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

**MINUTES**

**Meeting Date and Location:** January 26, 2009  
DoubleTree Hotel – Richmond Airport  
Richmond, Virginia

**ABTEL Members Present:**

Jeffrey Arco	Jaim L. Foster	Valeria C. Porter
Rene Massey Ashjian	Dr. William H. Graves, III	Dawn Rees-Blakeman
Cynthia D. Baird	Dr. Carole C. Grove	Angela S. Turley
Susan E. Bridges	Charlotte B. Hayer	Ann Y. Williams
Tracey L. Dingus	Dr. Betty E. Hobbs	Dr. Philip Worrell

**ABTEL Members Absent:** Debra Abadie  
Larry W. Lenz  
Susan K. Shoap

**Board of Education Liaison:** Dr. Ella P. Ward

**Ex-Officio Members:** Dr. Gary Krapf (Absent)  
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Bill Hightower  
Virginia Community College System

Patty S. Pitts  
Virginia Department of Education

**Department of Education Staff:** Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver  
Dr. James W. Lanham (Absent)

**Guests:** Betty Lambdin, Virginia Education Association  
Beth Smith, Education Testing Services

## **FULL BOARD CONVENES**

- **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Tracey Dingus, 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**

Tracey Dingus acknowledged guests to the Advisory Board. ABTEL members were introduced.

- **Approval of Agenda**

**Ann Williams made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. William Graves seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

- **Approval of Minutes**

**Valeria Porter made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2008, Advisory Board meeting. Angela Turley seconded the motion. Bill Hightower requested that the minutes be amended to reflect his name as the Ex-Officio Member representing the Virginia Community College System. The minutes with the correction were approved unanimously.**

- **Public Comment**

No individuals requested to speak during the public comment period.

## **PRESENTATIONS ON TEACHER EDUCATION AND LICENSURE ITEMS TO THE FULL BOARD**

- **Board of Education Items**

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts, assistant superintendent, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, made a presentation on the following items:

ABTEL Recommendations to the Board of Education on November 20, 2008:

- **First Review of Proposed Amendments to the *Regulations Governing the Virginia Teaching Scholarship Loan Program Requirements and Selection Procedures (8 VAC 20-650-30)*** [The Board of Education approved the proposed revisions for first review and authorized Virginia Department of Education staff to proceed under the Administrative Process Act and Executive order provisions governing the Fast-Track procedures.]

- **Final Review of a Recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) to Revise the Definitions of At-Risk of Becoming Low-Performing and Low-Performing Institutions of Higher Education in Virginia as Required by Title II of the Higher Education Act** [The Board of Education approved ABTEL's recommendation to revise the definitions and directed Virginia Department of Education staff to submit the revised definitions to the Title II Office of the United States Department of Education and Virginia institutions of higher education.]
- **Final review of the *Advancing Virginia's Leadership Agenda Guidance Document: Standards and Indicators for School Leaders and Documentation for the Principal of Distinction (Level II) Administration and Supervision Endorsement*** [The Board of Education approved the guidance document and directed Virginia Department of Education staff to disseminate the information to Virginia school divisions, institutions of higher education, and professional organizations.]

ABTEL Recommendations to the Board of Education on January 15, 2009:

- **First Review of a Recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure to Grant Approval to Requests to Add New Endorsement Programs at the University of Mary Washington and the University of Virginia** [The Board of Education waived first review and approved ABTEL's recommendation to grant conditional approval for these new endorsement programs.]
- **First Review of a Recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure to Grant Full Accreditation to the Teacher Education Program at Saint Paul's College** [The Board of Education waived first review and approved ABTEL's recommendation to grant full accreditation to the professional education program at St. Paul's College.]

- **Virginia General Assembly**

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts reported that the Virginia General Assembly convened was in session, and there were numerous education bills that ABTEL members may want to review. She provided the Web site for ABTEL members to review bills and resolutions.

- **Highlights of the Title II Higher Education Opportunity Act**

Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver, director of teacher education, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, and Dr. William H. Graves, III, chair, Teacher Education Committee, presented highlights of the Title II Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA). Title II HEOA became effective August 14, 2008, and replaced the 1998 Title II Higher Education Act (HEA).

Dr. Carver provided an overview of “Language Comparisons of Accountability Provisions of HEA and HEOA,” prepared September 2008, by the American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education, including state reporting requirements. Dr. Graves presented implications of the new Title II HEOA reporting requirements for institutions of higher education in Virginia.

- **Implementation of the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia***

- Partnerships and Collaborations with PreK-12 Schools
- Matrices (Competencies)
- Visitation Cycle
- NCATE
  - Visit Deferrals
  - Middle School

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts reported that information on the Accountability Measurement of Partnerships and Collaborations with PreK-12 Schools has been posted on the Department’s Web site and may be accessed at [www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE.newvdoe/teached.html](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE.newvdoe/teached.html).

Dr. Carver reported the following information:

- 1) Institutions of higher education with approved education programs have submitted program endorsement area matrices to the Department of Education for review.
- 2) A draft *Schedule for Accreditation Visits for Teacher Education Programs* for the period 2008 through 2015 has been developed for institutions to confirm;
- 3) In November 2008, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) offered all NCATE accredited institutions, except those with focused or probation visits or those with documentation due to remove a condition/provision, the opportunity to defer their visits for one year, beginning with visits in January 2009. Eligible institutions that requested the deferral have been notified.

- 4) NCATE has advised that revisions will be made in National Middle School Association (NMSA) Web information regarding preparation of teacher candidates at the middle school level. NMSA expects candidates in middle-level programs to be prepared in two content areas. Virginia requires only one content area of preparation for endorsement at the middle school level. NMSA has agreed that this condition will not preclude a program from receiving full national recognition. Information will be shared with Virginia’s NCATE accredited institutions as soon as it becomes available.

**ACTION ITEM**

- **Continued Discussion and Recommendation on the Assessment of Basic Skills for Entry Into a Virginia Approved Education Preparation Program**

Mrs. Patty Pitts presented a summary of previous ABTEL discussions regarding the assessment of basic skills for entry into a Virginia approved education preparation program. She also led a discussion regarding the following possible future options for consideration. The Advisory Board will continue discussions at its next meeting in March 2009.

**STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Teacher Education Committee and the Licensure Committee met from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**LUNCH**

Members of the Advisory Board convened for a working lunch.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

Teacher Education Committee

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

**Agenda Item 1:** Requests to Add New Endorsement Programs at Norfolk State University and Virginia State University

**Dr. Graves made a motion to the full Advisory Board that the following programs be approved and forwarded to the Board of Education for review and final approval:**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Endorsement Program Requested</b>	<b>Level of Program</b>
Norfolk State University	Mathematics Specialist for Elementary and Middle Education	Graduate
Virginia State University	Mathematics Specialist for Elementary and Middle Education	Graduate

**The motion was approved unanimously.**

**Agenda Item 2:** Continued Discussion of the Title II Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA)

The Teacher Education Committee continued discussion of the Title II Higher Education Opportunity Act regulations and the potential impact on institutions of higher education and state reporting requirements. Department of Education personnel will update the Teacher Education Committee as new information is received.

Licensure Committee

Jeffrey Arco presented the report from the Licensure Committee.

**Agenda Item 1:** Review of the Process for the Standard-Setting Study for the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)

The Licensure Committee received and reviewed the process for the update on the standard-setting study for the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA). The Committee confirmed support for the process, including proposed timelines for conducting the study, composition of the standard-setting committee, and the timeline for implementation and establishment of proposed passing scores. The Standard-Setting Study for the SLLA will be conducted in March 2009.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

The Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

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

1. The VCCS Career Switcher Program currently has 38 Level I program completers.
2. Thirty-nine applications for the English as a Second Language (ESL) program have been received to date. There were 84 ESL program completers.

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

No report was presented.

Department of Education

Patty Pitts reported that personnel from the Virginia Department of Education are working with the Virginia Council on Private Education to receive a nomination for a nonpublic school representative to the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting adjourned.