

Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item



Agenda Item: H

Date: March 26, 2015

Title	First Review of Nominations to Fill Vacancies on the 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:

Final review: Action requested 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
	Goal 5: Highly Qualified and Effective Educators
	Goal 6: Sound Policies for Student Success
	Goal 7: Safe and Secure Schools
X	Other Priority or Initiative. Specify: Board of Education Advisory Committees

Background Information and Statutory Authority:

Article Nine, Section 2 of the Board of Education’s bylaws states the following:

Section 2. Advisory Committees. Advisory committees may be created by the Board for special purposes to include, but not be limited to, federal and state-mandated committees. An advisory committee shall be composed of persons who represent the views and interests of the general public and who are known to be qualified to perform their duties. Personnel of the Department of Education may be appointed to the committee, as members or as consultants. Unless otherwise prescribed by state or federal law or regulations, all appointments to an advisory committee shall be made by the Board upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. . . .

The Board of Education's bylaws also specify the membership and term of service in Article Sixteen, Section 3 and 4, as follows:

Section 3. Membership. The Board shall determine the number of members to serve on an advisory committee, and shall appoint the members of the committee, as specified in Board bylaws under Article Nine, Section 2, except as provided by state or federal law or regulation. Nominations for all vacant positions will be solicited as widely as practicable and on forms provided by the Department of Education. . . .

Section 4. Term of Service. Appointments to an advisory committee shall be for a term of three years. Members of an advisory committee may be appointed to a second consecutive three-year term, but shall not be eligible to serve for more than six consecutive years. . . . A member filling the unexpired term of a member who resigned from the committee may be appointed to another consecutive three-year term. . . .

Section 22.1-305.2 of the *Code of Virginia* states, in part, the following:

There is hereby established the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure which shall consist of 21 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. Four 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.

[Superintendent's Memorandum #015-15](#) dated January 23, 2015, announced the call for nominations to fill the following two Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) vacancies:

Elementary Classroom Teacher (to fill an unexpired term until June 30, 2016)

Middle Education Classroom Teacher (to fill an unexpired term until June 30, 2015)

Six nominations were received. Following the close of the nomination period, the nominations were reviewed. Persons recommended for appointment were based upon qualifications and on the required membership. The Board of Education seeks to have geographic representation among the appointees for committees. For these ABTEL nominations, priority consideration was to be given to representation in the Department of Education Superintendents' Regions 3 and 5.

Summary of Important Issues:

The following nominees are recommended for appointment to fill the unexpired terms:

Elementary Classroom Teacher (to fill an unexpired term until June 30, 2016)

Katherine Michelle Hipsman

Fourth-Grade Elementary Classroom Teacher

Richmond County Public Schools (Region 3)

Middle Education Classroom Teacher (to fill an unexpired term until June 30, 2015)
Cheryl Lynne Sprouse
Grades 7 and 8 Middle Education Mathematics Teacher
Bedford County Public Schools (Region 5)

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 Department of Education funds.

Timetable for Further Review/Action:

Following the Board of Education's action, the Department of Education staff will notify all applicants of the status of their nominations.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education waive first review and approve the two nominees recommended for appointment to the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure to fill the unexpired terms.

Rationale for Action:

The Board of Education is required by statute to appoint members of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure.