



VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item: I

Date: January 25, 2024

Title: Report on Board of Education Advisory Committees and Term Expirations

Presenter: Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations

Purpose of Presentation

For information only: No action required.

Executive Summary

Article Nine, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Virginia Board of Education ("Bylaws") states that "[a]dvisory committees may be created by the Board for special purposes to include, but not be limited to, federal and state mandated committees." Article Nine, Section 2 further states that "[u]nless otherwise prescribed by state or federal law or regulations, all appointments to an advisory committee shall be made by the Board upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Public Instruction."

The Board has six advisory committees governed by the Bylaws:

- Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure ("ABTEL");
- Early Childhood Advisory Committee ("ECAC");
- State Special Education Advisory Committee ("SSEAC");
- Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education ("ACCTE");
- Adult Education and Literacy Advisory Committee ("AELAC"); and
- Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted ("VACEG").

Three of the advisory committees were established pursuant to statute or regulation (ABTEL, ECAC, and SSEAC) while another was created to comply with federal requirements (ACCTE). AELAC and VACEG were created by the Board.

A brief summary of each advisory committee created by the Board pursuant to Article Nine is included as Attachment 1. A complete list of all members of each advisory committee, along with the date the member's term expires, is included as Attachment 2.

Action Requested

No action requested.

Previous Review or Action

No previous review or action.

Background Information and Statutory Authority

Article Nine, Section 2 of the Bylaws states the following:

Advisory committees may be created by the Board for special purposes to include, but not be limited to, federal and state-mandated committees. An advisory committee shall be composed of persons who represent the views and interests of the general public and who are known to be qualified to perform their duties. Personnel of the Department of Education may be appointed to the committee, as members or as consultants. Unless otherwise prescribed by state or federal law or regulations, all appointments to an advisory committee shall be made by the Board upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Each committee shall be instructed as follows:

1. The length of time each member is being asked to serve;
2. The service the Board wishes the committee to render, the extent and limitations of its responsibilities;
3. The resources the Board will provide;
4. The approximate dates on which the Board wishes to receive reports; and
5. The responsibilities for the release of information.

The Board possesses legal powers and prerogatives that cannot be delegated or surrendered to others; therefore, all recommendations of an advisory committee must be submitted to the Board for action. The Board shall have sole power to dissolve any of its advisory committees and shall reserve the right to exercise this power at any time.

Advisory committees to the Board of Education shall be established and operate in accordance with the procedures specified herein under Article 15.