**ADVISORY BOARD ON TEACHER EDUCATION AND LICENSURE (ABTEL)**

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Richmond Hotel (Henrico County) 2925 Emerywood Parkway**

**Richmond, Virginia 23294**

**Monday, January 8, 2024 AGENDA**

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

**9:00 a.m. FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES**

**Dr. Jessica Jones, ABTEL Board Chair Presiding**

* **Opening Remarks and Welcome**
* **Introduction of Board of Education Liaison, Ex-Officio Members, and Department Personnel**
* **Introduction of Guests**
* **Approval of Agenda**
* **Approval of Minutes**
* **Public Comment**

**GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure is pleased to receive public comment at each of its regular meetings. Public comment is only accepted during the public comment period, not during standing committees. To allow the Advisory Board sufficient time for its other business, the total time allotted for public comment will generally be limited to thirty (30) minutes. Individuals seeking to speak to the Board will be allotted three (3) minutes each.
2. Those wishing to speak at the Advisory Board should contact Ms. Alice Bryant at [Alice.Bryant@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Alice.Bryant@doe.virginia.gov) or (804) 371-2522.
3. Speakers are urged to contact Ms. Bryant in advance of the meeting. Because of time limitations, those persons who have not previously registered to speak prior to the day of the Advisory Board meeting cannot be assured that they will have an opportunity to appear before the Advisory Board.
4. In order to make the limited time available most effective, speakers may provide multiple written copies of their comments.

**Presentations**

**Board Action Update from December 2023 Board of Education meeting**

Mr. Robert Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Teacher Education and Licensure, VDOE

**Global Biliteracy Seal**

Dr. Christine Harris, Director of Humanities, VDOE

**Reach VA**

Mrs. Debbie Biggs, Director of Reach Virginia

**Biannual Report- Education Programs Offered by Virginia Institutions of Higher Education as Required by the Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia**

Ms. Johnelle Torbert, Director of Teacher Education, VDOE

**Approval of New Education (Endorsement) Programs at Institutions of Higher Education**

Ms. Johnelle Torbert

**Proposal 1 for VCLA- Redundancy for Specific Endorsement Areas**

Dr. Eric Moffa and Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller, ABTEL board members

**Proposal 2 for VCLA- Assessment Waiver Process for Education Preparation Program Deans and Directors**

Dr. Eric Moffa and Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller, ABTEL board members

**AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Ms. Johnelle M. Torbert

**Item 2: Recommendation to Approve Biannual Report-Education Programs Offered by Virginia Institutions of Higher Education as Required by the Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia**

Ms. Johnelle M. Torbert

**Item 3: Recommendation to request the Board of Education to eliminate the requirement of the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) for individuals seeking a professional license in the endorsement areas of PreK-3, PreK-6, K-6, Special Education General Curriculum K-12, Visually Impaired, and Deaf & Hard of Hearing.**

Mr. Robert Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Teacher Education and Licensure, VDOE

**Item 4: Recommendation to request that the Board of Education grant the same authority to Deans, Directors, or otherwise titled head administrators of state-approved Education Preparation Programs, concurrent with the existing ability of division superintendent, to selectively grant assessment waivers to program candidates based on the criteria of attempting all required assessments, sufficient Grade Point Average, sufficient course performance, sufficient practica performance, and three letters of recommendation.**

Mr. Robert Gilstrap

**LIAISON REPORTS**

**Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)**

Dr. Bryan Jackson

Director of Licensure

1. VALO update
2. iteach update

Ms. Shawna Leblond

Director of Apprenticeship

1. Grow Your Own updates

**Virginia Community College System (VCCS)**

Dr. Dan Lewis

Director of Academic Programs and Policy

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

Dr. Monica Osei

Associate Director for Academic Programs and Instructional Sites

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCUSSION**

Announcements and Discussion by ABTEL Members

10:30 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

11:15 a.m. – Standing Committee Meetings

Dr. Eric Moffa, Chair, Licensure Committee

Dr. Peggy Schimmoeller, Chair, Teacher Education Committee

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

Discussion