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

MINUTES

Meeting Date and Location: April 21, 2008
Holiday Inn Select - Koger Center
Richmond, Virginia

ABTEL Members Present:

Jeffrey Arco	Dr. Carole C. Grove	Angela S. Turley
Rene Massey Ashjian	Dr. Betty Hobbs	Rena' White
Cynthia D. Baird	Linda Kelly	Ann Y. Williams
Diane Bialkowski	Mary Kolman	Dr. Philip Worrell
Dr. Nancy M. Davenport	Valeria C. Porter	
Tracey Dingus	Dawn Rees-Blakeman	
Dr. William H. Graves, III	Susan K. Shoap	

ABTEL Members Absent: Gloria Talbott

Board of Education Liaison: Dr. Ella P. Ward

Ex-Officio Member: Dr. Gary Krapf
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Bill Hightower for Dr. Susan Wood
Virginia Community College System

Patty S. Pitts
Virginia Department of Education

Department of Education Staff: Dr. Patricia D. Burgess
Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver
Dr. James Lanham

Guests: Carol Jean Atalay, Mary Baldwin College
Dr. Jurgen Combs, Shenandoah University
Karen Dorgan, Stafford County Public Schools
Dr. Raymond F. Holmes, Saint Paul's University
Betty Lambdin, Virginia Education Association
Herb Thompson, Emory and Henry College
Beth Smith, Educational Testing Service

FULL BOARD CONVENES

- **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Linda Kelly, chair of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed members and guests.

- **Introduction of Guests**

Linda Kelly acknowledged guests to the Advisory Board.

- **Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Nancy Davenport made a motion to approve the agenda. Rena' White seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Ann Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2008, Advisory Board meeting. Dr. Carole Grove seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment**

No individuals requested to speak during the public comment period.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE FULL BOARD

American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)

Linda Kelly introduced Mr. David W. Saba, President, American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) and Mr. Albert Chen, Senior Director of Strategic Growth, ABCTE. Mr. Saba and Mr. Chen provided a detailed presentation on.

TEACH Grant Regulations: A New Source of Financial Aid for Future Teachers

Dr. William H. Graves, III, Chair of the ABTEL Teacher Education Committee and Dean, School of Education at Old Dominion University, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the TEACH Grant Regulations as a follow-up to the initial overview he provided during the March 17, 2008, meeting. Regulations to establish (1) teacher education assistance for colleges and higher education (TEACH) grants for undergraduate and graduate students who agree to serve as teachers in high-need schools and fields; and (2) grants to recruit teachers with mathematics, science, or

language majors will become effective July 1, 2008. Dean Graves was appointed to this position because of state and national leadership positions he has held in teacher education and his service on the Advisory Board of the Teacher Education and Licensure of the Virginia Department of Education. When implemented the TEACH Grants program will enable eligible undergraduate teacher education students to receive TEACH grants up to \$16,000 and eligible graduate students to receive TEACH grants up to \$8,000.

Approval of Dates for ABTEL Meetings for the 2008-09 Year

Patty S. Pitts, assistant superintendent for the Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, indicated that the Advisory board is required by Virginia statute to meet five times within a calendar year. The following dates for the 2008-09 meetings were proposed:

Monday, September 15, 2008

Monday, November 17, 2008

Monday, January 26, 2009

Monday, March 16, 2009*

Monday, April 20, 2009

**[A college or university will be invited to present
its programs during the March meeting.]**

Tracey Dingus made a motion to approve the dates for the 2008-09 ABTEL meetings. Dr. Nancy Davenport seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Teacher Education Committee and the Professional Licensure Committee met from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

LUNCH

Members of the Advisory Board convened for a working lunch.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Patty Pitts recognized the following members for their exemplary service on the Advisory Board for Teacher Education and Licensure:

Linda Kelly (chair)
Dr. Nancy Davenport (vice-chair)
Mary Kolman
Rena' White

Linda Kelly, Dr. Nancy Davenport and Rena' White each served two three-year terms. Mary Kolman completed one three-year term and will not seek reappointment as a teacher representative due to her promotion to an administrative position. Mrs. Pitts thanked members for their dedication and commitment to the work of ABTEL. Each outgoing member was presented with a framed certificate from the Department of Education.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Teacher Education Committee

Dr. William Graves presented the report of the Teacher Education Committee.

Agenda Item 1: Review and Approval of a Request for a New Endorsement Program in Special Education General Curriculum K-12 at Emory and Henry College

Agenda Item 2: Review and Approval of a Request for a New Endorsement Program in Music Education-Instrumental preK-12 and Music Education-Vocal/Choral preK-12 at the University of Virginia's College at Wise

Agenda Item 3: Review and Approval of a Request for a New Endorsement Program in Mathematics Specialist for Elementary and Middle Education at Old Dominion University

Agenda Item 4: Review and Approval of a Request for a New Endorsement Program in Special Education General Curriculum K-12 at Sweet Briar College

Agenda Item 5: Review and Approval of a Request for a New Endorsement Program in Special Education General Curriculum K-12 at Shenandoah University

Agenda Item 6: Review and Approval of a Request for a New Endorsement Program in Spanish at Shenandoah University

Agenda Item 7: Review and Approval of a Request for a New Endorsement Program in Early Childhood for Three-and Four-Year-Olds (Add-On Endorsement) at Liberty University

- Dr. William Graves reported that the Teacher Education Committee recommended to ABTEL that each of the seven requests for new endorsement programs be forwarded to the Board of Education for approval. ABTEL supported the recommendations of the Teacher Education Committee unanimously.

Teacher Licensure Committee

Jeffrey Arco presented the report from the Teacher Licensure Committee.

Agenda Item 1: Status Report on New Regenerated Praxis II Assessments

The Teacher Licensure Committee received the Status Report on New Regenerated Praxis II Assessments presented by Dr. James Lanham, director of licensure and school leadership, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure.

Agenda Item 2: Follow-up Discussion on the *American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)*

There were no recommendations from the Teacher Licensure Committee.

LIAISON REPORTS

The Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

Dr. Bill Hightower reported the following information on behalf of the Virginia Community College system:

1. A coordinator has been hired for the VCCS Career Switcher Program.
2. The VCCS Early Childhood Education Common Curriculum has been adopted.
3. An Early Childhood Education Web site has been developed in collaboration with the Department of Education.

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

Dr. Gary Krapf reported the following information regarding the work of SCHEV.

1. The Phoenix Project is underway. *The Phoenix Project is a statewide nonprofit organization that seeks to alleviate poverty by building a sustainable partnership between Virginia higher education and the Commonwealth's most distressed communities that adds civic capacity to communities, strengthens the mission of universities, and provides a powerful context in which to prepare nonprofit and social entrepreneurs for tomorrow's Virginia. With offices in Springfield and Petersburg, Virginia, and programs in Northern Virginia, Tidewater and Southside, we are developing innovative short-term and long-term strategies that benefit the Commonwealth as a whole.* Additional information regarding the Phoenix Project may be accessed at the following Web site: www.PhoenixProject.org.
2. The Harvard Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) is a project described as follows: *Supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation, COACHE is a collaboration of colleges and universities committed to gathering the **peer diagnostic and***

comparative data academic administrators need to recruit, retain, and develop the cohort most critical to the long-term future of their institutions. will focus on faculty recruitment, development, and retention in higher education.

Department of Education

Patty Pitts provided an update on the status of the *Virginia Standards for the Professional Practice of Teachers*. The standards were developed as a result of a recommendation from the Committee to Enhance the K-12 Teaching Profession in Virginia. The development of the teaching standards by a task force of educators, representing all regions within the state, was an initiative supported by the Governor's Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant. In November 2007, the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure endorsed the draft standards as a resource for teachers and school divisions. The *Virginia Standards for the Professional Practice of Teachers* will be submitted to the Board of Education for first review on April 24, 2008, and it is anticipated that final review will be on May 21, 2008.

Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver, director of teacher education, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, reported on the recent accreditation of several Virginia institutions of higher education with approved education programs. The Accreditation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) granted accreditation to the following programs:

- Hollins University – Initial Accreditation
- Mary Baldwin College – Initial Accreditation
- The University of Virginia:
 - A) Administration and Supervision Program – Pre-Accreditation
 - B) Reading Program – Initial Accreditation
 - C) Teacher Education Master of Teaching Program – Continuing Accreditation

ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting adjourned.