

Virginia School Readiness Committee – Governance Workgroup Meeting Notes

October 24, 2017, 12:00pm | Conference Call

In attendance:

*Workgroup Members:* Gail Johnson (chair), Sen. Adam Ebbin, Mark Emblidge, Kathy Glazer, Del. Tag Greason, Rob Krupicka, Bill Murray, Jim Taylor.

*Virginia Early Childhood Foundation Staff:* Elliot Haspel, Karin Bowles

Notes:

- Gail Johnson welcomed and thanked group for willingness to participate on this important workgroup. The list of members, including those outside the SRC who have been selected and agreed to participate, as well as state agency resources available in an advisory capacity follows:

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Member Type</b>
Gail	Johnson	President and CEO, Rainbow Station	SRC Member
Adam	Ebbin	Senate of Virginia	SRC Member
Anne Marie	Twohie	Director, Fairfax County Office for Children	SRC Member
Rob	Krupicka	Former Delegate, former member Virginia Board of Education, small business owner	SRC Member
Kim	Scheeler	CEO, Richmond Chamber	SRC Member
Kathy	Glazer	President, Virginia Early Childhood Foundation	SRC Member
Tag	Greason	Virginia House of Delegates	SRC Member
Jim	Taylor	Deputy County Administrator, Hanover County	
Elizabeth	Creamer	Director of the Workforce Alliance, Reynolds/Tyler Community Colleges	
Scott	Kizner	Superintendent, Harrisonburg Public schools	
Holly	Coy	Deputy Secretary of Education	
Mark	Emblidge	Former member, VA State Board of Ed; Dir. of VA Literacy Foundation	
Bill	Murray	Dominion Energy executive; Board member, SCHEV	
Margaret	Schultz	Commissioner, VDSS	Key Advisor
Steve	Staples	Superintendent of Public Instruction, VDOE	Key Advisor
Sara	Dunnigan	Governor's Workforce Development Advisor	Key Advisor

- Gail noted that for context and background, committee members can refer to the Secretary of Education's webpage on the School Readiness Committee, where they can see the charge and members. She reminded the group that the SRC was established last year in legislation as a standing committee to address the issues related to the early education workforce, especially the importance of supporting this workforce with a coherent and cohesive system of professional development and related policies. The School Readiness Committee is an enduring committee, established in statute, that will shoulder the responsibility of serving as the state's Early Childhood Advisory Council, with its first focus on supporting a high quality, high capacity early childhood workforce for the Commonwealth.
- Gail noted that in July, this past summer, after its first full year of effort, the School Readiness Committee approved a set of preliminary recommendations. One of the first recommendations and resulting actions was

to create a workgroup to consider governance models and steps needed to ensure a cohesive, more aligned system of early childhood programs. Recommendations to be boiled up to the whole School Readiness Committee by end of June 2018 (was originally December 2017). Workgroup members are urged to read the full set of recommendations if they haven't done so already.

- Gail explained that in order to present draft recommendations to the School Readiness Committee by next summer, we have ambitious work to do. The membership of this governance workgroup has been determined based on the expertise needed to achieve the goal and the significance of the task. In order to reach our goals, anticipate 5 meetings between now and June. In addition to having a range of perspectives and expertise on this guiding workgroup, VECF has engaged the services of two experts to guide and facilitate our deliberations.
- Kathy Glazer provided information about the experience and backgrounds of Karen Ponder and Helene Stebbins, the two outside experts engaged to guide the workgroup's process.
- Gail explained that the role for members of this workgroup will be to actively participate in the facilitated discussions and lend your expertise and perspective to issues surrounding early childhood governance in Virginia, including reading any materials provided by our expert facilitators ahead of time. By the conclusion of the process, members will provide their input into draft recommendations to be presented to the School Readiness Committee, which will continue with its statutory responsibilities, even as we transition to a new gubernatorial administration and term. *[Pause for questions: There were none]*
- Gail announced that the first in-person meeting will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 10 am to 1 pm at the offices of the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation in Richmond. Members will receive information and pre-reading prior to that meeting. She thanked the group and adjourned the meeting.