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

## *MINUTES*

**Meeting Date and Location:** November 15, 2021

James Monroe Building

Floor 22 Conference Room

101 N 14 Street

Richmond, VA 23219

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

Dr. Nancy A. Bradley

Dr. Travis Burns

Dr. Andrew Daire

Ms. Selena Paige Dickey

Dr. Jessica Jones

Senator Jennifer L. McClellan

Ms. Mary G. McIntyre

Mr. Eric Moffa

Mr. Cardell C. Patillo, Jr.

Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller

Ms. Diane Carol Stubbins

Mr. Stephen G. Whitten

**ABTEL Members Absent:** Dr. Garry Wayne Carter, Jr.

Dr. Andrew (Andy) Cox

Ms. Tracey D. Mercier

Ms. Sarah Gross

Delegate Schuyler T. VanValkenburg

Ms. Charletta M. Williams

Ms. Nancy B. Welch

**Ex Officio Members Present:** Dr. Joan Johnson

Virginia Department of Education

**Department of Education Staff:** Mrs. Maggie Clemmons

Ms. Johnelle Torbert

**Guests:** Mr. Malik McKinley, Educational Testing Service

David Dickerman, Educational Testing Service

# 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, Chair of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests.

### Introductions Advisory Board members and ex officio members introduced themselves.

### Introduction of Guests Guest attending the meeting introduced themselves to the Advisory Board members.

### Approval of Agenda

Mr. Steve Whitten made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Dr. Jessica Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of Minutes (Oct 27, 2021)

Mr. Eric Moffa made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Selena Dickey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

* No public comment was submitted to the Advisory Board.

## APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS

* **Chair of Teacher Education Committee: Nancy Bradley nominated Peggy Schimmoeller. Jessica Jones moved to closed nominations and approve by acclamation, seconded by Eric Moffa. Motion passed unanimously.**
* **Chair of the Licensure Committee: Dr. Nancy A. Bradley nominated Eric Moffa. Jessica Jones moved to closed nominations and approve by acclamation, seconded by Andrew Daire. Motion passed unanimously.**

**UPDATE**

* Nominations have been requested for three openings on the ABTEL Board for classroom teacher elementary, classroom teacher secondary, and personnel administration.
* The Board of Education will review ABTEL’s recommendations on pass scores for Praxis Middle School Math, Mathematics, and Chemistry. The Board will also review the revision of the “Guidelines for Mentor Teacher Programs for Beginning and Experienced Teachers”.
  + Biennial Summary Report - on hold due to staffing losses and new hires
  + Annual EPP Profile Report - on hold due to staffing losses and new hires
  + New Endorsement Requests (Parts I and II) – will have some recommendations today and at the January meeting
  + Critical Shortage – data has been collected from the IPAl report and are now implementing a new data collection, The Position and Exit Survey.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Agenda Item 1: Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Praxis Teaching Reading: Elementary (5205) Test** *Ms. Maggie Clemmons, Director, Licensure and School Leadership*

Discussion was held concerning the RVE (Reading for Virginia Educators) passing scores for Elementary and Special Education. Malik McKinley, Director of Client Relations in the Office of Teacher Licensure and Certification from Educational Testing Services (ETS) presented an overview of the standard setting procedures and recommendations for cut scores. This regenerated test, which is now written to assess the science of reading, once approved by the Board, will replace the existing state RVE for those seeking Elementary and Special Education endorsements. **Motion made by Mary McIntyre and seconded by Eric Moffa to recommend a passing score of 159 (5205 test). The motion passed.**

**Agenda Item 2: Recommendation for a Passing Score for the Praxis Reading Specialist (5302) Test** *Ms. Maggie Clemmons, Director, Licensure and School Leadership*

Discussion was held concerning passing scores for Reading Specialist endorsement. Malik McKinley, Director of Client Relations in the Office of Teacher Licensure and Certification from Educational Testing Services (ETS) presented an overview of the new research based regeneration and standard setting procedures. This regenerated test, which is now written to assess the science of reading, once approved by the Board, will replace the RVE (specialist) assessment for those seeking the Reading Specialist endorsement. **Motion made by Selena Dickey and seconded by Peggy Schimmoeller to recommend a passing score of 165 (5302 test). The motion passed**.

**Agenda Item 3: Recommendations to Approve New Education (Endorsement) Programs at Institutions of Higher Education** *Ms. Jonelle Torbert, Director of Teacher Education*

Jonelle Torbert led a discussion on 20 Educator Preparation Programs (EPP) who requested approval for new education endorsement programs. Motion made by Peggy Schimmoeller, seconded by Jessica Jones to approve all programs with the exception of those programs at Virginia Tech and VCU. Motion passed.

**Eric Moffa moved, and Jennifer Andrews seconded a motion to approve the add-on endorsement programs at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). Motion passed.**

**Andrew Daire moved, and Steve Whitten seconded a motion to approve the add-on endorsement programs at Virginia Tech. Motion passed.**

**LIASION REPORTS –** No reports

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCUSSION**

Announcements and Discussion by ABTEL Members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Diane Stubbins made a motion to adjourn the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting. Peggy Schimmoeller seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**