



The Virginia EL Supervisors' Association (VESA) is an educational organization that promotes the academic achievement of English Learners in grades PreK-12.

Meeting Minutes
 October 6, 2023
 The Springs Recreation Center
 Henrico, VA

Time	Agenda Items	Facilitator
VESA Website: http://www.vavesa.org/		
8:30-9:00	Networking	
9:00-9:15	<p>Welcome, Connection, and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction of the VESA Executive Board ● Secretary & Treasurer Elections Next Year ● Introduced Region Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Region II Vacant ● VDOE Representatives in attendance– Louise Marks, Nikki Saunders, LaShel Bradley, Joelle Cox 	Courtney Proffitt
9:15-9:30	<p>VESA Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review & Approval of the Treasurer’s Report ● Review and Approval of the Spring 2023 VESA General Meeting Minutes ● Scholarship update for 2023-2024 ● Spring 2024 Election for Secretary and Treasurer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Election Chair position vacant – call for volunteers 	Mike Tetreault Darina Walsh Courtney Proffitt
9:30-9:55	<p>2023 Conference Discussion</p> <p>VESA website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VESA Conference 2024 at the Doubletree by Hilton Williamsburg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thursday, January 24-Friday, January 25, 2024 ● Theme - Bridging Worlds, Empowering Voices: Fostering Community and Collective Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encourage promotion of Conference in your divisions and presenters ○ Sponsors needed – Please contact Conference Committee with suggestions and vendor point of contact Kristine@vavesa.org 	Courtney Proffitt, Kirsten Bradley, Roxana Bades-Muldoon, & Kristine Lentz Johnston



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Call for conference proposals – submit your proposals by end of December ○ New Registration Process for Conference ● Conference Keynotes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fabiana Parker, 2023 VA Teacher of the Year ○ Jody Nolf, Literacy Engagement Specialist ● Upcoming VESA Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Winter 2024 Executive Board Meeting - Wednesday, January 24; 6:00-8:00pm ○ Winter 2024 VESA General Meeting - Thursday, January 25; 9:00am-12:00pm 	
<p>9:55-10:05</p>	<p>Legislative Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Legislative Representative – Position Vacant (email Courtney Proffitt if interested) Must be VESA member in good standing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Responsibilities of the Position- lead advocacy efforts and follow the Legislative Agenda for bills related to ELs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ May-Oct - Solicit advocacy efforts from the field ■ January - Monitor proposed Bills ■ Jan-March – Monitor Bill Activity ■ Mar- May – Monitor Bill Passage ● SB1430 – English language learner students; reducing barriers to access paid-work based learning experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workgroup met to create recommendations to put forward to VDOE Coordinator CTE 	<p>Courtney Proffitt Kristine Lentz-Johnston</p>
<p>10:05-10:10</p>	<p>Reminder of VESA Instructional Vision 2023-2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Focus on Advocacy and Tier 1 Instruction for ELs</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quality Learning Experiences for ELs with focus on Science of Reading ● Region Representatives continue to share information from VESA and the General Meetings 	<p>Roxana Bandes Muldoon</p>
<p>10:10-11:00</p>	<p>Instructional Focus - Structured Conversation around Science of Reading (SOR) and Virginia Literacy Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Results from survey of VESA membership identified two strands for General Meeting Instructional Focus 2023-2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Virginia Literacy Act ○ Collaboration and Learning from Each Other ○ Shared VDOE one pager on Virginia Literacy Act 	<p>Kristine Lentz-Johnston</p>



	<p>- membership discussed and charted ideas about considerations for ELs in small groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information from the charts will be compiled to shared with VDOE at their request. ○ Executive board will discuss how to share information from the charts with the general membership. 	
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<p>11:00-11:15</p>	<p>Break</p>	
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<p>11:15-12:00</p>	<p>VDOE Updates ELP Assessment (LaShel Bradley)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Alternate ACCESS (name change from Alternate ACCESS for ELLs to WIDA Alternate ACCESS)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New training course released September 1, 2023 ○ Becomes operational December 2023 ○ Shift to a 1.0-6.0 scale consistent with <i>ACCESS</i> ● <i>Alternate Screener</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Released – Summer 2025 ○ Currently students must have IEP in place to participate ○ Proficiency criteria will be based on new scale scores – currently under discussion ○ Standards Setting ● <i>WIDA ACCESS Speaking Test</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New features of the Speaking tests that allows students to add to their responses. ○ Exploring new language to potentially elicit additional language from students ○ WIDA will hold Cog Labs to make research-based improvements to the test design - Albemarle and Fredericksburg will participate in Cog Lab ○ Progress and proficiency data –statewide trending up ● General Assessment & Reporting Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Long Term ELs (LTELs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ VDOE Measures LTELs by Entry Date in Virginia Schools – Become LTEL in the 6th year (more than 5 years) ■ SSWS includes LTELs ○ Pivot Tables to Explore Progress by Division – contact LaShel Bradley ○ All ELs, including opt-outs must be assessed with 	<p>Louise Marks Nicki Saunders LaShel Bradley</p>
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annual ELP Assessment, referenced USED
[English Learner Toolkit -Chapter 8](#)

- 2023-2024 Testing Dates
- Title III (Louise Marks)
 - Title III Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) Process Updates
 - Added clickable Table of Contents on monitoring document
 - Added List of Participants who assist with Data Collection and attend planning meetings for FPM
 - EL Progress Targets
 - Added specificity to evidence examples
 - Refugee Updates
 - New Office of New Americans (ONA) Contact – Christy.Escher@dss.virginia.gov
 - ONA will begin contacting local Title III representatives to assess needs (Grant)
 - Afghan Refugee School Impact (ARSI) Grant Contact – Chantal Skubic
 - Call to increase engagement with Refugee Agency
 - Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, and Stafford participate in strong bi-weekly meetings and ONA School Liaison
 - Region IV – Connect
 - Refugee Resources – Webinar [Strengthening Family Resilience Among Afghan Newcomers](#)
 - Tiered System of Supports for Improving Attendance (Slide 25)
 - Minutes of EL Services – Michigan Looked at OCR Agreements and Settlements (Slide 26)
- Title III Applications (Nicki Saunders) (Slides 30 -
 - Complete Application Amendments to align with Allocations (See Title III Allocations Superintendent’s Memo Dated 8/24/23)
 - Budget Transfer Request Reminders
 - Reimbursement Requests
 - Upcoming Title III Professional Development – Sups Newsletter 2023-09 August 31, 2023
 - Consortium Conference – Nov 29-23 Hotel



	<p>Roanoke (Consortium Members Only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quarterly Consortium Webinar – Registration Link went out to Consortium Members ○ VDOE Title III Contacts (new phone numbers) (Slide 39) 	
12:00-12:30	<p>VDOE English Learner Instruction Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB 1430 Workgroup – Reducing Barriers to access paid work-based learning experiences for ELs ● Virginia Literacy Act Important Websites ● Virginia Literacy Partnership (VLA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ESL teachers cannot be utilized. ● Self-Paced Professional Learning (Canvas Courses) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ www.vdoelearning.catalog.instructure.com/courses ○ https://vdoelearning.catalog.instructure.com/courses/iep-models ● Seal of Biliteracy ● EL and Title III PD Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ #2023-09 Virginia Education Update 31 August 2023 (govdelivery.com) 	Jo-el Cox
12:30-1:00	<p>ALL in VA Tutoring Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MLs and the Playbook – Table group discussion 	Roxana Bandes Muldoon
1:00-1:05	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General Meeting Adjourned 1:05 pm 	Kristine Lentz-Johnston
1:05-2:00	<p>Regional Breakout Sessions</p>	Region Representatives