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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date and Location:** March 21, 2022

Embassy Suites by Hilton Richmond Hotel

2925 Emerywood Parkway

Richmond, Virginia 23294-3707

**ABTEL Members Present:** Mrs. Jennifer P. Andrews

Dr. Nancy A. Bradley

Dr. Travis Burns

Dr. Gary Wayne Carter, Jr.

Ms. Jeneane Connolly

Dr. Andy Cox

Dr. Andrew Daire

Ms. Selena P. Dickey

Ms. Shelby Elliott

Mrs. Sarah Radcliffe Gross

Dr. Jessica M. Jones

Ms. Mary G. McIntyre

Mrs. Tracey Dalton Mercier

Dr. Margaret “Peggy” Schimmoeller

Mrs. Nancy B. Welch

Mr. Stephen G. Whitten

Ms. Charletta M. Williams

Mrs. Sherry Hatton Wozniak

**ABTEL Members Absent:** Dr. Eric D. Moffa

Mr. Cardell Patilio, Jr.

Ms. Diane Carol Stubbins

Senator Jennifer L. McClellan

Delegate Schuyler T. VanValkenburg

**Ex-Officio Members:**  Dr. Monica Osei [Absent]

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Dr. Daniel C. Lewis [Absent]

Virginia Community College System

Dr. Joan B. Johnson

Virginia Department of Education

**Board of Education Liaison:** Ms. Anne B. Holton

**Department of Education Staff:** Ms. Johnelle M. Torbert, Director of Teacher Education

Ms. Maggie M. Clemmons, Director of Licensure and

School Leadership

Dr. Leslie M. Sale, Director of Policy, Office of Policy

Mr. Jim Chapman, Regulatory and Legal Coordinator,

Office of Board Relations

**Guests:** Ms. Ida Ostrowski, Lighthouse Educational Solutions

Ms.Daphne Fulson, 2022 Virginia Teacher of the Year

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) convened at 9:00 a.m.

### Opening Remarks and Welcome

Dr. Nancy Bradley, Presiding, Chair of ABTEL, called the meeting to order and welcomed members.

### Introductions

ABTEL members, the Board of Education (BOE) liaison, and ex-officio members introduced themselves.

### Approval of Agenda

Dr. Jessica Jones made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Nancy Welch made a motion to approve the January 31, 2022 ABTEL meeting minutes as corrected. Ms. Charletta Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### An email comment was received from Monique Brady of Arlington, Virginia, requesting an alternate licensure pathway for Montessori public school teachers.

1. **UPDATES**

### ABTEL Meeting Dates for the 2022-2023 Calendar Year

### The following 2022-2023 meeting dates were approved during the March 15, 2022, ABTEL meeting:

* Monday, September 19, 2022
* Monday, November 14, 2022\*
* Monday, February 6, 2023
* Monday, March 6, 2023
* Monday, April 3, 2023

\**The November meeting date was updated via email given the conflict with Election Day, which is a state holiday in Virginia.*

### Membership policies related to ABTEL terms were reviewed by Dr. Johnson

* The board consists of 21 members appointed by the Board of Education.
* Board members are appointed to serve for a term of three years.
* No member may be appointed to serve for more than two consecutive terms.
* Appointments are needed for a member-at-large, division superintendent, business community representative, and two elementary classroom teachers.

On Friday March 18, [the Superintendent's Memo announcing the vacancies](https://doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2022/063-22.pdf) on the Board's advisory committees was released along with the nomination form. The Board of Education will review the nominations and approve them at their June 16, 2022 meeting.

### BOE Actions and Reports

### Dr. Johnson reported on the BOE actions and reports related to teacher education and licensure from the March 17, 2022 meeting. Board of Education actions regarding ABTEL recommendations:

* The BOE did not accept ABTEL’s recommendation of cut scores for [Praxis Middle School Math Test (5164) and Mathematics Test (5165)](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/meetings/2022/03-mar/item-h.pdf). The BOE accepted for final review the recommendations of the superintendent of public instruction.
* The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommended that the Board of Education establish a cut score of 157 for the Praxis® Middle School Mathematics (5164) Test.
* The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommended that the Board of Education establish a cut score of 159 for the Praxis® Mathematics (5165) Test.
* Find the specific discussion and comments from Jillian Balow, superintendent of public instruction, and Tammy L. Mann, vice president of the BOE: <https://youtu.be/AjMpvdV7w3o>.
* Accepted for final review the new [Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Principals and Superintendents](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/meetings/2022/03-mar/item-f.pdf).
* Accepted for first review the recommendation for Praxis cut scores for the new Reading Assessments: [Elementary & Special Education](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/meetings/2022/03-mar/item-k.pdf) and [Reading Specialist](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/meetings/2022/03-mar/item-j.pdf) to replace the Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE) Test. As a reminder, the new test has been updated to reflect current research and terminology related to the science of reading and will support the new Virginia Literacy Act. The BOE will receive this recommendation from ABTEL for final review on April 21, 2022. Additional information regarding implementation dates will be shared via Superintendent’s Memo and educator preparation program verification in the coming months.
* Accepted for first review amendments to the [*Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* to Comport with American Sign Language National Certifications](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/meetings/2022/03-mar/item-m.pdf).

### The Department of Teacher Education is using a new online system for colleges and universities to submit new endorsement programs.

1. **AGENDA ITEMS**

**Item 1**: **Presentation by the 2022 Virginia Teacher of the Year, Daphne Fulson**

Ms. Johnelle Torbert introduced the 2022 Teacher of the Year, Daphne Tamara Fulson, a second-grade teacher at Portlock Primary School, Chesapeake Cty Public Schools.

**The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure received the presentation by Ms. Fulson, the 2022 Virginia Teacher of the Year and recognized her for her outstanding contributions to students and the teaching profession**.

**Item 2**: **Presentation and Discussion on 2022 Virginia General Assembly**

**Legislation Impact on Education**

Dr. Leslie Sale, Director of Policy, Department of Education presented a legislative update and summary of legislation passed during the 2022 session of the Virginia General Assembly, specifically those measures focused on education. Session statistics and themes highlight the high number of bills relevant to education reviewed this session, as well as those that will be continued until 2023.

HB29 (the Caboose budget) and HB30 (the 22-24FY budget) are still pending and are carried over to special session. Pending budget discussions include compensation supplements and one-time bonus payments to Standards of Quality instructional and support positions, funding for college laboratory schools, expansion of teacher residency programs and the Virginia Teaching Scholarship Loan program, staffing requirements for principals, assistant principals, and English language teachers, among others.

**ABTEL received the presentation by Dr. Sale. A lengthy discussion ensued covering topics related to the new literacy bill and budgets proposed by the House and Senate.** Future ABTEL agenda items will explore the impact of the literatcy bill on licensure and our pubic schools. A PowerPoint presentation and handout of all legislative actions were distributed to the board.

**Item 3**: **Review of Recommendations to Approve New Education (Endorsement)**

**Programs at Institutions of Higher Education**

Ms. Johnelle Torbert, Director of Teacher Education, presented requests from Virginia institutions of higher education to add new education endorsement programs. All new programs must be recommended for approval by ABTEL and approved by the Board of Education. The following is a list of the institutions of higher education and the new endorsements requested.

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| **College/University** | **Education Endorsement Program** | **Program Level** |
| **Averett University** | English as a Second Language  Math Specialist in Elementary and  Middle School | Undergraduate |
| **Liberty University** | Earth Science  Physics | Undergraduate |
| **Randolph College** | Theater Arts | Undergraduate |
| **University of Richmond** | Elementary Education  English  History and Social Science  Mathematics | Graduate |
| **Virginia Tech** | Elementary Education | Undergraduate |

A motion was made by Andrew Dare and seconded by Jessica Jones to approve programs at Averett University, Liberty University, and the University of Richmond. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Charletta Williams and seconded by Jennifer Andrews to approve program at Randolph College. Motion passed with one abstention.

A motion was made by Tracey Mercier, and seconded by Peggy Schimmoeller to approve the program at Virginia Tech. Motion passed with one abstention.

**Item 4**: **Written Report Regarding Upcoming Statutory Requirements**

**Effective July 1, 2022**

A written report was submit to the ABTEL Board and changes were highlighted by Dr. Joan Johnson.

1. **LIAISON REPORTS**

### Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

No representative was present from the Virginia Community College System.

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

No representative was present from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia*.*

### Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)

* Dr. Johnson provided a demonstration of the new Build-A-Table Staffing and Vacancy Report found on the [VDOE Education Workforce Data and Reports page](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/workforce_data/index.shtml) ([www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/workforce\_data/index.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/workforce_data/index.shtml)). Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, the Positions and Exits Collection (PEC) was created to replace the Supply and Demand Report. With the PEC, data collected on critical shortage areas were expanded to include all licensed and unlicensed division personnel in more than 140 different positions. The school, division, and state-level data are available by position and by school year.
* The Department of Teacher Education and Licensure has invited several educational leaders including representatives from state teacher preparation organizations, state deans, and VDOE staff to serve on a Teacher Licensure Collaborative (TLC) on behalf of Virginia. The team will have the opportunity to connect across 14 state teams on topics such as science of learning and navigating teacher shortages. Additional information will be presented to the Advisory Board in the fall highlighting the results of a landscape analysis related to licensure and teacher education including recommendations for areas of improvement.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The ABTEL meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

**11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Standing Committee: The Teacher Education Committee met from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a working lunch. Dr. Sale joined the committee for a more indepth discussion regarding the legislative session’s impact on teacher preparation.