

Standards of Learning Innovation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Full Committee Meeting

Patrick Henry Building

West Reading Room

1111 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219

July 21, 2016 – 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Attendees

Present Committee Members:

Dr. Donna Alexander, Dr. Robert Benson, Dr. Valerie Bowman, Delegate David Bulova, Dr. Billy Cannaday, Karen Cross, Dr. Francisco Duran, Danielle Fithugh, Deborah Frazier, Linda Grubba, Dr. Rachel Holloway, Secretary Anne Holton, Linda Hyslop, Jim Livingston, Dr. Brian Matney, Dr. Oliver McBride, Senator Ryan McDougle, Senator Jeremy McPike, Dr. Pat Murphy, Senator Steve Newman, Ting-Yi Oei, Dr. Jennifer Parish, Anette Patterson, Todd Putney, Dr. Stewart Roberson, Vivian Sanchez- Jones, Dr. Steve Staples, Karen Thomsen, Delegate Jeion Ward,

Delegate Jim LeMunyon, Jim Gallagher, and Dr. Jamelle Wilson were present via conference call.

Absent Committee Members:

Jamie Clancey, Michael Davidson, Delegate Tag Greason, Sarah Gross, Dr. Laurie McCullough, Delegate Roxann Robinson, Bobby Shockley

Scribe

Maggie Chambers

Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **Work of the SOL Committee to Date**
- **Report on the Board of Education's work**
- **Presentation by College Board**

- **Structuring the Work of the Committee**
- **Next Steps**
- **Adjournment**

Welcome

- **1:31pm** – Secretary Anne Holton began the meeting
 - She provided welcome remarks to the group and thanked committee staff and leadership for their being a part of the Committee.
 - She announced Dr. Stewart Roberson as the chair
 - Committee members partnered up and introduced each other.

Work of the SOL Committee to Date

- Dr. Stewart Roberson provided background on the previous work of the committee.
 - Dr. Roberson began with a thank you to the Governor and the Board of Education for all of their hard work, and thanked the legislative members for their efforts.
 - He informed the committee that Virginia has a 20 year old system, and that they hope to put the data to good use. He commented that this particular committee has played a different sort of advisory role because it provides important and substantive input to advise the Board of Education, and is working on momentum from the last session.
 - He informed the committee that there has been feedback from businesses, teachers, and students throughout that process, and that they should not be shy about asking for outside help working in subcommittees.
 - He shared the charge to the committee and the 2014-2016 vision statement, and recommendations from last committee in 2014 and 2015
- Legislator comments:
 - Senator Newman stressed that SOL Innovation Committee always provided carefully thought out recommendations, that uphold rigorous standards VA is known for.

- Delegate Ward expressed her appreciation of the committee for being able to work on the problem behind the scenes.
- Delegate Bulova expressed that the recommendations get taken very seriously by the General Assembly.
- Senator McDougle stated that the focus was for students to have the best chance at success.
- Senator McPike stated that having a focus on outcome was very helpful.
- Secretary Holton added that this group would be building on previous group's progress, and that their role is to simply provide recommendation to policy making bodies.

Report on the Board of Education's work

- Dr. Billy Cannaday provided an update from the Board of Education.
 - Dr. Cannaday spoke briefly about High School Redesign and The Profile of a Virginia Graduate processes
 - Dr. Cannaday also spoke about the changes that would come from the Every Student Succeeds Act from the federal level

Presentation by College Board

- Representatives from the College Board provided a briefing on AP testing and the restructuring of the SAT test.
 - The College Board is interested in extending access to AP testing to a diverse population of students.
 - Representatives explained aspects of AP and SAT testing that are, or could be, aligned with Profile of a Virginia Graduate and ESSA.

Structuring the Work of the Committee

- Deputy Secretary of Education Holly Coy and Delegate LeMunyon briefed the Committee about their role in fulfilling House Bill 525's legislative mandate.
- Stewart Roberson split the committee into 5 groups for small group discussion with guided questions. Staff noted the responses to be used in planning future meetings of the Committee.
 - Questions included

- What do you want to learn or need to understand better about the state's public education system?
- How might the committee go about achieving the goals of HB525 (report on HS testing in VA)?
- What other issues are most pressing priorities for the committee?
- Suggestions for structuring our work?

Next Steps

- New Member Conference Call
 - August 3, 2016—11:00am-12:00pm
- Next Full Committee Meeting Dates:
 - September 27, 2016—10:00am-1:00pm
 - November 4, 2016—1:00pm-4:00pm

Adjournment

Dr. Stewart Roberson adjourned the meeting at 3:40 pm.