

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

**MINUTES**

**Meeting Date and Location:** March 21, 2011  
DoubleTree Hotel – Richmond Airport  
Richmond, Virginia

**ABTEL Members Present:**

Debra Abadie	Dr. Courtney Gaskins	Dawn Rees-Blakeman
Jeffrey A. Arco	Kathy Heil	Dr. James T. Roberts
Rena Berlin	Dr. Betty E. Hobbs	Angela Turley
Susan E. Bridges	Larry W. Lenz	Janice Underwood
Tracey L. Dingus	Dr. Susan G. Magliaro	Ruth Wallace
Dr. Cathy Fisher	Patricia McGloine	

**ABTEL Members Absent:** Jaim L. Foster  
Charlotte B. Hayer

**Board of Education Liaison:** Elizabeth D. Beamer

**Ex-Officio Members:** Dr. Gary Krapf  
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Julia Tucker-Lloyd  
Virginia Community College System

Patty S. Pitts  
Virginia Department of Education

**Department of Education Staff:** Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver  
Dr. James W. Lanham, III

**Guests:** Jim Batterson  
Cathy Owens Oliver, Educational Testing Service  
Mr. Clyde Reese, Educational Testing Service  
Bekah Saxon, Virginia Education Association

## **FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES**

**9:00 a.m.**

- **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Tracey Dingus, chair of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests.

- **Introductions**

Tracey Dingus introduced Elizabeth D. Beamer, member of the Virginia Board of Education and new liaison to the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure. ABTEL members, Virginia Department of Education personnel, and guests introduced themselves. A revised ABTEL membership list was distributed.

- **Approval of Agenda**

**Angela Turley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Larry Lenz seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.**

- **Approval of Minutes**

**Dawn Rees-Blakeman made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2011, Advisory Board meeting. Patricia McGloine seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

- **Public Comment**

Jim Batterson spoke to the Advisory Board concerning recommendations regarding the licensure of teachers assigned to teach engineering courses.

- **ABTEL Recommendations – Board of Education**

Mrs. Patty Pitts reviewed recent Board of Education actions related to recommendations submitted by ABTEL. The Board accepted for first review recommendations to approve a cut score and implementation dates for the Praxis Braille Proficiency test. Also accepted for first review were recommendations to approve cut scores for the revised Technology Education Assessment and Praxis Art: Content Knowledge Assessment.

**Action Items:**

**Standard Setting for Reading for Virginia Educators Assessment and Reading for Virginia Educators for Reading Specialist Assessment**

Before the discussion of standard setting began, Angela Turley announced that she was recusing herself from discussion and voting on the standard setting since she had participated in the field test.

Dr. James Lanham provided background information concerning the requirements for reading assessments in Virginia as well as the procurement process that resulted in the development of two new reading assessments by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) – Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE) and Reading for Virginia Educators for Reading Specialists (RVE for Reading Specialists). These new assessments will replace the Virginia Reading Assessment (VRA) and Virginia Reading Assessment for Reading Specialists (VRA for Reading Specialists) effective July 1, 2011. Dr. Lanham explained the test development and field testing process for the new assessments.

Mr. Clyde Reese from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) provided an overview of the standard-setting process and reviewed the results of the standard-setting studies conducted for the new tests on February 28-March 1, 2011. Mr. Reese also reviewed the results of the field tests conducted for both new assessments in January-February 2011.

**Kathy Heil made a motion to set the passing score for Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE) Assessment at 151. Dawn Rees-Blakeman seconded the motion. The motion was defeated by a vote of 3 ayes, 12 nays, and 1 abstention.**

**Betty Hobbs made a motion to set the passing score for the Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE) Assessment at 157. Rena Berlin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 12 ayes, 3 nays, and 1 abstention.**

**Dr. Susan Magilaro made a motion to set the passing score for the Reading for Virginia Educators for Reading Specialists (RVE for Reading Specialists) Assessment at 162. Dr. Cathy Fisher seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 15 ayes and 1 abstention.**

**Review of Revisions to the Definitions of At-Risk for Of Becoming Low-Performing and Low-Performing Institutions of Higher Education in Virginia as Required by Title II of the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA).**

Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver reviewed the revisions in the definitions of at-risk for becoming low-performing and low-performing institutions of higher education in Virginia as required by Title II of the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA). These revisions are necessary to align with the accreditation review results now provided by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), The Teacher Education Accrediting Council (TEAC) and the Board of Education (BOE) approved accreditation process.

**Patricia McGloine made a motion to approve the new definitions as presented. Angela Turley seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

### **2011 Virginia General Assembly**

Mrs. Anne Wescott, Assistant Superintendent for Policy and Communication, provided an overview of the recent session of the Virginia General Assembly.

### **2011 Virginia Teacher of the Year Reflections**

Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver introduced Ms. LaTonya E. Waller, science teacher at Lucille M. Brown Middle School, Richmond City Schools, and the 2011 Virginia Teacher of the Year. Ms. Waller spoke about her experiences representing Virginia as Teacher of the Year as well as her own experiences in the classroom.

## **WORKING LUNCH**

Members of the Advisory Board convened for a working lunch.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **The Virginia Community College System (VCCS)**

There was no report from the Virginia Community College System.

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

Dr. Gary Krapf reported the following on behalf of the SCHEV:

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) will hold its regular business meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the first floor auditorium of the University of Virginia's Harrison Institute/Small Special Collections Library in Charlottesville, Virginia.

During the academic affairs committee meeting on Monday, March 21, members will consider the following three program proposals from two public universities: Virginia Commonwealth University's request to initial a Master of Product Innovation (M.P.I.) degree program, and George Mason University's requests to initial a Master of Science (M.S.) degree program in Biomedical Sciences in partnership with Georgetown University and a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree program in History of Decorative Arts in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institute. The Committee's recommendations regarding these program requests will be acted upon at the full Council meeting on Tuesday.

Recent General Assembly action on bills related to higher education also was reviewed.

Virginia Department of Education

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts provided a brief update on the following initiatives:

- Amendments to the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*, effective *January 19, 2011*, regarding civics instruction;
- *Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria for Teachers* and the *Virginia Standards for the Professional Practice of Teachers* (to be presented to the Board of Education for first review on March 24, 2011); and
- Teachers of Promise Institute to be held March 25, 2011, at James Madison University

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meeting adjourned.