

ADVISORY BOARD ON TEACHER EDUCATION AND LICENSURE (ABTEL) MEETING

MINUTES

Meeting Date and Location: October 4, 2010
DoubleTree Hotel – Richmond Airport
Richmond, Virginia

ABTEL Members Present:

Debra Abadie	Dr. Courtney Gaskins	Dr. James T. Roberts
Jeffrey A. Arco	Charlotte B. Hayer	Angela Turley
Rena Berlin	Kathy Heil	Janice Underwood
Susan E. Bridges	Dr. Betty E. Hobbs	
Tracey L. Dingus	Larry W. Lenz	
Dr. Cathy Fisher	Dr. Susan G. Magliaro	
Jaim L. Foster	Patricia McGloine	

ABTEL Members Absent: Dawn Rees-Blakeman
Ruth Wallace

Board of Education Liaison: Dr. Ella P. Ward

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

Julia Tucker-Lloyd
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: Dr. Pat Amann, University of Richmond
Cathy Owens Oliver, Educational Testing
Service
Bekah Saxon, Virginia Education Association

ORIENTATION FOR NEW ABTEL MEMBERS

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts, assistant superintendent, Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver, director of teacher education, and Dr. James W. Lanham, III, director of licensure and school leadership, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, conducted an orientation session for new ABTEL members. The following new members participated in the session: Dr. Cathy Fisher, Dr. James T. Roberts, and Janice Underwood. ABTEL members Tracey Dingus and Julia Tucker-Lloyd also attended the orientation session.

FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES

9:00 a.m.

- **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. ABTEL members observed a moment of silence in memory of five college students, including one student from Rutgers University, who recently lost their lives.

- **Introductions**

New and returning ABTEL members introduced themselves to the Advisory Board. Ex Officio members and Virginia Department of Education personnel introduced themselves to the Advisory Board.

- **Introduction of Guests**

Tracey Dingus acknowledged guests to the Advisory Board.

- **Approval of Agenda**

Patricia McGloine made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Courtney Gaskins seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Angela Turley made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2010, Advisory Board meeting. Jaim Foster seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment**

No individuals requested to speak during the public comment period.

- **Election of Officers: Chair and Vice-Chair**

Dr. Betty E. Hobbs, ABTEL member-at-large, presided over the election of the chair of the Advisory Board.

Angela Turley made a motion to nominate Tracey Dingus as chair of the Advisory Board; Dr. Susan Magliaro seconded the motion. Kathy Heil made a motion to close the nominations; Jaim Foster seconded the motion; and the motion was approved. The original motion was unanimously approved.

Tracey Dingus presided over the remainder of the proceedings for the election of officers.

Debra Abadie made a motion to nominate Jaim Foster as vice chair of the Advisory Board; Kathy Heil seconded the motion. Dr. Cathy Fisher made a motion to close the nominations; Rena Berlin seconded the motion; and the motion was approved. The original motion was unanimously approved.

- **Election of a Member-at-Large to Serve on the Executive Committee**

Kathy Heil made a motion to nominate Dr. Betty Hobbs to serve as member-at-large on the executive committee of the Advisory Board; Rena Berlin seconded the motion. Debra Abadie made a motion to close the nominations; Dr. Susan Magliaro seconded the motion; and the motion was approved. The original motion was unanimously approved.

- **Appointment of Chairs to the Teacher Education Committee and the Professional Licensure Committee**

The chairs of the Teacher Education Committee and the Licensure Committee will be appointed by the chair, Tracey Dingus, later in the meeting.

- **Committee Assignments for 2010-2011**

Committee assignments were made for the year.

- **Review and Approval of 2010-2011 Meeting Dates:**

November 15, 2010
January 24, 2011
March 21, 2011
May 2, 2011

Patricia McGloine made a motion to approve the meeting dates as presented. Angela Turley seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Statutory Requirements of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure and Operational Procedures

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts read from the Code of Virginia the responsibilities of the Advisory Board.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Teacher Education Committee and the Licensure Committee met from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

FULL ADVISORY BOARD RECONVENES

The full Advisory Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Tracey Dingus announced that Dr. Susan Magliaro would chair the Teacher Education Committee, and Jeffrey Arco would chair the Licensure Committee for the 2010-2011 year.

Teacher Education Committee

Dr. Susan G. Magliaro presented the report of the Teacher Education Committee.

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

The Teacher Education Committee made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the on-site accreditation review team that the professional education program at Christopher Newport University be “accredited,” indicating that the program has met the standards as set forth in 8VAC-20-542-60 of the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia*.

The Teacher Education Committee’s recommendation was approved by a vote of 16 yes votes, zero no votes, and one abstention (Janice Underwood).

Agenda Item 2: Review of a Request to Add New Endorsement Programs at James Madison University, Longwood University, Lynchburg College, Radford University, Shenandoah University, the University of Richmond, the University of Virginia’s College at Wise, Virginia Intermont College, and Virginia State University

The Teacher Education Committee made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education grant “Approved” status to the new endorsement programs (including approval of partnerships) at James Madison University, Longwood University, Lynchburg College, Radford University, Shenandoah University, the University of Richmond, the University of Virginia’s College at Wise, Virginia Intermont College, and Virginia State University.

The Teacher Education Committee’s recommendation was approved unanimously for James Madison University, Longwood University, Lynchburg College, Radford University, Shenandoah University, the University of Virginia’s College at Wise, Virginia Intermont College, and Virginia State University.

The Teacher Education Committee’s recommendation for the University of Richmond was approved by a vote of 15 yes votes, zero no votes, and two abstentions (Dr. Cathy Fisher and Dr. Rena Berlin).

Agenda Item 3: Review and Recommendation on 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 Teacher Education Committee made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education 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* for each of the 37 institutions of higher education offering approved programs.

The Teacher Education Committee’s recommendation that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education approve the accountability measurement of partnerships and collaborations for all requests from institutions except George Mason University, Hollins University, Radford University, Roanoke College, University of Mary Washington, University of Richmond, and Virginia Tech was approved unanimously.

The Teacher Education Committee’s recommendations that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education approve the accountability measurement of partnerships and collaborations were approved as follows:

1. George Mason University: 15 Yes; Zero No; Two Abstentions (Jaim Foster and Dr. Courtney Gaskins);
2. Hollins University: 16 Yes; Zero No; One Abstention (Dr. Susan Magliaro);
3. Radford University: 16 Yes; Zero No; One Abstention (Dr. Susan Magliaro);

4. Roanoke College: 16 Yes; Zero No; One Abstention (Dr. Susan Magliaro);
5. University of Mary Washington: 16 Yes; Zero No; One Abstention (Dr. Courtney Gaskins);
6. University of Richmond: 16 Yes; Zero No; Two Abstentions (Dr. Cathy Fisher and Dr. Rena Berlin); and
7. Virginia Tech: 16 Yes; Zero No; One Abstention (Dr. Susan Magliaro).

Agenda Item 4: Proposed Amendment to the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* to Conform to Senate Bill 715 Passed by the 2010 General Assembly

The Teacher Education Committee received this report for information.

Licensure Committee

Jeffrey A. Arco presented the report of the Licensure Committee.

Agenda Item 1: National Board Certification for Teachers in Virginia -- Status Update

The Licensure Committee received this report for information.

Agenda Item 2: Proposed Amendment to the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* to Conform to Senate Bill 715 Passed by the 2010 General Assembly

The Licensure Committee received this report for information.

Agenda Item 3: Standard-Setting Process for Licensure Assessments

The Licensure Committee received this report for information.

LUNCH

Members of the Advisory Board convened for a working lunch.

PRESENTATIONS

ABTEL Recommendations to the Board of Education (April-July2010)

Mrs. Patty Pitts provided an update on ABTEL recommendations to the Board of Education for the period of April through July 2010.

- Mrs. Pitts advised Advisory Board members that officials from Washington and Lee University had rescinded the institution's request for accreditation of its professional education program.

- Mrs. Pitts reported on the following items referred to the Board of Education by ABTEL:
 - accepted ABTEL’s recommendation to grant “Approved” status to the new endorsement programs (including approval of partnerships) at Bluefield College, Christopher Newport University, Lynchburg College, Randolph-Macon College, and the University of Virginia;
 - accepted ABTEL’s recommendation that the professional education program at Averett University be “Accredited” through the Board of Education approval process;
 - accepted ABTEL’s recommendation that the professional education program at Washington and Lee University be “Accredited with Stipulations” and approve the education (endorsement) programs (including partnerships);
 - accepted ABTEL’s recommendation to set a passing score of 157 for the revised Praxis II assessment in Business and Information Technology (0101), and accepted the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to require that pass rates for the assessment be reviewed when sufficient test scores are received for Virginia test takers;
 - accepted ABTEL’s recommendation that the professional education program at Virginia Wesleyan College be “Accredited” through the Board of Education approval process;
 - accepted ABTEL’s recommendation to set passing scores for the revised Praxis II World Language Assessments (German [0183] – 163, French [0174] – 163, and Spanish [0195] – 168, and approve the use of the revised Praxis II assessments in German, French, and Spanish as additional test options that can be utilized by native speakers or candidates who have learned a foreign language without formal academic credit to meet the endorsement requirements in these languages. In addition, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to require that pass rates for the assessments be reviewed when sufficient test scores are received for Virginia test takers; and
 - accepted the Superintendent of Instruction’s recommendation that the Board of Education adopt ABTEL’s recommendation that the Braille Proficiency Test administered by the Educational Testing Service be approved as the required assessment for teachers seeking an initial Virginia license with the endorsement in Special

Education-Visual Impairments and authorized the Department of Education to begin the standard-setting process for the test.

A Study of Model Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Systems

Dr. James Lanham, director of licensure and school leadership, made a presentation to the Advisory Board on “A Study of Model Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Systems.” The study is designed to provide revised guidance documents and new evaluation models that can be used in school divisions to improve student achievement by improving teacher performance, increasing teacher retention, and developing meaningful, targeted professional development.

The initiative will be completed in two phases: Phase I - July 2010 through January 2011, and Phase II - January 2011 through June 12, 2012. Phase I will focus on teacher evaluation; Phase II will focus on field testing of teacher evaluation models, administrator evaluation, and public reporting requirements. Details regarding this initiative may be obtained by contacting Dr. Lanham at (804) 371-2471, or e-mail: James.Lanham@doe.virginia.gov.

Update on Licensure Assessments

Dr. James Lanham provided an update on the status of the following licensure assessment and related topics: Reading for Virginia Educators, Praxis II Braille Assessment, standard-setting for Praxis II Assessments for Technology Education and Art, and migration to computer-based assessments for Praxis II.

LIAISON REPORTS

The Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

Ms. Julia Tucker-Lloyd is the new representative for the Virginia Community College system. She reported the following information on behalf of the VCCS:

- The Educate Virginia program has 54 general education students enrolled for fall 2010.
- VCCS is researching the possibility of making available to public educators an existing course (currently offered to community college educators) that would provide training in developing effective distance learning courses and utilizing effective technology. This training would support current and future development of virtual school applications.

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

Dr. Gary Krapf reported the following on behalf of the SCHEV:

- Dr. Andrew Fogarty was appointed interim director for SCHEV in August 2010.

- The statewide GEAR-UP program is in its fifth year of operation. The program serves approximately 4,000 students in 36 high schools within 25 school divisions.

Department of Education

Patty Pitts reported the following on behalf of the Virginia Department of Education:

- Eight 2011 Virginia Regional Teachers of the Year were announced by their division superintendents during surprise notifications in their schools on September 15. The following individuals will represent their regions:

Region I – LaTonya E. Waller, a sixth- and eighth-grade science teacher at Lucille M. Brown Middle School, Richmond City Public Schools;

Region II – Karen J. Drosinos, a kindergarten teacher at Pembroke Elementary School, Virginia Beach City Public Schools;

Region III – Gregory A. Feducia, an eleventh-grade International Baccalaureate English and gifted resource teacher at Mountain View High School, Stafford County Public Schools;

Region IV – Colette Fraley, an eleventh-grade social studies teacher at Wakefield High School, Arlington County Public Schools;

Region V – Janice C. Wiley, a former speech pathologist, and currently an early childhood special education teacher at Hutcherson Early Learning Center, Lynchburg City Public Schools;

Region VI – Lisa R. Taylor, a second-grade teacher at Belview Elementary School, Montgomery county Public Schools;

Region VII – Diana D. Blanton, a biology teacher at Giles High School, Giles County Public Schools; and

Region VIII – Valarie W. Harris, a seventh-grade pre-algebra teacher at Amelia County Middle School, Amelia County Public Schools.

- The 2011 Mary V. Bicouvaris Teacher of the Year Awards Program and Banquet will be held on Friday, October 15, 2010, at the Wyndham Virginia Crossings Hotel & Conference Center, 1000 Virginia Center Parkway, Glen Allen, Virginia. ABTEL members were invited to attend.

Announcements

- Debra Abadie stated that October is Parent Involvement Month.
- Jaime Foster informed Advisory Board members that the National Education Association has launched a *National Training Program on Safety, Bias and GLBT Issues Prevention and Intervention Program*.

- Charlotte Hayes stated that Safe Schools training for teachers is available through the Virginia Education Association.

ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting adjourned.