

Virginia Board of Education Agenda Item



Agenda Item: G

Date: July 24, 2014

Title	First Review of Nominations to Fill Vacancies on the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL)		
Presenter	Mrs. Melissa L. Luchau, Director for Board Relations		
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Purpose of Presentation:

Review/action required by Board of Education bylaws.

Previous Review or Action:

No previous review or action.

Action Requested:

Final review: Action requested at this meeting.

Alignment with Board of Education Goals: Please indicate (X) all that apply:

	Goal 1: Accountability for Student Learning
	Goal 2: Rigorous Standards to Promote College and Career Readiness
	Goal 3: Expanded Opportunities to Learn
	Goal 4: Nurturing Young Learners
	Goal 5: Highly Qualified and Effective Educators
	Goal 6: Sound Policies for Student Success
	Goal 7: Safe and Secure Schools
X	Other Priority or Initiative. Specify: Board of Education Advisory Committees

Background Information and Statutory Authority:

Article Nine, Section 2 of the Board of Education’s bylaws states the following:

Section 2. Advisory Committees. 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. . . .

The Board of Education's bylaws also specify the membership and term of service in Article Sixteen, Section 3 and 4, as follows:

Section 3. Membership. The Board shall determine the number of members to serve on an advisory committee, and shall appoint the members of the committee, as specified in Board bylaws under Article Nine, Section 2, except as provided by state or federal law or regulation. Nominations for all vacant positions will be solicited as widely as practicable and on forms provided by the Department of Education. . . .

Section 4. Term of Service. Appointments to an advisory committee shall be for a term of three years. Members of an advisory committee may be appointed to a second consecutive three-year term, but shall not be eligible to serve for more than six consecutive years. . . . A member filling the unexpired term of a member who resigned from the committee may be appointed to another consecutive three-year term. . . .

House Bill 725 (2014) amended § 22.1-305.2 of the Code of Virginia as follows:

There is hereby established the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure which shall consist of ~~nineteen~~ 21 members to be appointed by the Board of Education. Ten members of the Advisory Board shall be classroom teachers, with at least the following representation: three elementary school teachers, three middle school teachers, and three high school teachers. Three members of the Advisory Board shall be school administrators, one of whom shall be a school principal, one of whom shall be a division superintendent, and one of whom shall be a school personnel administrator. ~~Two~~ Four members of the Advisory Board shall be faculty members in teacher preparation programs in public or private institutions of higher education, who may represent the arts and sciences. One member of the Advisory Board shall be a member of a school board. One member of the Advisory Board shall be a member of a parent-teacher association. One member of the Advisory Board shall be a representative of the business community and one member shall be a citizen at large. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee and the Director of the State Council of Higher Education or his designee and the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the Advisory Board.

Superintendent's Memorandum #147-14 dated June 6, 2014 (Attachment A), announced the call for nominations to fill the vacancies on ABTEL. Pursuant to the legislation, the two vacancies must be filled by faculty members in teacher preparation programs in public or private institutions of higher education, who may represent the arts and sciences.

Eleven nominations were received. Following the close of the nomination period, the nominations were reviewed. Persons recommended for appointment were selected based upon qualifications and on the required membership.

Summary of Important Issues:

The following nominees are recommended for appointment to the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure for the 2014-2017 term:

Dr. Holly Gould
Department Chair and Associate Professor of Education
Sweet Briar College

Dr. Phil Wishon
Dean, College of Education
James Madison University

Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources:

The operating expenses and other costs associated with the meetings and functions of the Board of Education's advisory committees are provided through the Department of Education's operating funds.

Timetable for Further Review/Action:

Following the Board of Education's action, the Department of Education staff will notify all applicants of the status of their nomination.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education waive first review and approve the list of nominees recommended for appointment to the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure for the 2014-2017 term.

Rationale for Action:

Legislation passed by the 2014 General Assembly requires the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure to increase its membership to include two additional higher education representatives. The recommended appointments meet the stated criteria and were nominated by the Virginia Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (VACTE) and the Association of Teacher Educators – Virginia (ATE-VA).

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

June 6, 2014

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Call for Nominations for the Virginia Board of Education's Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL): 2014-2017 Term

The Virginia Board of Education is seeking nominees to serve a three-year term on the Advisory Board for Teacher Education and Licensure.

The 2014 General Assembly approved [House Bill 725](#) that increases membership of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure from 19 to 21 and increases from two to four the number of members who shall be faculty members in teacher preparation programs in public or private institutions of higher education, who may represent the arts and sciences. The terms will begin in July 2014 and end in June 2017.

College and university officials, superintendents, individuals, and organizations are invited to recommend nominees to fill the two vacancies on the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure. Persons are also welcome to nominate themselves. Nominee submissions will be reviewed, and recommendations will be submitted to the Board of Education in July 2014.

Please note the two vacancies must be filled by faculty members in teacher preparation programs in public or private institutions of higher education, who may represent the arts and sciences.

Article nine, Section 2, of the Bylaws of the Virginia Board of Education adopted in September 2004, states that advisory committees 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. 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.

Article sixteen, Section 4, of the Bylaws goes on to state that appointments to an advisory committee shall be for a term of three years. Members of an advisory committee may be appointed to a second consecutive three-year term, but shall not be eligible to serve for more than six consecutive years.

Nominations may be made by completing the attached recommendation form. Please send the completed form to Director for Board Relations Melissa Luchau, P.O. Box 2120, Richmond, VA 23218-2120. Nominations may also be submitted by e-mail at Melissa.Luchau@doe.virginia.gov.

All nominations must be received by Thursday, July 3.

Questions regarding the Board of Education's advisory committees or activities may be addressed to Mrs. Melissa Luchau by e-mail at Melissa.Luchau@doe.virginia.gov or by phone at (804) 225-2924.

SRS/MLL/mfm

Attachment:

- A. [Nomination Form for Virginia Board of Education Advisory Committees](#) (Word)