



# VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

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# AGENDA ITEM

**Agenda Item:** J

**Date:** July 25, 2024

**Title:** First and Final Review of Nominations to Board of Education Advisory Committees

**Presenter:** Em Cooper, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

### **Purpose of Presentation**

Action required by Board of Education bylaws (advisory committee appointments).

### **Executive Summary**

On April 25, 2024, 21 nominees were selected and approved to serve on the Virginia Advisory Committee for Advanced Learning ("VACAL") by the Board of Education ("Board"). Per the Board request, on June 21, 2024, the Board approved an additional position to serve on VACAL as a national expert. This changed the membership on VACAL to 23 representatives, including one ex-officio member. The advisory committees of the Board of Education 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.

VACAL's 23 representatives are as follows:

- Regions 1 through 8: one (1) division employee or administrator affiliated with gifted education or advanced academic programming and one (1) parent for each region, for a total of 16 representatives
- Academic Year Governor's School (AYGS) Director: one (1)
- Higher Education representative: one (1)
- Private school employee affiliated with Gifted Education or advanced academic programming: one (1)
- Division Superintendent: one (1)
- Nationally recognized expert in Gifted Education and/or advanced academic programming: two (2)
- DOE Representative: one (1, ex-officio, non-voting)

The Board currently has one vacancy for the VACAL. VDOE staff solicited nominations for this vacancy on July 11, 2024, through Virginia Education Update #[2024-27](#). After reviewing applications, the following individual is presented to the Board as a nominee for appointment:

Nicholas Colangelo, national expert (term expires June 30, 2027)

**Action Requested**

The Board is requested to waive first review and approve the recommended nominee to fill the vacancy for VACAL.

**Superintendent’s Recommendation**

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board waive first review and approve the recommended nominee to fill the vacancy on the VACAL.

**Rationale for Action**

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

**Previous Review or Action**

**Date:** January 25, 2024

**Action:** Final Review to Establish an Advisory Committee for Advanced Learning

**Date:** April 25, 2024

**Action:** First and Final Review of Nominations to Board of Education Advisory Committees

**Date:** June 21, 2024

**Action:** First and Final Review of Recommendation for Board of Education to Revise Membership Quota for the Virginia Advisory Committee for Advanced Learning (VACAL)

**Background Information and Statutory Authority**

Article Nine, Section 2 of the Board’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's bylaws also specify the membership and term of service in Article Fifteen, Section 3 and 4, as follows:

6 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.

The Board established the VACAL, including its composition requirements, at its meeting on January 25, 2024. The composition requirements were updated by the Board on June 21, 2024.

Those requirements are as follows:

- Regions 1 through 8: one (1) division employee or administrator affiliated with Gifted Education or advanced academic programming and one (1) parent for each Region, for 16 representatives.
- Academic Year Governor's School (AYGS) Director: one (1)
- Higher Education representative: one (1)
- Private school employee affiliated with Gifted Education or advanced academic programming: one (1)
- Division Superintendent: one (1)
- Nationally recognized experts in Gifted Education and/or advanced academic programming: two (2)
- DOE Representative: one (1, ex-officio, non-voting)

### **Stakeholder Engagement**

VDOE staff solicited nominations for this vacancy on July 11, 2024 through the Virginia Education Update #2024-27.

**Implementation and Communication**

Following Board action, VDOE staff will notify the selected applicant of their appointment.

**Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources**

The operating expenses and other costs associated with the meetings and functions of the Board's advisory committees are provided through VDOE's operating funds. Where applicable, federal funds are provided to support the expenses and the work of an advisory committee.