attendance to respond to questions from the Committee. The material for this item can be found on [the College Partnership Laboratory School's page on the VDOE website.](#)

Mountain Gateway Community College presented the concept of a lab school designed collaboratively with multiple local school divisions to provide a comprehensive education toward practical skills required for meaningful IT careers.

Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve the first review of the College Partnership Laboratory School Application from Mountain Gateway Community College. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously. Ms. Wodiska requested that the VDOE post the application for a ten-day public comment period in accordance with the Standing Committee's procedures.

D. First and Final Review of College Partnership Laboratory School Application

Dr. Andy Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Innovation, presented this item to the Standing Committee. The material for this item can be found on [the College Partnership Laboratory School's page on the VDOE website.](#)

On July 7, 2023, the College Partnership Laboratory School Standing Committee approved revisions to the College Partnership Laboratory School Application. At that time, the Standing Committee directed staff at the Virginia Department of Education to remain attentive to discussion of the Standing Committee, the needs of applicants, and to consider additional revisions that would help clarify applications. Since the July 7, 2023, meeting, VDOE staff has reviewed additional applications submitted by institutes of higher education and identified areas for further revision.

Dr. Moran made a motion to approve the revisions and accept the College Partnership Laboratory School application, as presented. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

E. Committee Discussion of Virtual Meetings

Dr. Andy Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Innovation, presented this item to the Standing Committee. The material for this item can be found on [the College Partnership Laboratory School's page on the VDOE website.](#)

After review of the Board of Education's policy on virtual meetings established by law, the Committee will schedule, publicly post, and plan for the February meeting to be virtual.

PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS

F. College Partnership Laboratory School Application Pipeline

Dr. Andy Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Innovation, presented this item to the Standing Committee. The material for this item can be found on [the College Partnership Laboratory School's page on the VDOE website.](#)

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES

Dr. Moran shared that she believes that in the future there may be a need to figure out a way to find out how the lab schools are impacting and influencing their local school divisions as well as secondary education.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no sign ups for public comment prior to the meeting.

The next meeting will be an all-virtual public meeting on February 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.