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

Meeting Date and Location: February 6, 2023

The Embassy Suites By Hilton Richmond Hotel
2925 Emerywood Parkway
Richmond, Virginia 23294

The meeting was livestreamed on the [VDOE YouTube Channel](#), and is available [here](#).

ABTEL Members Present: Dr. Nancy A. Bradley
Dr. Adriane V. Bradley-Gray
Ms. Jeneane Connolly
Dr. Andy Cox
Ms. Shelby Elliott
Ms. Sarah Gross
Dr. Jessica Jones
Ms. Mary McIntyre
Dr. Eric D. Moffa
Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller
Ms. Kerry Swarr
Mr. Stephen G. Whitten

ABTEL Members Absent: Dr. Travis Burns
The Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan
Mr. Cardell C. Patillo, Jr.
Delegate Schuyler T. VanValkenburg

Virginia BOE Liaison to ABTEL: Ms. Anne Holton

Ex Officio Members Present: Dr. Joan B. Johnson
Dr. Daniel “Dan” C. Lewis

Virginia DOE Staff Present: Ms. Maggie M. Clemmons
Ms. Johnelle M. Torbert

Guests: Mr. Joel Adams, Consultant
Ms. Kellie Crawford, Pearson Evaluation
Mr. Jerry DeLuca, Pearson Evaluation

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8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Arrival and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES

**Dr. Nancy Bradley, Chair
Presiding**

I. Call to Order and Welcome

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) convened at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Nancy A. Bradley, Chair of ABTEL, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests.

A. Introduction of Board of Education Liaison, Ex-Officio Members, and Department Personnel to ABTEL

Advisory Board members, ex officio members, and Department personnel introduced themselves. A quorum was present.

B. Introduction of Guests

Guests attending the meeting introduced themselves to the Advisory Board members.

C. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Jessica Jones made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Jeneane Connolly seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Sarah Gross made a motion to approve the January 9, 2023, Advisory Board minutes. Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

II. Public Comment

One public comment was submitted to the Advisory Board from Sheila King, Newport News Public Schools. The comment, regarding ESL endorsement, asked ABTEL to consider formally recognizing the contributions of highly qualified ESL teachers.

III. PRESENTATION

Pearson's Teacher Licensure & Performance Assessment

Ms. Kellie Crawford, Associate Vice President of State Partnerships

Mr. Jerry DeLuca, Director, Business Development at Evaluation Systems group of Pearson

As the subject of educator performance gains more attention in Virginia, Kellie Crawford, Associate Vice President of State Partnerships, and Jerry DeLuca, Director, Business Development at Evaluation Systems group of Pearson, provided an overview of standard-based and custom-designed educator licensure testing assessment programs. Special emphasis was

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placed on assessment across the nation that support Foundations of Reading and Reading in the Content areas assessments aligned with scientifically based reading research for Middle School and High School Education teacher education candidates. The Evaluation Systems group of Pearson administers the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) currently used for all endorsements in the Commonwealth. Additional information on Teacher Licensure & Performance Assessment offered by Pearson can be found [here](#).

IV. AGENDA ITEMS (1:02:50)

Item 1: Recommendations to Approve New Education (Endorsement) Programs at Institutions of Higher Education

Ms. Johnelle Torbert, Director of Teacher Education

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL) reviews and made recommendations to the Board of Education on approval of Virginia education programs for the program found in the chart below.

College/University	Education Endorsement Program	Program level
Rockbridge Consortium (Washington & Lee, and Southern Virginia University)	History & Social Sciences	Undergraduate
Randolph College	Science (Biology)	Graduate

Dr. Jessica Jones moved that the Rockbridge Consortium program be recommended for approval. Dr. Adriane V. Bradley-Gray seconded the motion, which passed. Dr. Eric Moffa abstained.

Ms. Shelby Elliott moved that the Randolph College program be recommended for approval. Dr. Andy Cox seconded the motion, which passed. Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller abstained.

V. WRITTEN REPORTS

There were no written reports.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

Dr. Dan Lewis

Director of Academic Programs and Policy

Dr. Lewis reported on status of EducateVA/Career Switcher program. The EducateVA Career Switcher program has 61 candidates enrolled in the spring cohort. These students will complete their licensure requirements on May 20. The spring ESOL New Teacher Academy wraps up on Thursday, February 9. These teachers have focused on strategies to support ELLs in the areas of speaking, listening, writing, and reading. On March 4, the ESOL PRAXIS Prep Workshop will begin in Woodbridge to help current teachers prepare for the PRAXIS Subject Assessment. Finally, 78 first-year teachers are being

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supported in their classrooms as the administrative team visits each classroom in 32 school divisions and several private schools.

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) - No report

Dr. Monica Osei

Associate Director for Academic Programs and Instructional Sites

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)

Dr. Joan Johnson

Assistant Superintendent, Department of Teacher Education and Licensure

Report of Board of Education Actions and Reports Related to Teacher Education and Licensure

Dr. Johnson reported that in January 2023, the VDOLI approved the VDOE Registered Apprenticeship program. The first round of implementation grants will begin this Spring.

Dr. Johnson also reviewed actions by the Board of Education since the last ABTEL meeting. Ms. Anne Holton gave additional information on these actions as well as other items before the Board, including the alternate pathway to licensure proposed by the Montessori Public School in Arlington.

Ms. Maggie Clemmons gave a legislative update on bills before the General Assembly relating to education.

Standing Committee Assessment Report

Dr. Johnson reported the ongoing concern regarding overlap & duplication of assessments, especially regarding the VCLA requirement. The staff will pursue additional information from the Pearson representatives regarding assessment accommodations and options aligned with the current VCLA skill assessment.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Eric Moffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Jeneane Connolly seconded the motion. The motion passed.

11:05 a.m. – Standing Committee Meetings

- Dr. Eric Moffa, Chair, Licensure Committee
 - Update on Licensure Assessment Considerations and Proposals – VDOE Staff
- Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller, Chair, Teacher Education Committee
 - Update on Licensure Assessment Considerations and Proposals – VDOE Staff

11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Atrium Working Lunch