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

## *MINUTES*

**Meeting Date and Location:** April 12, 2021 (Special Called Meeting)

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

Ms. Wendy L. Downey

Ms. Sarah Gross

Dr. Jessica Jones

Senator Jennifer L. McClellan

Ms. Mary G. McIntyre

Mr. Cardell C. Patillo, Jr.

Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller

Dr. Patricia Stohr-Hunt

Ms. Diane Carol Stubbins

Ms. Nancy B. Welch

Mr. Stephen G. Whitten

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

Ms. Tracey D. Mercier

Delegate Schuyler T. VanValkenburg

Ms. Charletta M. Williams

Mr. Philip B. Watt

Dr. Scott B. Ziegler

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

Virginia Community College System

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts

Virginia Department of Education

Dr. Monica Osei

Virginia Council of Higher Education for Virginia

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

Ms. Tara McDaniel

Ms. Nancy Walsh

**Guests:** Ms. Christonya Brown

Virginia Department of Education

Ms. Leah Walker

Virginia Department of Education

# 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, ex officio members, and guests introduced themselves.

### Approval of Agenda

**Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Dr. Nancy Bradley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## PUBLIC COMMENT

* No public comment was submitted to the Advisory Board.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Agenda Item 1: Virginia Board of Education Proposed *Interim Guidelines for Licensure Requirements in Cultural Competency***

The Culturally Competent Virginia Educators Bill ([Senate Bill 1196](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?212+ful+CHAP0024) and [House Bill 1904](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?212+ful+CHAP0023)), passed by the 2021 General Assembly, was signed into law by the Governor and goes into effect on July 1, 2021. The bill, in part, requires the following:

*Every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license shall complete instruction or training in cultural competency.*

This licensure requirement becomes effective on July 1, 2021. Therefore, the Board of Education’s interim guidance is to ensure that educators seeking an initial license or license renewal beginning July 1, 2021, are able to comply with the above component of the statute.

Interim Guidelines will be effective following approval from the Board and the full public comment process on Town Hall and will remain in effect until such time they are replaced by the Board.

The Advisory Board considered the proposed Virginia Board of Education *Interim Guidelines for Licensure Requirements in Cultural Competency*. Ms. Leah Walker, Director of Equity and Community Engagement, Department of Education, participated in the meeting.

**Ms. Jessica Jones made a motion to recommend to the Board of Education to approve the proposed *Interim Guidelines for Licensure Requirements in Cultural Competency*.**

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

**Agenda Item 2: Virginia Board of Education Proposed *Interim Guidelines for the African American History Requirement for Individuals Seeking an Initial License or License Renewal with an Endorsement in History and Social Sciences***

The [Culturally Competent Virginia Educators Bill](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?212+ful+CHAP0023) ([Senate Bill 1196](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?212+ful+CHAP0024) and [House Bill 1904](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?212+ful+CHAP0023)), passed by the 2021 General Assembly, was signed into law by the Governor and goes into effect on July 1, 2021. This bill, in part, requires the following:

*Every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license with an endorsement in history and social sciences shall complete instruction in African American history, as prescribed by the Board.*

Interim Guidelines will be effective following approval from the Board and the full public comment process on Town Hall and will remain in effect until such time they are replaced by the Board.

The Advisory Board considered the proposed Virginia Board of Education *Interim Guidelines for the African American History Requirement for Individuals Seeking an Initial License or License Renewal with an Endorsement in History and Social Sciences*. Ms. Christonya Brown, Coordinator of History and Social Science Education, Department of Education, participated in the meeting.

**Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller made a motion to recommend to the Board of Education to approve the proposed *Interim Guidelines for the African American History Requirement for Individuals Seeking an Initial License or License Renewal with an Endorsement in History and Social Sciences*. Ms. Jennifer Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Dr. Andy Cox made a motion to recommend strongly that the Virginia Department of Education and the Virginia Board of Education consider minimizing costs associated to the individual and the school division when new licensure training programs are required.**

**Dr. Nancy Bradley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Stephen G. Whitten made a motion to adjourn the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting. Dr. Garry Carter seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**