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

## MINUTES

**Meeting Date and Location:** January 31, 2022

Embassy Suites By Hilton Richmond Hotel

2925 Emerywood Parkway

Richmond, Virginia 23294

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

Dr. Nancy A. Bradley

Ms. Selena P. Dickey

Ms. Mary McIntyre

Ms. Diane Carol Stubbins

Mr. Stephen Whitten

Dr. Eric D. Moffa

Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller

Ms. Jeneane Connolly

Ms. Mary McIntyre

Dr. Andy Cox

Ms. Shelby Elliott

Ms. Sherry Hatton

**ABTEL Members Absent:** Dr. Andrew Daire

Mrs. Nancy B. Welch

Dr. Gary Wayne Carter, Jr.

Mrs. Sarah Gross

Mrs. Tracey Mercier

Ms. Charletta M. Williams

Ms. Sherry Hatton

Dr. Jessica M. Jones

Mr. Travis Burns

Mr. Cardell Patilio

Senator Jennifer McClellan

Delegate Schuyler VanValkenburg

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

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Dr. Daniel C. Lewis [Absent]

Virginia Community College System

**Department of Education Staff:** Dr. Joan B. Johnson, Assistant Superintendent

Ms. Johnelle M.Torbert, Director of Teacher Education

Ms. Maggie M. Clemmons, Director of Licensure and School Leadership

Ms. Amanda E. M. Blount, Director of Professional Practices

Dr. Meg Homer, Educator Engagement Specialist

**Guests:** Phil Gullion, Vice President

Educator Solutions for Licensing and Learning at Pearson

# FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES

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

### Opening Remarks and Welcome

Dr. Nancy Bradley, Presiding, Chair of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, called the meeting to order and welcomed members.

### Introductions

Advisory Board members and ex-officio members introduced themselves.

### Approval of Agenda

Dr. Eric Moffa made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Mr. Stephen Whitten seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### Approval of Minutes

Ms. Diane Carol Stubbins made a motion to approve the January 31, 2022,

Advisory Board minutes as corrected. Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller seconded the

motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

* An Email Comment from the Executive Board of the Virginia Association of Teachers of English (VATE) concerning the VCLA and its impediment to hiring teachers of color.

**PRESENTATION**

Phil Gullion, Vice President, Educator Solutions for Licensing and Learning, Evaluation Systems at Pearson provided an overview of Educator Solution’s offering of licensure and performance assessments across the nation. Mr. Gullion reviewed that the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) has been required for initial licensure in Virginia since 2006. He recommended that the board consider the redevelopment of any test that has not been updated for over five years. Specifically, he reviewed Pearson’s role in supporting state educator licensure assessments and the customized test development process and timeline. The redevelopment process and potential next steps will be discussed in future board meetings.

**DISCUSSION**

**Licensure Committee Report on Assessments: Praxis Reading and Elementary Praxis II Comparison Analysis**

Dr. Eric Moffa, Chair of Licensure Committee provided a summary of committee meetings since the last ABTEL meeting. The Licensure Committee met twice (Dec 6th and Jan 6th) to review research on licensure assessments and complete a comparison analysis of the licensure assessments related to reading/literacy for the state. Given ABTEL’s discussions regarding the new Praxis readings assessments as well as potential legislation surrounding literacy in the state, the Committee examined potential redundancy between the Praxis test (#5002 Elementary Reading and Language Arts subtest) and Praxis #5306 (RVE: Reading for Virginia Educators). While some redundancy of content was identified, the new Praxis Reading test focuses on more advanced teaching skills of reading than the Elementary Praxis II Language Arts subtest. Overall, consensus of the committee was not to alter testing requirements for these tests at this time and in favor of exploring the option of the new Praxis (5205) Reading test to replace current tests (Elementary Reading subtest (5002) and use of the VCLA in the future. Furthermore, the recommended passing scores from the ETS Multistate Standard Setting Studies were accepted.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Item 1: 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** |
| **Bridgewater College** | Journalism (add-on endorsement) | Undergraduate, |
| **Liberty University** | Engineering | Graduate |
| **Randolph College** | Computer Science | Graduate |
| Visual arts preK-12 | Graduate |
| History and social sciences | Graduate |
| **University of Richmond** | Foreign language preK-12, French | Graduate |
| Foreign language preK-12, German | Graduate |
|  | Foreign language preK-12, Latin | Graduate |
| Foreign language preK-12, Spanish | Graduate |
| **Virginia State University** | Visual arts preK-12 | Undergraduate |
| **Virginia Tech** | Career and technical education – agricultural education | Undergraduate |
| English | Undergraduate |
| Mathematics | Undergraduate |
| History and social sciences | Undergraduate |

Dr. Andy Cox moved and Mrs. Jennifer Andrews seconded a motion to pass the approval of

all considered endorsement programs except Virginia Tech and Randolph College. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Eric Moffa moved and Mrs. Jennifer Andrews seconded a motion to pass the approval of the endorsement programs at Randolph College. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Selena Dickey moved and Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller seconded the approval of the endorsements at Virginia Tech. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 2: Review of Proposed Revisions to the Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Principals and Superintendents**

Dr. Joan Johnson reviewed the proposed revisions highlighting modifications and strikethroughs for deleted content and there were no questions.

Dr. Andy Cox moved and Mrs. Jennifer Andrews seconded a motion to approve the

proposed revisions to the Guidelines for Uniform Performances and Evaluation Criteria

for Principals and Superintendents. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 3**: **Review of Amendments to the Licensure Regulations for School Personnel to Comport with American Sign Language National Certifications**

Mrs. Maggie Clemmons, Director of Licensure and School Leadership provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the Licensure Regulations for School Personnel, which recognize the changes that have been made by the national organizations and incorporates language to allow for, changes in the future without compromising high standards. These amendments will follow the fast-track rulemaking requirements of the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA).

Ms. Shelby Elliott moved and Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller seconded a motion to accept the

proposed revisions to the Guidelines for Uniform Performances and Evaluation Criteria

for Principals and Superintendents. The motion passed unanimously.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Virginia Community College System (VCCS)**

Dr. Dan Lewis

Director of Academic Programs and Policy

EducateVA has begun its spring semester with 54 participants from across the Commonwealth. Those students will work through the Level 1 semester and be eligible for licensure after May 14. Additionally, the program administration is currently conducting on-site classroom visits to the current group of 94 first-year teachers in 34 school divisions and six private schools. January 29 will kick off the second ESOL New Teacher Academy being delivered by EducateVA with grant funding from the VDOE. The first academy took place in the fall and provided new teachers of English Language Learners instruction on how to use specific instructional strategies with their students. There were 25 teachers from the consortium divisions who participated. In addition, the second ESOL PRAXIS Prep Workshop of the 2021- 2022 year will be held in Harrisonburg in March. The information about the workshop will be released by the VDOE Title III office this month.

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

No report was presented by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia*.*

**Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)**

Dr. Joan Johnson presented updates with discussion on the following:

1. BOE Priorities: Development of Work Plan for Year—include components; Educator evaluation, professional development, and literacy

2. Written Report Highlights:

Virginia Teacher Licensure Policy: Biases and Barriers to Diversifying the Workforce

(SJR 15)

3. Alternate Route Pathways to Licensure and Review Committee Update

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCUSSION**

The Chair opened the floor for ABTEL members to bring forward any items for future ABTEL agenda items. Recommendations included Guest State Superintendent of Instruction and Virginia Teacher of the Year.

Next ABTEL March 21, 2022

Next Virginia Board of Education March 16-17, 2022

**ADJOURNMENT**