

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

**MINUTES**

**Meeting Date and Location:** September 19, 2011  
DoubleTree Hotel – Richmond Airport  
Richmond, Virginia

**ABTEL Members Present:**

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

**ABTEL Members Absent:** Rena Berlin

**Board of Education Liaison:** Betsy Beamer

**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. Pat Amann, University of Richmond  
Jim Baldwin, Virginia Association of Elementary  
School Principals  
Dr. Silas H. Christian, III, Virginia State University  
Cathy Owens-Oliver, Educational Testing Service  
Tina D. Ryland, King William County Public  
Schools  
Dr. Donna Watson, Bluefield College  
Harriet Wynn, Virginia State University

## **ORIENTATION FOR NEW ABTEL MEMBERS**

### **8: a.m.-8:45 a.m.**

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts, assistant superintendent for teacher education and licensure, Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver, director of teacher education, and Dr. Mark R. Allan, director of licensure and school leadership, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, conducted an orientation session for new ABTEL members. New ABTEL members are Kenneth LaLonde, Brian Matney, Nancy Moga, and Vern Williams.

## **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 and welcomed members and guests.

- **Introductions**

ABTEL members, ex officio members, Department of Education staff, and Board of Education liaison introduced themselves.

- **Introduction of Guests**

Tracey Dingus acknowledged guests who introduced themselves to the Advisory Board.

- **Approval of Agenda**

**Kathy Heil made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Sue Magliaro seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

- **Approval of Minutes**

**Dr. Angela Turley made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2011, Advisory Board meeting. Patricia McGloine 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**

Jaim Foster, ABTEL Vice Chair, presided over the election of the chair of the Advisory Board.

**Dr. Angela Turley made a motion to nominate Tracey Dingus as chair of the Advisory Board; Dr. Courtney Gaskins seconded the motion. Dr. Cathy Fisher made a motion to close nominations; Dr. Sue Magliaro 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; Ruth Wallace seconded the motion. Dr. Angela Turely made a motion to close nominations; Dr. Cathy Fisher seconded the motion; and the motion was approved. The original motion was unanimously approved.**

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

**Jaim Foster made a motion to nominate Charlotte Hayer as member-at-large, Kathy Heil seconded the motion. Patricia McGloine made a motion to close nominations and Debra Abadie seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

- **Appointment of Chairs to the Teacher Education Committee and the 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 2011-2012**

Committee assignments were made for the year.

- **Discussion of Initiatives for the 2011-2012 Year**

Mrs. Patty Pitts reviewed several initiatives to be discussed throughout the year. Future initiatives may include review of certain licensure assessment and qualifying (cut) scores (e.g., SSLA) and approval of new endorsement programs. Mrs. Pitts encouraged ABTEL members to inform staff of any additional topics they would like to discuss at future meetings.

- **Statutory Requirements of the Advisory Board On Teacher Education Licensure and Operational Procedures**

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

- **Profile of Virginia Instructional Personnel**

Mrs. Patty Pitts provided members with an update on Virginia’s instructional personnel including various data points and statistics of interest (e.g., number of instructional personnel employed in Virginia).

- **Review of the Report on the Biennial Approval of Education Programs in Virginia**

Mrs. Patty Pitts reviewed Virginia Board of Education regulations regarding the approval of education (endorsement) programs for the preparation of instructional personnel including the accountability measures (Biennial Report: SY2009-2011 Approved Teacher Education Programs Compliance – Accountability Measurements 1 through 6).

Mrs. Pitts shared with the Advisory Board the biennial reports from all Virginia institutions of higher education. All education programs at Virginia institutions met the 80 percent pass rates for licensure assessments with the exception of the following education programs at Lynchburg College and Old Dominion University that fell below the minimum prescribed candidate passing rate of 80 percent (Accountability Measure 1).

<b>Institution of Higher Education</b>	<b>Education Program</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Pass Rate</b>
Lynchburg College	Music Education – Instrumental PreK-12	VCLA	72.7%
		PRAXIS II	63.6%
Old Dominion University	French PreK-12	VCLA	75.0%
		PRAXIS II	66.7%

**Charlotte Hayer made a motion to recommend that the Board of Education approve education programs at all institutions of higher education submitting a biennial report except the University of Richmond, George Mason University, Virginia Tech, University of Virginia at Wise, and Old Dominion University and recommend that all education programs at Lynchburg College be approved except the Music Education-Instrumental Prek-12 program that is recommended for approval denied. Jaim Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 16-2 vote.**

**Charlotte Hayer made a motion to recommend that the Board of Education approve education programs at the University of Richmond. Patricia McGloine seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 17-0 vote. Dr. Cathy Fisher recused herself from voting.**

**Charlotte Hayer made a motion to recommend that the Board of Education approve education programs at George Mason University. Dr. Sue Magliaro seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 17-0 vote. Courtney Gaskins recused herself from voting.**

**Charlotte Hayer made a motion to recommend that the Board of Education approve education programs at Virginia Tech. Dr. Angela Turley seconded the motion. The**

**motion passed with a 15-0 vote. Dr. Jim Roberts, Dr. Sue Magliaro, and Nancy Moga recused themselves from voting.**

**Charlotte Hayer made a motion to recommend that the Board of Education approve education programs at the University of Virginia at Wise. Janice Underwood seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 17-0 vote. Dr. Angela Turley recused herself from voting.**

**Charlotte Hayer made a motion to recommend that the Board of Education approve education programs at Old Dominion University with the exception of a recommendation of approval denied for the French Prek-12 education (endorsement) program. Patricia McGloin seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 15-2 vote. Brian Matney recused himself from voting.**

### **STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Teacher Education Committee and the Licensure Committee met from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

### **FULL BOARD CONVENES**

The full Advisory Board reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

### **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

Tracey Dingus announced that Dr. Sue Magliaro would chair the Teacher Education Committee and Dr. Angela Turley would chair the Licensure Committee for the 2011-2012 year.

#### **Teacher Education Committee**

Dr. Sue Magliaro presented the report for the Teacher Education Committee.

**Agenda Item:** Review of Requests to Add New Endorsement Programs at Averett University, Bluefield College, George Mason University, Regent University, Shenandoah University, University of Richmond, and Virginia State University.

**Dr. Susan Magliaro, on behalf of the Teacher Education Committee, made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education approve requests to add new endorsement programs at Averett University (Special Education General Curriculum K-12, undergraduate and graduate), Bluefield College (Special Education General Curriculum K-12, undergraduate), Regent University (English, undergraduate and graduate, Gifted Education [Add-on], undergraduate and graduate), Shenandoah University (Gifted Education [Add-on], graduate), and Virginia State University (Elementary Education PreK-6, graduate). The motion passed by 17-0. [Note: Courtney Gaskins was not present at the time the vote was taken.]**

**Dr. Susan Magliaro, on behalf of the Teacher Education Committee, made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education approve a request to add Theatre Arts PreK-12 (undergraduate and graduate) new endorsement programs at George Mason University. The motion passed with a 17-0 vote. [Note: Courtney Gaskins was not present at the time the vote was taken.]**

**Dr. Susan Magliaro, on behalf of the Teacher Education Committee, made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education approve the request to add English as a Second Language PreK-12 (undergraduate and graduate) new endorsement programs at the University of Richmond. The motion passed with a 16-0 vote. Dr. Cathy Fisher recused herself.**

### Licensure Committee

Dr. Angela Turley presented the report of the Licensure Committee.

**Agenda Item:** Review of the Praxis II Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) Test developed by the Education Testing Service.

Dr. Angela Turley provided the Advisory Board with information of the Praxis II Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) Test developed by the Education Testing Service. The purpose of this test is to assess whether the entry-level elementary teacher has the content knowledge that is necessary to teach English, mathematics, social studies, and science at the elementary level. Currently the Praxis II Elementary Content (0014/5014) is Virginia's required test to assess elementary content knowledge. The Praxis II Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5031) may provide another option for Virginia to consider as an assessment to demonstrate knowledge of elementary content.

### **LIASON REPORTS**

#### The Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

Julia Tucker-Lloyd provided an update on the Virginia Community College System Career Switcher Program.

#### The Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

Dr. Gary Krapf provided an overview of the responsibilities of SCHEV. He also provided an overview of agenda items to be discussed at SCHEV's next business meeting. Among the agenda items will be SCHEV's budget recommendations for the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant and the Virtual Library of Virginia for the 2012 biennium.

#### Virginia Department of Education

The Teacher of the Year event will be held on Friday, October 14, 2011. Members of the Advisory Board were invited to attend.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Debra Abadie provided members with a briefing document, *Teaching the Teachers: Preparing Educators to Engage Families for Student Achievement*.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Executive Committee met after the conclusion of the Advisory Board meeting to discuss the November agenda.