

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

MINUTES

Meeting Date and Location: March 19, 2012
DoubleTree by Hilton – Richmond Airport
Richmond, Virginia

ABTEL Members Present:

Debra Abadie	Charlotte B. Hayer	Dawn Rees-Blakeman
Rena Berlin	Kathy Heil	Dr. James T. Roberts
Tracey L. Dingus	Kenneth LaLonde	Dr. Angela Turley
Dr. Cathy Fisher	Dr. Susan G. Magliaro	Janice Underwood
Jaim L. Foster	Patricia McGloine	Ruth Wallace
Dr. Courtney Gaskins	Brian Matney	Vern Williams

ABTEL Member Absent: Nancy Moga

Board of Education Liaison: Betsy Beamer (absent)

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. Mark R. Allan
Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver

Guests: Dr. James Alouf, Sweet Briar College
Dr. Holly Gould, Sweet Briar College
Paul Joseph, Joseph Educational Consulting
Cathy Owens-Oliver, Educational Testing Service
Bekah Saxon, Virginia Education Association
Anne Wescott, Virginia Department of Education

FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES

9:00 a.m.

- **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Mrs. Tracey Dingus, chair of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and welcomed members and guests. Guests were asked to introduce themselves.

- **Approval of Agenda**

Mrs. Tracey Dingus requested that an amendment be made to the agenda to change the order of items to accommodate presenters traveling to the meeting. A motion was made and approved to move the “Action Items” up earlier in the agenda. Dr. Angela Turley made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Jaim Foster seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Ruth Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2012, Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting. Dr. Courtney Gaskins seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment**

Dr. James Batterson, retired NASA engineer, spoke during public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Report on the 2012 Virginia General Assembly**

Ms. Anne Wescott, assistant superintendent of policy and communications, Virginia Department of Education, made a presentation on education bills passed by the 2012 Virginia General Assembly. She provided Advisory Board members with a 2012 Virginia General Assembly Tracking Report and the Web link to the Virginia legislation tracking site, (<http://leg1.state.va.us/>). Ms. Wescott explained that Governor Robert F. McDonnell could still veto or amend bills passed by the Virginia General Assembly.

ACTION ITEM

- **Final Review of the New Praxis II Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) Test Developed by the Educational Testing Service**

Mrs. Patty Pitts, assistant superintendent for teacher education and licensure, Virginia Department of Education, presented this item to the Advisory Board. The Praxis II assessment currently required for individuals seeking an initial license with an endorsement in Early/Primary Education prek-3 or Elementary Education prek-6 is the Elementary Education:

Content Knowledge assessment. The Standard Setting and Validation Study for the assessment was conducted in May 2000, and the test has been required in Virginia since July 1, 2002.

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) that administers the Praxis II assessments has developed a new **Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031)** assessment. The Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) assessment has four separately timed subtests. The format of the test is multiple choice. The subtests will report scores for each of the areas of Reading and Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science.

Ms. Cathy Owens-Oliver, client relations director at the Educational Testing Service, provided a detailed presentation on the new assessment at the November 14, 2011, Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting. Additional information was presented to ABTEL for first review at the January 23, 2012, meeting.

Mr. Brian Matney made a motion to recommend that the Virginia Department of Education conduct a validation and standard-setting study for the New Praxis II Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) Test. Dr. Cathy Fisher seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- **Report on Sweet Briar College's Professional Education Program**

Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver, director of teacher education, Department of Education, introduced Dr. James Alouf, professor of education and director of graduate education programs, and Dr. Holly Gould, associate professor and chair of education, at Sweet Briar College. Dr. Alouf and Dr. Gould presented a report on Sweet Briar College's professional education program.

- **Update on the Board of Education Item: Final Review of Revised *Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Principals***

Dr. Mark Allan, director of licensure and school leadership, Virginia Department of Education, provided an update on the revised *Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Principals* approved by the Virginia Department of Education on February 23, 2012.

- **Report on the Process to Revise the 2000 *Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Superintendents***

Dr. Mark Allan provided a report on the process to revise the *Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Superintendents*.

LIASON REPORTS

The Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

Mrs. Julia Tucker-Lloyd reported that the Virginia Community College System is currently in the process of conducting classroom observations of 139 Career Switcher Teachers (Level II). She shared that some school divisions reported that there continues to be a shortage of individuals in the northern Virginia area licensed and endorsed in English as a Second Language.

The Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

Dr. Gary Krapf provided the following information from the SCHEV business meeting held on March 20, 2012:

- Council members heard research about expanding educational opportunities for working adults with some college credit. SCHEV commissioned Virginia Tech's Office of Economic Development to conduct the study. The report provides recommendations to develop and improve resources for the members of Virginia's adult working population who started college but never finished. The full study is available at the SCHEV Web site at www.schev.edu/reports/reportsindex.asp.
- The Council heard a request from the University of Virginia to initiate a bachelor's degree program in Public Policy and Leadership, effective Fall 2012.
- This year, Danville Community College doubled its scholarship funds from \$300,000 to \$600,000 and added 20 new scholarships.

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)

Mrs. Patty Pitts reported that the 2012 Virginia Teacher of the Year will make a presentation to the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure on April 16, 2012. Also, the Teachers of Promise events will be held on March 23-24, 2012, in Richmond, Virginia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCUSSION

Mrs. Tracey Dingus announced that the following Advisory Board members have served one three-year term and may seek from the Virginia Board of Education to serve a second term: Ms. Rena Berlin, Dr. Courtney Gaskins, Ms. Kathy Heil, Dr. Susan Magliaro, and Ms. Patricia McGloine. Mrs. Dingus also announced that Ms. Dawn Rees-Blakeman will conclude her second term as a member of the Advisory Board after the April meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure was adjourned.