

DRAFT MINUTES
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
JANUARY 24, 2024

The Board of Education (“Board”) convened in a special meeting on January 24, 2024, at the Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219, with the following members present:

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

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

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of considering disciplinary cases related to teacher licensure. Dr. Seibert 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 Deb Love and Abigail Gump, legal counsel to the Virginia Board of Education, as well staff members Angela Schneider, Steven Burkarth, Tim Nuthall, and Kevin Foster, 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. Dr. Seibert made a motion that the Board reconvened in open session.

President Creasey 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:

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

Dr. Seibert made a motion to revoke the license of Christopher Nicholas Conley. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sturdifen made a motion to issue the license in Case 02. The motion was properly and carried unanimously.

Ms. Holton made a motion to issue the license in Case 03. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Holton made a motion to suspend the license of Jovica Thomas Bristol for a period of two years. The motion was properly seconded and carried by majority with the following votes:

- Dr. Seibert - aye
- Dr. Northern - aye
- Ms. Kilgore - aye
- Mr. Sturdifen - nay
- Ms. Ashton - aye
- Mrs. Creasey - aye
- Ms. Holton - aye

Ms. Kilgore made a motion to revoke the license of Nataly Vannessa Diaz. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

WORK SESSION

The Board convened in a work session on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. The agenda and meeting materials can be found on [the Board's page on the VDOE website](#). The topics discussed included an update on the proposed revisions to the current accreditation system for 2023-2024 as well as an update on the implementation of the Virginia Literacy Act: Instructional Materials Process. No votes were taken.

DINNER MEETING

The Board met for a public dinner on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 6:15 p.m., at The Tobacco Company restaurant with the following members present: Dr. Seibert, Ms. Holton, and Ms. Ashton attended. No votes were taken. The dinner event ended at 8:30 p.m.