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

MINUTES

Meeting Date and Location: November 17, 2008
DoubleTree Hotel – Richmond Airport
Richmond, Virginia

ABTEL Members Present:

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

ABTEL Members Absent: Larry W. Lenz
Dawn Rees-Blakeman

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. JoAnne Y. Carver
Dr. James W. Lanham

Guests: A Leon Bynum, Educator
Betty Lambdin, Virginia Education
Association
Dr. Jacqueline Moore, Saint Paul's College
Beth Smith, Educational 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. Carole C. Grove seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Susan Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2008, Advisory Board meeting. Angela Turley seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment**

No individuals requested to speak during the public comment period.

- **Other Comments**

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts, assistant superintendent, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, announced that Diane Bialkowski, nonpublic school representative, resigned as a member of ABTEL.

Mrs. Pitts informed AB TEL that Mr. Thomas R. Smigiel, Jr., 2008 Virginia Teacher of the Year, and Dr. Nancy Davenport, past vice chair of ABTEL, were highlighted in the Old Dominion University, Darden College of Education's fall 2008 publication, *Adding Value: Using collaboration, innovation professionalism to add value to the lives of our students*. Mr. Smigiel and Dr. Davenport are alumni of the university.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE FULL BOARD

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts made a presentation on the following items:

- ABTEL Recommendations to the Board of Education on October 23, 2008

First Review of a Recommendation to the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure to Revise the Definitions of At-Risk of Becoming Low-Performing and Low-Performing Institutions of Higher Education in Virginia Required by Title II of the Higher Education Act (HEA) [This item will be presented for final review at the November 20, 2008, Board of Education meeting.]

First Review of a Recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure to Approve the Accountability Measurement of Partnerships and Collaborations Based on PreK-12 School Needs Required by the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* [The Board of Education waived first review and approved the partnerships and collaborations for all institutions.]

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 George Mason University, James Madison University, Liberty University, Longwood University, Lynchburg College, Norfolk State University, Randolph College, Regent University, Roanoke College, Shenandoah University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Virginia Commonwealth University. [The Board of Education waived first review and approved the requests to add the new endorsement programs.]

- Board of Education Item

Board of Education Review of the *Advancing Virginia's Leadership Agenda Guidance Document: Standards of Indicators for School Leaders and Documentation for the Principal of Distinction (Level II) Administration and Supervision Endorsement* [This item will be presented for final review at the November 20, 2008, Board of Education meeting.]

- Employment of Retirees

Regulatory Supts. Memo No. 9, Dated October 31, 2008, was disseminated statewide regarding the employment of retirees in critical shortage areas.

Recognition of Teacher Excellence

Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver, director of teacher education, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, presented a summary of the 2009 Virginia Teachers of the Year and 2008 Virginia Milken Family Foundation Awards activities.

- Virginia Teachers of the Year

Mrs. Stephanie A. Doyle, sixth-grade United States History I teacher at Breckinridge Middle School, Roanoke County Public Schools and Region 6 Teacher of the Year, was named 2009 Virginia Teacher of the Year at the October 24, 2008, Mary B. Bicouvaris Recognition and Awards Banquet and Ceremony, held at the Sheraton Park South Hotel, Richmond, Virginia.

Mrs. Doyle will be the Commonwealth's nominee in the Council of Chief State School Officers' National Teacher of the Year program, which is sponsored by ING Foundation. Also, she will attend the National Teacher of the Year conference to be held in Dallas, Texas, in January 2009.

In recognition of her selection as 2009 Virginia Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Doyle received a \$5,000 award, an engraved crystal apple and a ring from the Apple Federal Credit Union Education Foundation. She also received \$2,500 from Richmond law firm Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen; a classroom technology package from SMARTerKids Foundation and Street & Company Audio Visual; educational opportunities from several public and private colleges and universities; and flowers from Strange's Florists.

The other seven regional teachers of the year received \$1,000 awards from the Apple Federal Credit Union Education Foundation, offers of educational benefits from several public and private colleges and universities, and lapel pins from National Quality Products. The following Regional Teachers of the Year were announced during surprise notifications at their schools in September: Region 1 - Nicole C. Winter, Chesterfield County Public Schools; Region 2 – Sarah O.V. Lichtel, Williamsburg City Public Schools; Region 3 - Kyle J. Toth, Spotsylvania County Public Schools; Region 4 - Patricia R. Herr, Loudoun County Public Schools; Region 5 -Therese P. Warner, Rockingham County Public Schools; Region 6 - Stephanie A. Doyle, Roanoke County Public Schools; Region 7 - Teresa L. Hash, Smyth County Public Schools; and Region 8 - Joy E. Utzinger, Prince Edward County Public Schools.

- Milken Family Foundation Awards

The following educators received the 2008 Milken Family Foundation Educator Awards during surprise notifications on October 30-31, 2008, at their respective schools: Mrs. Laura H. Marshall, third grade teacher, Grange Hall Elementary

School, Chesterfield County Public Schools; Dr. William L. Sterrett, principal, Woodbrook Elementary School, Albemarle County Public Schools; and Mrs. Recharta C. Walston, third grade teacher, Seatack Elementary School, Virginia Beach City Public Schools. In April, 2009, the three educators will attend the National Milken Educator Conference in Los Angeles, California, where each will receive a check in the amount of \$25,000.

Update on the Accreditation of Colleges and Universities by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC)

Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver announced that the following institutions of higher education obtained accreditation: 1) Norfolk State University – Continuing Accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE); and 2) the University of Richmond – Accreditation (Initial) from the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC).

Presentation on a “Profile of Instructional Personnel in Virginia”

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts presented a brief report on information regarding profiles of teachers and administrators in Virginia.

Presentation and Continued Discussion on American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)

Dr. James W. Lanham, director of licensure, and Mr. Jeffrey Arco, presented an overview of the information provided to ABTEL from the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE). Representatives from ABCTE met with the Advisory Board initially in January 2005. On April 23, 2008, a presentation was made by David W. Saba, president of ABCTE, and Albert Chen, senior director of strategic growth, on ABCTE and the Passport to Teaching Program. The presentation included a video session developed for participants. There was an opportunity for full Advisory Board discussion, including a question and answer session.

Presentation and Discussion of the Assessment of Basic Skills for Entry into a Virginia Approved Education Preparation Program

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts presented a summary of previous ABTEL discussions regarding the assessment of basic skills for entry into a Virginia approved education preparation program. Mrs. Pitts reviewed the current *Code of Virginia* requirements regarding the basic skills assessment for individuals seeking entry into an approved education program assessment. Current assessment options approved by the Board of Education include

Praxis I, SAT, or the ACT. Mrs. Pitts presented the following additional options for consideration and discussion by Advisory Board members.

Additional Options for Consideration			
	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
Option 1	Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA)		Praxis I (Mathematics)
Option 2	Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA)		SAT Taken Prior to April 1, 1995 -- a score of at least 510 on the mathematics tests SAT Taken After April 1, 1995 -- a score of at least 530 on the mathematics tests
Option 3	Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA)		ACT Taken Prior to April 1, 1995 -- a minimum score of 21 on the ACT mathematics test ACT Taken After April 1, 1995 -- a minimum score of 22 on the ACT mathematics test

Possible future assessment options to be considered included:

- A college-ready score on end-of-course Standard of Learning tests in English and Mathematics; or
- Advanced Placement test scores.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Teacher Education Committee and the Professional Licensure Committee met from 11:15 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 H. Graves presented the report of the Teacher Education Committee.

Agenda Item 1: Review of a Recommendation to Grant Board of Education
Accreditation to the Teacher Education Program at Saint Paul's College

On behalf of the Teacher Education Committee, Dr. Graves made a motion that the stipulations previously imposed upon the accreditation status of Saint Paul's College be removed and that a recommendation for the teacher education program at Saint Paul's College be granted full accreditation be forwarded to the Board of Education for approval.

The motion was approved. (14-0 Vote).

Agenda Item 2: Review of Requests to Add New Endorsement Programs at the
University of Mary Washington and the University of Virginia

On behalf of the Teacher Education Committee, Dr. Graves made a motion that the following programs be approved and forwarded to the Board of Education for review and final approval:

University of Mary Washington – Special Education: Adapted Curriculum, Graduate Level; and the University of Virginia – Mathematics Specialist for Elementary and Middle Education, Graduate Level.

The motion was approved. (14-0 Vote).

Licensure Committee

Jeffrey Arco presented the report from the Licensure Committee.

Agenda Item 1: Review of the Request from the American Board of Certification of
Teacher Education (ABCTE)

On behalf of the Licensure Committee, Jeff Arco made a motion that the American Board of Certification of Teacher Education (ABCTE) alternate route proposal not be recommended to the Board of Education.

The motion was approved. (14-0 Vote).

Agenda Item 2: Review of the Process for the Standard-Setting Study for the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)

Jeff Arco reported that the Licensure Committee received and reviewed information on the process for the standard-setting study for the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) and supports the procedures presented (timeline, composition of standard-setting committee, and timeline for implementation and proposing passing scores).

Agenda Item 3: Review of the Status of the Revisions in the Foreign Language Teacher Assessments

Jeff Arco reported that the Licensure Committee received information regarding the status of the revisions in the foreign language teacher assessments.

LIAISON REPORTS

The Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

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

1. The Career Switcher Program at the Community College currently has 52 participants.
2. Articulation Agreements with four-year institutions of higher education are still under development by the Virginia Community College System.

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

Dr. Gary Krapf reported the following information regarding the work of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia:

1. A \$1.1 million federally funded College Access Challenge Grant is currently being administered by SCHEV. The purpose of the grant is to increase access to postsecondary education for students from low-income families.
2. Regarding budget recommendations, SCHEV approved a resolution that focuses on the following three short-term strategies: 1) setting financial aid (including aid for undergraduate and graduate students and Virginia residents attending “our” non-profit institutions—TAG) as the highest priority for any additional funding; 2) using the base adequacy guidelines as a means to smooth out any additional budget reductions that are necessary; and 3) giving the institutions the flexibility needed to increase tuition appropriately to help offset any necessary general fund budget reductions—provided that institutions be required to dedicate 5-30 percent of such tuition increases to need-based financial aid (for in-state students).

3. SCHEV has been directed to “review the programmatic, personnel, financial, oversight, organizational and governance issues of Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS)” and to develop recommendations to insure EVMS’s continued success in addressing the health workforce, patient care and biomedical research needs of the Commonwealth.
4. An ad hoc committee has been formed to address the issue of affordability for students. SCHEV staff expects to complete a report on this initiative by the January 2009 SCHEV meeting.
5. SCHEV staff met with institutional representatives on October 17, 2008, to discuss possible revisions to the Council’s policy on seeking and receiving approval for new academic degree programs. SCHEV’s goal is to develop a revised policy guideline for Council review at either its January or March 2009 meeting.

Department of Education

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts provided information on the October 23, 2008, presentation to the Board of Education on the Lexile Framework for Reading. A press release from Governor Timothy R. Kaine was issued that same day regarding the Lexile initiative and may be accessed at the following Web site:

<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/NewHome/pressreleases/2008/oct23.html>.

ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting adjourned.