

Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item



Agenda Item: M

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Title	First Review of Nominations to Fill Vacancies on the Board of Education's Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure		
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Purpose of Presentation:

Action required by state or federal law or regulation.

Previous Review or Action:

No previous review or action.

Action Requested:

Other. Specify below:

First review to be waived with final review and action taken at this meeting.

Alignment with Board of Education Goals: Please indicate (X) all that apply:

	Goal 1: Accountability for Student Learning
	Goal 2: Rigorous Standards to Promote College and Career Readiness
	Goal 3: Expanded Opportunities to Learn
	Goal 4: Nurturing Young Learners
X	Goal 5: Highly Qualified and Effective Educators
	Goal 6: Sound Policies for Student Success
	Goal 7: Safe and Secure Schools
	Other Priority or Initiative. Specify:

Background Information and Statutory Authority:

Goal 5: The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) advises the Board of Education and submits recommendations on policies applicable to the qualifications, examination, licensure and regulation of school personnel including revocation, suspension, denial, cancellation, reinstatement and renewals of licensure, fees for processing applications, standards for the approval of preparation programs, reciprocal approval of preparation programs and other related matters as the Board of Education may request or the Advisory Board may deem necessary.

§ 22.1-305.2 of the *Code of Virginia* states the following:

There is hereby established the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure which shall consist of nineteen members to be appointed by the Board of Education. Ten members of the Advisory Board shall be classroom teachers, with at least the following representation: three elementary school teachers,

three middle school teachers, and three high school teachers. Three members of the Advisory Board shall be school administrators, one of whom shall be a school principal, one of whom shall be a division superintendent, and one of whom shall be a school personnel administrator. Two members of the Advisory Board shall be faculty members in teacher preparation programs in public or private institutions of higher education, who may represent the arts and sciences. One member of the Advisory Board shall be a member of a school board. One member of the Advisory Board shall be a member of a parent-teacher association. One member of the Advisory Board shall be a representative of the business community and one member shall be a citizen at large. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee and the Director of the State Council of Higher Education or his designee and the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the Advisory Board.

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The members of the Advisory Board shall be appointed for three-year terms. However, the incumbent members of the Teacher Education Advisory Board serving on July 1, 1990, shall be appointed to serve as initial members of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure for the duration of the terms for which they were originally appointed. Upon the expiration of the terms of these incumbent members, the members appointed to replace them shall serve for three-year terms. No person may be appointed to serve for more than two consecutive terms. Those serving as incumbent members on July 1, 1990, shall be eligible to be reappointed to serve for one additional term. Members shall hold office after expiration of their terms until their successors are duly appointed.

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There are two unexpired terms on the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure. The unexpired term for both vacancies is July 2012 to June 2013. The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure requires specific categories of representation. For all advisory committees, the Board of Education seeks to have geographic and racial/ethnic representation among the appointees.

The two current vacancies on the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure are listed below.

1. Classroom Teacher (Elementary) and
2. Classroom Teacher (Middle)

Nominations were requested for teacher nominees from Regions 7 and 8. Priority consideration will be given to representation in these two regions.

Superintendent's Memorandum number 282-12 dated October 12, 2012, announced the call for nominations to fill the current vacancies. The call for nominations was sent to statewide education organizations, advocates, and individuals who expressed interest in the Board's activities. This information was also posted on the Department of Education's Web site. The deadline for submission was November 2, 2012.

Following the close of the nomination period, the nominations were reviewed. Persons recommended for appointment were selected based upon qualifications and on the required categories for membership.

Summary of Important Issues:

The list of nominees recommended for appointment to fill the two unexpired terms on the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (July 2012 to June 2013) are as follows:

Classroom Teacher (Elementary) Representative

Thelma G. Hampton

Second Grade Elementary Teacher
Critzler Elementary School
Pulaski County Public Schools

Ms. Hampton has 36 years of teaching experience. She earned her bachelor's degree from Radford University. She holds a Collegiate Professional License with an endorsement in early education NK-4 (nursery, kindergarten, through grade 4). Among her accomplishments include being named Pulaski County's Teacher of the Year and Who's Who Among American Teachers.

Classroom Teacher (Middle) Representative

Bonnie Whitlow Bowen

Middle School Teacher
Halifax County Middle School
Halifax County Schools

Ms. Bowen has been employed with Halifax County Public Schools for 34 years. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from James Madison University. She holds a Postgraduate Professional License with endorsements in library media PreK-12, middle education 6-8: mathematics, middle education 6-8: English, and elementary grades 1-7. She is very active in community activities and has earned numerous recognitions and honors, such as Ruritan of the Year, Outstanding District Ruritan Governor, and 4-H All Stars.

Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources:

The operating expenses and other costs associated with the meetings and functions of the Board of Education's advisory committees are provided through the Department of Education's operating funds.

Where applicable, federal funds are provided to support the expenses and the work of an advisory committee.

Timetable for Further Review/Action:

Following the Board of Education's action, the Department of Education staff will notify the nominees appointed to the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education waive first review and adopt the list of nominees recommended to fill vacancies on the Board of Education's Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure.