

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

MINUTES

Meeting Date and Location: April 22, 2013
DoubleTree Hotel – Richmond Airport
Richmond, Virginia

ABTEL Members Present:

Debra Abadie	Thelma Hampton	Nancy M. Moga
Rena Berlin	Charlotte B. Hayer	Kathleen Sydney
Bonnie W. Bowen	Kathy Heil	Janice B. Underwood
Dr. Catherine Fisher	Dr. Susan G. Magliaro	Ruth Wallace
Dr. Courtney Gaskins	Dr. Brian Matney	Vern Williams

ABTEL Members Absent: Kenneth LaLonde
Patricia McGloine
Dr. James T. Roberts

Board of Education Liaison: Betsy Beamer

Ex-Officio Members: Dr. Monica Osei
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Dr. Chris Pfautz for Dr. Susan Wood
Virginia Community College System

Patty S. Pitts
Virginia Department of Education

Department of Education Staff: Dr. Mark R. Allan
Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver

Guests: Jim Batterson, Engineering Advisor
Annie Harold, Parent, Arlington County Public
Schools
Paul Joseph, Joseph Educational Consulting Services
Monique O’Grady, Vice President, Arlington
Montessori Action Committee (AMAC)
Cathy Owens-Oliver, Educational Testing Service
Tamara Sober, Virginia Education Association

FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES

9:00 a.m.

- **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Charlotte B. Hayer, chair of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and welcomed members and guests.

- **Approval of Agenda**

Bonnie Bowen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Debra Abadie seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Ruth Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2013, Advisory Board meeting. Rena Berlin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment**

The following individuals spoke during public comment:

- Dr. Jim Batterson, engineering advisor
- Monique O'Grady, vice president, Arlington Montessori Action Committee (AMAC)
- Annie Harold, parent, Arlington County Public Schools

PRESENTATIONS

Special ABTEL Recognitions

Charlotte Hayer, chair of ABTEL, and Patty Pitts, assistant superintendent, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, Virginia Department of Education, made a presentation to recognize the distinguished service of Rena Berlin and Dr. James Roberts as ABTEL members. Rena Berlin is retiring from her position at the Virginia Holocaust Museum and is resigning from the Advisory Board. Dr. James Roberts is not seeking a second term.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Review of the Standard-Setting Study and Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Praxis II Middle School English Language Arts Test Developed by the Educational Testing Service (Licensure Assessment)**

Dr. Mark Allan, director of licensure and school leadership, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, Virginia Department of Education, and Cathy Owens-Oliver, client relations director for teacher licensure and certification, Educational Testing Service, made a presentation on the standard-setting study and recommendation for a passing score for the Praxis II Middle School English Language Arts Test (5047) developed by the Educational Testing Service.

Brian Matney made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education accept the following passing score recommended by the multistate standard-setting panel for the Praxis II Middle School English Language Arts Test (5047): 81 out of a possible 120 raw-score points (164 scaled score on a 100 to 200 scaled score). Catherine Fisher seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 13-2 vote.

- **Review and Approval of a Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Praxis II Middle School Mathematics Test (5169) Developed by the Educational Testing Service (Licensure Assessment)**

Dr. Mark Allan and Cathy Owens-Oliver made a presentation on the standard-setting study and the Virginia panel's recommendation for a passing score for the Praxis II Middle School Mathematics Test (5169) developed by the Educational Testing Service.

Ruth Wallace made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education accept the following passing score recommended by the multistate standard-setting panel for the Praxis II Middle Mathematics Test (5169): 31 out of a possible 45 raw-score points (165 scaled score on a 100 to 200 scale). Vern Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 13-2 vote.

- **Review of the Standard-Setting Study and Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Praxis II English Language Arts: Content Knowledge Test (5038) Developed by the Educational Testing Service (Licensure Assessment)**

Dr. Mark Allan and Cathy Owens-Oliver made a presentation on the standard-setting study and the Virginia panel's recommendation for a passing score for the Praxis II English Language Arts: Content Knowledge Test (5038) developed by the Educational Testing Service.

Vern Williams made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education accept the following passing score recommended by the Virginia standard-setting panel for the Praxis II English Language Arts: Content Knowledge Test (5038): 79 out of a possible 110 raw-score points (167 scaled score on a 100 to 200 scale). Bonnie Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with an 11-4 vote.

- **Review of the Standard-Setting Study and Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Praxis II Mathematics: Content Knowledge Test Developed by the Educational Testing Service (Licensure Assessment)**

Dr. Mark Allan and Cathy Owens-Oliver made a presentation on the standard-setting study and the Virginia panel's recommendation for a passing score for the Praxis II Mathematics: Content Knowledge Test (5161) developed by the Educational Testing Service.

Brian Matney made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education accept the following passing score recommended by the multistate standard-setting panel for the Praxis II Mathematics: Content Knowledge Test (5161): 32 out of a possible 50 raw-score points (160 on a 100 to 200 scale). Ruth Wallace seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 13-2 vote.

- **Review of the Standard-Setting Study and Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading (5712), Writing (5722), and Mathematics (5732) Tests Developed by the Educational Testing Service (Admission Assessment for Approved Programs)**

Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver, director of teacher education, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, Virginia Department of Education, and Cathy Owens-Oliver made a presentation on the standard-setting study and the Virginia panel's recommendation for a passing score for the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading (5712), Writing (5722), and Mathematics (5732) tests developed by the Educational Testing Service. The Board of Education must prescribe an assessment of basic skills for individuals seeking entry into an approved program and establish a minimum passing score for such assessment. The Praxis I assessment has been revised, and the new edition of the test is the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test.

Dr. Sue Magliaro made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education accept the following passing score recommended by the multistate standard-setting panel for the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading Test (5712) - 31 out of a possible 50 raw-score points (156 on a 100 to 200 scale). Ruth Wallace seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 14-1 vote.

Dr. Catherine Fisher made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education accept the following passing score recommended by the multistate standard-setting panel for the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing Test (5722) - 44 out of a possible 70 raw-score points (162 on a 100 to 200 scale). Bonnie Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 14-1 vote.

Dr. Sue Magliaro made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education accept the following passing score recommended by the multistate standard-setting panel for the Praxis Core Academic Skills

for Educators: Mathematics Test (5732) - 29 out of a possible 50 raw-score points (150 on a 100 to 200 scale). Rena Berlin seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 14-1 vote.

Dr. Sue Magliaro made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education continue to accept the following:

a) currently approved SAT and ACT substitute tests and passing scores as substitute tests for the basic skills entry assessment until a comparison study using the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading Test (5712), Writing Test (5722), and Mathematics Test (5732) can be completed; and b) currently approved passing scores for the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment until the Board sets new passing scores. Dr. Catherine Fisher seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 15-0 vote.

Rena Berlin made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education not accept a composite score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Reading (5712), Writing (5722), and Mathematics (5732) subtests developed by the Educational Testing Service for a passing score. Brian Matney seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 15-0 vote.

- **Review of Proposed Revisions to the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia***

Mrs. Patty Pitts, assistant superintendent, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, Virginia Department of Education, made a presentation on the proposed revisions to the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia*.

- **Review of Proposed Revisions to the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel***

Mrs. Patty Pitts, assistant superintendent, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, and Dr. Mark Allan, director, licensure and school leadership, Virginia Department of Education, made a presentation on the proposed revisions to the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*.

Kathy Heil made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure recommend that the Board of Education accept the proposed revisions to the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* and the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*. The motion included giving Virginia Department of Education staff permission to make technical edits and revisions, any necessary changes to align both *Regulation* documents and to bring consistency between them (including drafting the requirements for approval of educational programs consistent with the outline presented), and to make edits that will bring additional clarity to the *Regulations*. Bonnie Bowen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 15-0 vote.

- **Approval of the Dates for ABTEL Meetings for the 2013-2014 School Year**

Mrs. Patty Pitts will provide ABTEL members with suggested dates for the 2013-2014 school year.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND DISCUSSION

Patty Pitts provided an update on the following informational item:

- **Report on Board of Education Items on March 29, 2013, Regarding Teacher Education and Licensure.**

- The Virginia Board of Education approved the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) recommendation and accredited the Teacher Education Program at Sweet Briar College through a Process Approved by the Board of Education.

- **Announcements and Discussion by ABTEL Members**

Charlotte Hayer announced that she has recently been elected as the president of the Richmond City Public Schools Teachers Association and will be resigning from her position on the ABTEL.

LIAISON REPORTS

The Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

Chris Pfautz, director of student support technologies, Virginia Community College System, announced that Michelle Gordon will join the Community College Workforce Alliance as the new EducateVA director on May 10, 2013.

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

No report was presented.

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)

No additional report was presented.

ADJOURNMENT

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