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

## *MINUTES*

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

Virtual meeting using Zoom and streamed live through YouTube

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

Dr. Nancy A. Bradley

Dr. Travis Burns

Dr. Garry Wayne Carter, Jr.

Dr. Andrew (Andy) Cox

Dr. Andrew Daire

Dr. Jessica Jones

Senator Jennifer L. McClellan

Ms. Tracey D. Mercier

Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller

Dr. Patricia Stohr-Hunt

Ms. Diane Carol Stubbins

Ms. Nancy B. Welch

Mr. Stephen G. Whitten

Dr. Scott B. Ziegler

**ABTEL Members Absent:** Ms. Salena Paige Dickey

Ms. Wendy L. Downey

Ms. Sarah Gross

Ms. Mary G. McIntyre

Mr. Cardell C. Patillo, Jr.

Delegate Schuyler T. VanValkenburg

Ms. Charletta M. Williams

Mr. Philip B. Watt

**Ex Officio Members:**  Dr. Daniel C. Lewis

Virginia Community College System

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts

Virginia Department of Education

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

Ms. Tara McDaniel

Ms. Nancy Walsh

# FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES

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

### Opening Remarks and Welcome

Dr. Patricia Stohr-Hunt, 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.

### Approval of Agenda

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

**Ms. Nancy Welch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### Approval of Minutes

**Dr. Garry Wayne Carter, Jr., made a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Dr. Nancy A. Bradley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## PUBLIC COMMENT

* No public comment was submitted to the Advisory Board.

## UPDATES

**Advisory Board Members Terms of Appointments**

Mrs. Patty Pitts shared that the Board of Education will seek nominations to fill vacancies on advisory boards. ABTEL will have one vacancy this year, and the Board will appoint a representative to fill the higher education (private) position on the Advisory Board. The chair Dr. Patricia Stohr-Hunt’s has served the maximum two terms and will leave ABTEL, and two members, Dr. Andrew Daire and Ms. Jennifer P. Andrews, are seeking reappointment.

**Board of Education**

Mrs. Patty Pitts shared that the Board of Education will meet on Thursday, March 18, 2021. Two items on its agenda are ABTEL’s recommendation on a passing score for the Praxis Middle School Science (5442) Test and the revision of the *Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Teachers*. The Praxis Middle School Science test is anticipated to be implemented in Virginia in September. The adoption of *Guidelines for Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Teachers* also will be presented for final review.

**Educator Preparation Programs**

Ms. Tara McDaniel shared that new endorsement requests from colleges and universities are due at the end of March. ABTEL will receive a presentation on new endorsements in September to make a final recommendation to the Board of Education.

Ms. McDaniel also shared that the educator preparation programs will submit biennial reports this year. The reports are due in September, and subsequently, they will be presented to ABTEL to make a recommendation to the Board of Education.

**PRESENTATION**

**Revision of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Standards**

Ms. Tara McDaniel, Director of Teacher Education, Department of Education, presented information on the CAEP standards. Section 8VAC20-543-20 of the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs* in Virginia require all institutions to be accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

CAEP accreditation includes standards at the initial-level and advanced-level. CAEP bylaws require a review of the CAEP Standards every seven years. The CAEP Research Committee was charged in 2018 with updating the research related to the CAEP Standards. In June 2020, the CAEP Board of Directors created a task force, composed of 21 representatives from the field of education, including P-12, higher education, state education departments and non-profit education organizations. The task force focused on reviewing the 2013 standards, specifically seeking to consolidate, clarify, and streamline the standards.

The 2022 revised initial-level standards include the consolidation, clarification, and the removal of extraneous language. In addition, specific standards for technology have been added, given the increase in online learning. Equity and diversity measures have been specifically included in components of the standards to ensure proper attention is given and each provider must demonstrate progress toward recruiting and graduating a candidate pool that reflects the diversity of America’s P-12 students, as well as increased flexibility in documenting candidate’s academic knowledge and their impact on student learning and development.

The Advisory Board received the presentation on the CAEP 2022 revised standards initial-level standards.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**Continued Discussion on Recommendations for Licensure Renewal Requirements in the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* and the Licensure Renewal Manual.**

Ms. Patty Pitts presented information from ABTEL’s previous discussion on the proposed recommendations for licensure renewal requirements in the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*. Currently, individuals must renew licenses by meeting requirements of the individualized renewal system set forth in the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* and the Virginia Renewal Manual. General Assembly action in 2018 changed the validity period of renewable licenses from five years to ten years.

The Advisory Board members have been engaged in discussions to make recommendations to the Board of Education regarding renewal requirements. There were no questions or comments regarding the information presented in the draft manual.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Virginia Community College System (VCCS), the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), and Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) did not have liaison reports to present at this meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCUSSION**

There were no additional announcements and discussion by ABTEL Members**.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Stephen G. Whitten made a motion to adjourn the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting. Senator Jennifer L. McClellan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**