

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
June 20, 2024

The Board of Education (“Board”) convened in a meeting on June 20, 2024, at the Old City Hall, 1001 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219, with the following members present:

Mrs. Grace Creasey, President	Ms. Anne Holton
Dr. Alan Seibert	Dr. Amber Northern
Mr. Andy Rotherham (not present for executive session)	Mrs. Mashea Ashton (not present for executive session; remote after executive session)
Mr. Dale Sturdifen	Dr. Lisa Coons, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Mrs. Debbie Kilgore	

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of considering disciplinary cases related to teacher licensure. Mr. Hansen made a motion to enter into a Closed Session in accordance with § 2.2-3711 and 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, under the following enumerated subsection:

Subsection 40: Discussion or consideration by the Board of Education of information relating to the denial, suspension, or revocation of teacher licenses subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.3.

And that legal counsel to the Virginia Board of Education, as well staff members, whose presence would aid in this matter, participate in the closed meeting. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously. The Board went into closed session at 9:00 am. Mr. Hansen made a motion that the Board reconvened in open session.

Mr. Hansen made a motion that the Board certify by roll-call vote that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements under Chapter 37 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered.

Board roll call:

- Ms. Kilgore – aye
- Mr. Hansen – aye
- Dr. Seibert - aye
- Dr. Northern - aye

- Mr. Sturdifen – aye
- Ms. Holton – aye
- Mrs. Creasey - aye

Ms. Holton made a motion to suspend the license of Joseph Lee Edmunds, Jr. for a period of sixty days, with reinstatement contingent upon satisfying the following provisions: completion of de-escalation, seclusion and restraint training. The motion was properly seconded and carried with the following votes:

- Ms. Kilgore – aye
- Mr. Hansen – aye
- Dr. Seibert - aye
- Dr. Northern - aye
- Mr. Sturdifen – aye
- Ms. Holton – aye
- Mrs. Creasey - aye

Mr. Sturdifen made a motion to revoke the license of Michael James Freeman. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sturdifen made a motion to issue the license in Case 2024-004. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Dr. Seibert made a motion suspend the license of Rebecca Lynn-Yee for two years. The motion was properly seconded and carried on a vote of 5-2.

WORK SESSION

The Board convened in a work session on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The agenda and meeting materials can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#). The topics discussed included presentations on school models for ESSA decision making, school construction grant awards and updates on the status of several lab school applications. No votes were taken.

DINNER MEETING

The Board met for a public dinner on Thursday, June 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at The Native Plate restaurant. No votes were taken. The dinner event ended at 8:30 p.m.

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June 21, 2024

The Board of Education (“Board”) convened in a business meeting on June 21, 2024, at Old City Hall, 1001 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219, with the following members present:

Mrs. Grace Creasey, President
Mrs. Mashea Ashton (remote)
Mr. Andy Rotherham
Mr. Dale Sturdifen
Mrs. Debbie Kilgore

Mr. Bill Hansen, Vice President
Ms. Anne Holton
Dr. Amber Northern
Dr. H. Alan Seibert
Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction

President Creasey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed Board members, staff, and visitors to the meeting. President Creasey approved the remote participation of Mrs. Ashton under the Board Bylaws and § 2.2-3708.3(B)(3) of the Code of Virginia because her principal residence is more than 60 miles from the meeting location.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Creasey asked for a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed the moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Seibert motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously, with Mrs. Ashton abstaining.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sturdifen motioned to approve the meeting minutes of January meetings of the Board as presented. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously, with Mrs. Ashton abstaining.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

The Board heard a student performance from the Center for Performing and Production Arts at Lakeland High School in Suffolk, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Scott Brabrand of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents shared feedback concerning the school performance and support framework.
- Robert Wilson of Williamsburg spoke about the separation of public schools in Williamsburg and James City.
- Sherry Story, President of the School Board Member Alliance, endorsed the new student accountability system.
- Diamond Walton of Richmond spoke about funding for the School Construction Assistance Program.
- Todd Truitt, a parent from Arlington, expressed support for the proposed accountability framework.
- Melody Clark of the Virginia Institute of Public Policy expressed support for the proposed school performance and support framework.
- Amy Beaumont, apparent in Arlington, expressed support for the proposed school performance and support framework.
- Olivia of Norfolk spoke about issues in special education and assessment.
- Jeffrey Brown, headmaster of The Hunter School, expressed support for the proposed school performance and support framework.
- Gil Bland of Norfolk and President of the Urban League of Hampton Roads expressed support for accountability that prepares students for higher education, but also reminded the Board of the numerous social contexts of students across the Commonwealth.
- Catherine Bruce of Charlottesville spoke about the VLA initiative.
- Chris Allen, Virginia Educational Opportunity Alliance, supported the proposed school performance and support framework.
- Carter Mulleen spoke about difficulties he has had with special education in Norfolk.
- Tichi Pinkney Eppes, Virginia Educational Opportunity Alliance, spoke in support of parents' rights to choose the best educational environment of their children.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. First and Final Review to Certify a List of Qualified Persons for the Office of Division Superintendent of Schools

The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Sturdifen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

B. First and Final Review of College Partnership Laboratory School Fiscal Agent and Partnerships

Dr. Andy Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Innovation, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Hansen moved that the Board approve the application of Old Dominion University to serve as the fiscal agent and partner for the Future Educator's Academy and that the VDOE require Germanna Community College to resubmit its college partnership laboratory school contract for amendment and that the President of the Board and Superintendent of Public Instruction be authorized to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Future Educator's Academy contract consistent with this action. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hansen moved that the Board approve the application of Old Dominion University to serve as the fiscal agent and partner for the MG Tech Lab School and that the VDOE require Mountain Gateway Community College to resubmit its college partnership laboratory school contract for amendment and that the President and Superintendent be authorized to negotiate and execute an amendment to the MG Tech Lab School contract consistent with this action. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hansen moved that the Board approve the application of Old Dominion University to serve as the fiscal agent and partner for the Isle Maritime Trades Academy and that the VDOE require Paul D. Camp Community College to resubmit its college partnership laboratory school contract for amendment and that the President and Superintendent be authorized to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Isle Maritime Trades Academy contract consistent with this action. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hansen moved that the Board approve the application of Old Dominion University to serve as the fiscal agent and partner for the Explore@RC Lab School and that the VDOE require Roanoke College to resubmit its college partnership laboratory school contract for amendment and that the President and Superintendent be authorized to negotiate and

execute an amendment to the Explore@RC Lab School contract consistent with this action. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hansen moved that the Board approve the application of Old Dominion University to serve as the fiscal agent and partner for the Southwest Virginia HEALS Lab School and that the VDOE require Emory and Henry College to resubmit its college partnership laboratory school contract for amendment and that the President and Superintendent be authorized to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Southwest Virginia HEALS Lab School contract consistent with this action. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

C. First and Final Review of College Partnership Laboratory School Application from Old Dominion University – Aerospace Academy of the Eastern Shore

Dr. Andy Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Innovation, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Hansen moved to waive first review and approve the college partnership laboratory school application for Old Dominion University – Aerospace Academy of the Eastern Shore for five years with annual reviews, and to delegate to the President and Superintendent final negotiation and execution of the lab school contract. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

D. College Partnership Laboratory School Final Funding Decisions

Dr. Andy Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Innovation, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Hansen moved to award start-up funds and up to \$3.36 million in per-pupil funding from the college partnership laboratory school fund in accordance with the Board's *Guidelines* and to delegate to the president and superintendent final negotiation and execution of the Old Dominion University STEM Academy at Booker T. Washington Elementary School lab school contract. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hansen moved to award start-up funds and up to \$1.8 million in per-pupil funding from the college partnership laboratory school fund in accordance with the Board's *Guidelines* and to delegate to the President and Superintendent final negotiation and execution of the

George Mason Data Science Computing and Applications lab school contract. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously with Ms. Holton recusing herself.

Mr. Hansen moved to award start-up funds and up to \$3 million in per-pupil funding from the college partnership laboratory school fund in accordance with the Board's *Guidelines* and to delegate to the President and Superintendent final negotiation and execution of the Old Dominion University Aerospace Academy of the Eastern Shore lab school contract. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hansen moved that the Board award to the lab schools being established by Germanna Community College, Mountain Gateway Community College, Paul D Camp Community College, Roanoke College, and Emory & Henry College additional start-up moneys from the College Partnership Laboratory School Fund, in addition to any accrued interest, for the sole purpose of supporting the partnership and start-up activities provided by Old Dominion University as Fiscal Agent and Partner in such relative amounts as are appropriate, taking into account the date proposed for opening the particular lab school, the relative expenses associated with travel to the various lab school locations, and total students expected to be served and that the President of the Board and Superintendent of Public Instruction be authorized to negotiate and execute amendments to the lab school contracts to accomplish this. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

E. Final Review of Computer Science Standards of Learning

Em Cooper, Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Rotherham made a motion to approve the proposed 2024 Computer Science Standards of Learning to be fully instructionally implemented in 2025-2026 and authorize the VDOE to make any final clarifying and/or technical edits. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

F. Final Review of the Model Policy Concerning Internet Safety

Em Cooper, Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Sturdifan made a motion to adopt the *Model Policy Concerning Internet Safety* with accompanying instructional resources. At the suggestion of Mr. Rotherham, the motion

was amended to include a review in six months. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

G. Final Review of Board of Education Recommendations on Establishing Standards for School Facilities Pursuant to SB 1124

Kent Dickey, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Sturdifen made a motion to approve the *Recommendations for Standards on School Facilities Planning and Design, Construction and Renovation, and Maintenance and Operations* pursuant to SB 1124. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

H. Final Review of Guidelines for 2024-2025 of the Early Childhood Unified Measurement and Improvement System (VQB5)

Jenna Conway, Deputy Superintendent of Early Childhood Care and Education, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Sturdifen made a motion to approve for final review the Guidelines for 2024-2025 of the Early Childhood Unified Measurement and Improvement System (VQB5). The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

I. Final Review of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's Recommendation to Replace Technology Education (5051) with Technology and Engineering Education (5053) with a cut score of 157

Rob Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent for Education Preparation, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mrs. Kilgore made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure to replace Technology Education (5051) with Technology and Engineering Education (5053) with a cut score of 157 allowing individuals to take either the currently prescribed assessment for Technology Education, Praxis (5051) or the new Praxis Technology and Engineering Education (5053) test through July 2024. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

J. First Review of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's Recommendation to replace the Praxis Social Studies: Content Knowledge (5081) with Social Studies (5581) with a passing score of 153 for History and Social Sciences Endorsement

Rob Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent for Education Preparation, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

The Board received the item for first review.

K. First Review and Approval of the School Performance and Support Framework Categories

Katie Carroll, Deputy Superintendent of Student Performance and Support, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

The Board received the item for first review.

L. First and Final Review of Recommendation for Board of Education to Revise Membership Quota for the Virginia Advisory Committee for Advanced Learning (VACAL)

Em Cooper, Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Sturdifen made a motion to waive first review and approve the recommendation to revise the current membership structure of VACAL to include an additional position to serve in the national expert role. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

M. First and Final Review of Nominations to Board of Education Advisory Committees

Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Sturdifen made a motion to waive first review and approve the recommended nominee to fill the vacancy on VACAL. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

N. First and Final Review of Board of Education FY2025 Unified Regulatory Plan

Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Sturdifen made a motion to waive first review and adopt the URP for FY2025. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

O. First and Final Review of Periodic Review of Regulations Schedule

Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Mr. Sturdifen made a motion to waive first review and approve opening periodic reviews on the regulatory chapters identified in this item between July and December 2026. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

P. First and Final Review of Virginia Literacy Act Professional Development List

Em Cooper, Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, presented this item to the Board. The material for this item can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

Dr. Northern made a motion to approve the clarification of the alternatives to the UVA-developed Canvas Course as presented in the item. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously with Mr. Rotherham recusing herself.

PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS

Q. Written Update on the Commonwealth of Virginia's Critical Shortage Teaching Endorsement Areas for 2024-2025 School Year

The material for this item can be found on the [Board's page on the VDOE website](#).

The Board received the written report.

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES

At the request of the Superintendent and the Board, Deb Love of the Office of the Attorney General provided a history and update of the college partnership laboratory school fund.

The Superintendent provided an update on educator work during the summer, which includes symposiums and implementing standards as well as conferences and professional development. The Superintendent also thanked community participation in the feedback on the accountability and support framework. The Superintendent also provided an update on the implementation of the final rule of federal Title IX regulations.

President Creasey announced a Special Meeting of the Board on August 28, 2024.

Members of the Board thanked Mr. Sturdifen for his service on the Board, as his term is set to expire on June 30, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Creasey adjourned the meeting.

Mrs. Grace Turner Creasey, M.Ed.
President, Virginia Board of Education