

Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL)

**James Monroe Building | Conference Room B
101 N. 14th Street Richmond, Virginia 23219**

**Monday, March 23, 2026
Agenda**

- 8:45 a.m. Arrival at the Meeting and Receive Materials**
- 9:00 a.m. Advisory Board Convenes, Mr. Robert Gilstrap Presiding**
- Opening Remarks and Welcome
 - Introduction of Guests
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Public Comment

Guidelines For Public Comment

1. The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure is pleased to receive public comment at each of its regular meetings. Public comment is only accepted during the public comment period, not during standing committees. To allow the Advisory Board sufficient time for its other business, the total time allotted for public comment will generally be limited to thirty (30) minutes. Individuals seeking to speak to the Board will be allotted three (3) minutes each.
2. Those wishing to speak at the Advisory Board should contact Mr. Robert Gilstrap at Rob.Gilstrap@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 750-8190.
3. Speakers are urged to contact Mr. Gilstrap in advance of the meeting. Because of time limitations, those people who have not registered to speak prior to the day of the Advisory Board meeting cannot be assured that they will have an opportunity to appear before the Advisory Board.
4. In order to make the limited time available most effective, speakers may provide multiple written copies of their comments.

Presentation Description	Presenter
<p>Legislative Update This presentation will update the Advisory Board on the changes and progress to date on Bills that impact Teacher Education or Licensure that are currently going through the General Assembly.</p>	<p>Mr. Robert Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Educator Workforce</p>
<p>Review of New Assessment Opportunities This presentation will discuss the addition of new language assessments to include the Russian, Chinese (Mandarin), Latin, and Arabic Praxis Assessments.</p>	<p>Mr. Malik McKinley, Director of Educational Partnerships Educational Testing Service (ETS)</p>
<p>Review the newest elementary education exam (8001 series) This presentation reviews the 5 possible components (Reading Language Arts, Teaching Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies) that will be available for use as of this month. This test is based on the latest standards in each area and has Praxis STEPs built in. Praxis STEPs allow for candidates to test with additional flexibility not only at the subtitle level but at the content level.</p>	<p>Mr. Malik McKinley, Director of Educational Partnerships Educational Testing Service (ETS)</p>
<p>Update on NOIRA (Notice of intended regulatory action) and Fast Track for Math from HB1829 This presentation will update ABTEL on the progress on this regulatory action to fulfill HB 1829.</p>	<p>Mr. Robert Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Educator Workforce</p>
<p>Instruction Team Evaluation of the Geometry Praxis Assessment This presentation will discuss the alignment of the Praxis assessment for the add-on Geometry endorsement to the Virginia Standards.</p>	<p>Ms. Vickie Bohidar, Math Coordinator, Office of STEM</p>
<p>CTE Update This presentation will discuss challenges for teachers and school divisions in filling CTE positions and how current laws help as well as the potential help from this year’s legislative session.</p>	<p>Dr. Anthony Williams or Associate Director, Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities</p>
<p>Critical Shortage Report This presentation will update the Advisory Board on the USDOE approved Critical Shortage Report for 2026-2027. If approved, this report will go to the Board of Education in April.</p>	<p>Dr. Johnelle M. Torbert, Director of Teacher Education, Office for Educator Workforce</p>
<p>Changes to the Advisory Board for next year and schedule This presentation will discuss those who will be coming off this advisory board and determine next year’s schedule.</p>	<p>Mr. Robert Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Educator Workforce</p>

VOTING ITEMS

Item 1: Acceptance of the Critical Shortage Report:

Mr. Robert Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Educator Workforce

Item 2: Adding the Russian, Chinese (Mandarin), Latin, and Arabic Praxis Assessments to the allowable pathways to teach these languages:

Mr. Robert Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Educator Workforce

Item 3: Replace Elementary Education test 5001 with new test 8001:

Mr. Robert Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Educator Workforce

Item 4: Pursue a NOIRA for the purpose of adding either School Psychology or School Social Work as acceptable pathways to school administration:

Mr. Robert Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Educator Workforce

LIAISON REPORTS

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

Dr. Monica Osei

Associate Director for Academic Programs and Instructional Sites

Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

Dr. Dan Lewis

Director of Academic Programs and Policy

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCUSSION

Announcements and discussion by ABTEL Members

11:30 a.m. Adjournment

11:35 a.m. Standing Committees Convene

Discussion Topic: Suggested uses for AI in processing licenses

- Dr. Andy Cox, Chair, Licensure Committee
- Dr. Margaret Schimmoeller, Chair, Teacher Education Committee

Next Meeting: Monday, April 20th, 2026