

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

MINUTES

Meeting Date and Location: March 15, 2010
DoubleTree Hotel – Richmond Airport
Richmond, Virginia

ABTEL Members Present:

Jeffrey A. Arco	Kathy Heil
Rena Berlin	Dr. Susan Magliaro
Tracey L. Dingus	Valeria Porter
Jaim Foster	Dawn Rees-Blakeman
Dr. Carole C. Grove	Angela S. Turley
Charlotte B. Hayer	Ann Y. Williams

ABTEL Members Absent:

Debra Abadie
Susan Bridges
Dr. Courtney Gaskins
Dr. Betty Hobbs
Lawrence Lenz
Patricia McGloine
Dr. Phillip Worrell

Board of Education Liaison: Dr. Ella P. Ward

Ex-Officio Members: Kimberly Waid for Dr. Gary Krapf
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, III

Guests: Anne Wescott, Virginia Department of Education
Dr. Christopher R. Gareis, The College of William
and Mary
Cathy Owens Oliver, Educational Testing Service

Nathan Estel, Educational Testing Service
Dr. Jan S. Stennette, Lynchburg College
Cathy Webb, Virginia 2010 Teacher of the Year
Bekah Saxon, Virginia Education Association
Dr. Robert A. Strong, Washington and Lee
University
Dr. Lenna Ojure, Washington and Lee University

FULL BOARD CONVENES

- **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Tracey Dingus, chair of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests.

- **Introduction Guests**

Guests introduced themselves to the Advisory Board.

- **Approval of Agenda**

Tracy Dingus offered several amendments to the agenda regarding the order of agenda items.

Dawn Rees-Blakeman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Ann Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Jaim Foster made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2010, Advisory Board meeting. Angela Turley seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATION

- **2010 Virginia General Assembly**

Mrs. Anne Wescott, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Policy and Communication for the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), presented a summary of legislation affecting K-12 public education that was considered in the 2010 session of the Virginia General Assembly.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) Recommendations to the Board of Education (February 25, 2010)**

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts reported on items recommended by the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure to the Board of Education at the February 25, 2010 meeting. The Board of Education:

- accepted ABTEL's recommendation to grant approval of an education program in Administration and Supervision PreK-12 at the University of Richmond.
- accepted for first review ABTEL's recommendation to grant the professional education program at Virginia Wesleyan College "Accreditation With Stipulations" through the Board of Education approval process. The Board requested additional information from Virginia Wesleyan College prior to the final review at the March 18, 2010, meeting.
- accepted for first review ABTEL's recommendation to approve an option to meet the Praxis I Reading and Writing test for entry into an approved preparation program.

- **Assessment Requirement of Braille Instructors in Response to the 2009 Virginia General Assembly House Bill 2224**

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts reported that the next step regarding the Braille bill was to identify a legally defensible assessment that might be used to satisfy this requirement. A committee to study this issue will be convened at the Department of Education on March 29, 2010. A progress report will be presented at the April 19, 2010, ABTEL meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committees met from 10:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Teacher Licensure Committee

Jeff Arco, chair of the Teacher Licensure Committee, requested that Dr. James Lanham present the background information reviewed by the Teacher Licensure Committee to the full Advisory Board.

Agenda Item 1: Review of Standard Setting Studies and Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Praxis Business Assessment

The Teacher Licensure Committee recommended that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education set a cut score (passing score) of 157 for the revised Praxis II assessment in Business and Information Technology.

The Committee’s recommendation was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Review of Standard Setting Studies and Recommendation for Passing Scores for the Praxis World Language Assessments in French, German, and Spanish

The Teacher Licensure Committee recommended that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education set the following cut scores (passing scores) for revised Praxis II World Language assessments:

163 for French

163 for German

168 for Spanish

Further, the Teacher Licensure Committee recommended that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education approve the use of the revised Praxis II assessments in French, German, and Spanish as additional tests that can be utilized by native speakers to meet the endorsement requirements in these languages.

The Committee’s recommendation was approved unanimously.

Teacher Education Committee

Dr. Carole Grove, chair of the Teacher Education Committee, presented the recommendations of the committee.

Agenda Item 1: Review and Approval of a Recommendation to Accredit the Teacher Education Program at Averett University through a Process Approved by the Board of Education

The Teacher Education Committee recommended that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education approve the accreditation of the teacher education program at Averett University through a process approved by the Board of Education.

The Committee’s recommendation was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Review and Approval of a Recommendation to Accredit the Teacher Education Program at Washington and Lee University through a Process Approved by the Board of Education

The Teacher Education Committee recommended that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education grant the teacher education program at Washington and Lee University “accreditation with stipulations” through a process approved by the Board of Education.

The Committee’s recommendation was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Review of Requests to Add New Education (Endorsement) Programs at Bluefield College, Christopher Newport University, The College of William and Mary, Lynchburg College, Randolph-Macon College, and the University of Richmond.

The Teacher Education Committee recommended that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend to the Board of Education the approval of the following requests to add new education (endorsement) programs:

Institution	Endorsement Program Requested	Level of Program
Bluefield College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music PreK-12 – Instrumental 	Undergraduate
Christopher Newport University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry • English as a Second Language PreK-12 	Graduate Graduate
The College of William and Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English as a Second Language PreK-12 • Foreign Language - Chinese • Mathematics Specialist for Elementary and Middle Education • Algebra I - Add-on Endorsement 	Undergraduate/ Graduate Undergraduate/ Graduate Graduate Undergraduate/ Graduate
Lynchburg College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Education: Adapted Curriculum K-12 	Graduate
Randolph-Macon College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music PreK-12 – Choral/Vocal • Music PreK-12 - Instrumental 	Undergraduate Undergraduate

The Committee’s recommendation was approved unanimously.

The Teacher Education Committee recommended that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education approve the request from the University of Richmond to add a graduate program in Gifted Education (add-on) endorsement.

The Committee’s recommendation was approved by a vote of 11 ayes with one abstention (Rena Berlin).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Title II of the Higher Education Opportunity Act Reporting Process and Collection Process**

Dr. Carver discussed the measures of accountability for teacher preparation programs required by the Title II Higher Education Opportunity Act that have undergone significant changes. She reported that Westat, a contractor for the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE), has developed a free, on-line reporting system to assist in the collection of the accountability data. The system is the *Higher Education Act – Title II Institutional and Program Report Card System* (IPRC).

Colleges and universities and Career Switcher Alternative Route to Licensure contacts recently were notified of Virginia Department of Education approval to participate in the program, and have been provided with username, password, and instructions on using the system. This Title II data collected from the colleges and universities and alternative route to licensure programs will be pre-populated in the *Title II State Report Card on the Quality of Teacher Preparation*, significantly streamlining state reporting requirements. The deadline for Title II reporting has been extended by the United States Department of Education from April 7, 2010, to April 30, 2010. WESTAT staff will provide training at the Association of Teacher Education in Virginia and the Virginia Association of Colleges of teacher Education Spring Conference and Meeting on April 18, 2010. Westat also will be available to provide technical assistance during the reporting process.

PRESENTATION

Presentation by the 2010 Virginia Teacher of the Year and Discussion

Ms. Catherine S. Webb, the 2010 Virginia Teacher of the Year, made a presentation to ABTEL members. She is a speech language pathologist and special education teacher at Narrows Elementary School in Giles County.

LIAISON REPORTS

Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

Mr. Bill Hightower provided updated enrollment numbers for the spring cohorts of the VCCS Career Switcher program. There are 95 currently enrolled in the general education portion of the program, and 65 engaged in the English as a Second Language program as compared to 38 last year.

The Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

Ms. Kimberly Waid presented the report for SCHEV. She provided an update on the statewide “I am the One” campaign currently operating in 18 pilot schools with 100 access providers. She also reported that 12 Virginia educators were honored on February 18, 2010, as recipients of the 2010 Outstanding Faculty Award (OFA) for excellence in teaching, research, and public

service. The OFA program is administered by SCHEV and sponsored by Dominion Resources. To date, 280 Virginia faculty members have received this high honor.

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts reported that Virginia's "Race to the Top" grant application was not selected to move to the second round of the first phase in the competitive process. States may reapply during the second phase.

Adjournment

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting adjourned.