

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

MINUTES

Meeting Date and Location: April 16, 2012
DoubleTree Hotel – Richmond Airport
Richmond, Virginia

ABTEL Members Present:

Debra Abadie	Kathy Heil	Dr. Angela Turley
Rena Berlin	Brian Matney	Janice Underwood
Tracey L. Dingus	Patricia McGloine	Ruth Wallace
Dr. Cathy Fisher	Nancy Moga	Vern Williams
Jaim L. Foster	Dawn Rees-Blakeman	
Charlotte B. Hayer	Dr. James T. Roberts	

ABTEL Members Absent: Dr. Courtney Gaskins
Kenneth LaLonde
Dr. Susan G. Magliaro

Board of Education Liaison: Betsy Beamer

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

Julia Tucker-Lloyd (absent)
Virginia Community College System

Patty S. Pitts
Virginia Department of Education

Department of Education Staff: Dr. Mark R. Allan
Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver

Guests: Shelly Bazemore, Prince George County Public
Schools
Paul Joseph, JECS Consulting Services
Bekah Saxon, Virginia Education Association
Margaret “Meg” A. Smith, 2012 Virginia
Teacher of the Year
Charlotte Wade, Prince George County Public
Schools
Joan Alcorn, Accompanied Meg Smith

FULL ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES

9:00 a.m.

- **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Mrs. Tracey L. Dingus, chair of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and welcomed members and guests.

- **Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Angela Turley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Debra Abadie seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Rena Berlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2012, Advisory Board meeting. Dr. Cathy Fisher seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment**

No individuals requested to speak during the public comment period.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Special Advisory Board Recognitions**

Mrs. Tracey Dingus, chair, and Jaim Foster, vice chair, presented a certificate of appreciation for distinguished service to **Mrs. Dawn Rees-Blakeman**, classroom teacher (elementary). She has completed the last year of her second term on the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Dingus presented a certificate of appreciation for distinguished service to **Dr. Gary Krapf**, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia's liaison to the Advisory Board.

- **Presentation from the 2012 Virginia Teacher of the Year**

Mrs. Margaret "Meg" A. Smith, eighth-grade English literature teacher at Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation in Lynchburg (Region 5) and the 2012 Virginia Teacher of the Year, gave a presentation on the topic, "My Journey into Education."

- **Highlights of the 2011 Title II Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) Report**

Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver, director of teacher education, made a presentation on Highlights of the 2011 Title II Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) Report. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was provided to Advisory Board members.

- **Report on Teacher Preparation, Recruitment, and Retention Initiatives in Special Education**

Ms. Johnelle L. Torbert, specialist, special education human resources development, made a presentation on Teacher Preparation, Recruitment, and Retention Initiatives in Special Education. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was provided to Advisory Board members.

- **Presentation on Virginia's Career Switcher Alternative Route to Licensure Program**

Dr. Mark Allan, director of teacher licensure and school leadership, made a presentation on Virginia's Career Switcher Alternative Route to Licensure Program. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was provided to Advisory Board members.

ACTION ITEM

- **Approval of ABTEL Meeting Dates for 2012-2013**

Section 22.1-305.2 of the *Code of Virginia* requires that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure meet five times per year or upon the request of its chairman or the Virginia Board of Education. **After discussion by ABTEL members, Brian Matney made a motion that the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure approve the following ABTEL meeting dates for the 2012-2013 year:**

September 24, 2012
November 16, 2012
January 28, 2013
March 18, 2013
April 22, 2013

Dr. Angela Turley seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEM

- **ABTEL Initiatives for the 2012-2013 Year**

Mrs. Tracey Dingus announced the following ABTEL initiatives for the 2012-2013 year:

- Review *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*
- Review *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia*
- Conduct a validation and standard-setting study of the new Elementary Praxis II Assessment
- Conduct a validation and standard-setting study of the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment

LIAISON REPORTS

The Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

There was no report from the Virginia Community College System.

The Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

Dr. Gary Krapf, director of *Gear Up*, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, presented higher education highlights from the Governor's proposed budget for 2012-2014. (Note: The Conference budget provides \$211.6 million for higher education compared to \$205.3 million in the introduced budget.)

Selected items of the budget include the following:

- \$42.6 million for enrollment growth to include:
 - \$5.0 million to continue growth toward 1,700 new in-state undergraduate seats at The College of William and Mary, the University of Virginia, James Madison University, and Virginia Tech;
 - \$23.6 million for in-state enrollment undergraduate growth and transfers; and
 - \$14.1 million to improve retention and graduation across the system.
- \$28.6 million for incentive funding linked to specific initiatives that support the goals of the TJ 21 legislation such as increased degree production especially in STEM-H, year-round use of facilities, and greater use of distance learning.
- \$10.5 million for targeted research, including:
 - \$3.0 million for University of Virginia cancer research; and
 - \$3.0 million for Virginia Commonwealth University cancer research.
- \$18.5 million for in-state undergraduate and graduate financial aid.
- \$11.7 million to increase Tuition Assistance Grants (TAG) [a non-need based grant for Virginia residents attending a participating private university or college] to nearly \$2,800.

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)

Mrs. Patty S. Pitts, assistant superintendent for teacher education and licensure, announced the following:

- The Teachers of Promise Conference was held March 23-24, 2012, at the Science Museum in Richmond, Virginia.
- The 2nd Annual Clinical Faculty Grantees' Conference will be held on April 20, 2012, at the Wyndham Virginia Crossings Hotel & Conference Center in Glen Allen, Virginia.
- The Virginia Board of Education will hold its annual planning meeting on April 25, 2012, and its regular meeting on April 26, 2012, in Richmond, Virginia. Both meetings are open to the public.
- A work group to develop *Uniform Performance Standards for the Evaluation of School Superintendents* will be convened this summer.

Mrs. Pitts extended thanks to members of ABTEL and Mrs. Betsy Beamer, Board of Education liaison, for their service during the past year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCUSSION

No announcements were made.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure was adjourned.