

DRAFT MINUTES
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
May 11, 2023

The Board of Education (Board) convened an emergency meeting on May 11, 2023, in the Board Room, 22nd Floor, James Monroe Building, 101 North 14th Street, Richmond, VA 23219, with the following members present:

Mr. Dan Gecker, President	Dr. Pamela Davis-Vaught-Remote
Ms. Grace Creasey	Dr. Alan Seibert
Mr. Dale Sturdifen-Remote	Mr. Bill Hansen
Ms. Anne Holton	Dr. Lisa Coons, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Mr. Andy Rotherham-Remote	

President Gecker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed Board members, staff, and visitors to the meeting. President Gecker noted that he approved Dr. Davis-Vaught, Mr. Rotherham, and Mr. Sturdifen’s participation via electronic means.

The Board convened in an emergency meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The agenda and meeting materials can be found on [the Board’s page on the VDOE website](#). The purpose of the emergency meeting was to address issues raised regarding the backlog of teacher licensure. Dr. Coons presented the following regulation for the extension of renewable licenses to the Board for approval:

- A. Every renewable license identified in 8 VAC 20-23-50 that is:
 - (1) held by any person as of May 11, 2023; and
 - (2) set to expire on June 30, 2023shall continue in effect until June 30, 2024, or until final administrative action is taken by the Board, or the Superintendent acting under authorization from the Board, whichever first occurs. Any such final administrative action to grant the renewal shall be deemed to take effect on July 1, 2023.
- B. Before final administrative action on an application, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be permitted to offer applicants covered under this section until June 30, 2024, the opportunity to complete any educational or training elements necessary for the license being sought.

- C. This extension shall not prolong any license beyond any maximum period authorized by statute.
- D. Nothing in the foregoing shall affect the authority of the Board to deny, revoke, cancel, or suspend such license in accordance with these regulations or other provision of law.

Dr. Seibert made a motion to waive first review and approve the Emergency Regulations to Amend the Licensure Regulations for School Personnel (8VAC20-23) to Extend the Expiration of Renewable Licenses The motion was seconded by Mr. Hansen. This motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Gecker adjourned the emergency meeting at 10:15 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan A. Gecker".

Mr. Dan Gecker, President