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Maricel Quintana-Baker, Ph.D. serves as Associate Director for Academic Affairs and Planning at the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV). She is responsible for coordinating Virginia's Outstanding Faculty Awards and the Virginia Doctoral Nursing Loan Repayment Program, and works with the Agency's Statewide Strategic Plan. She is a member of the National Advisory Board for the Computing Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institutions (CAHSI) and the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities' Higher Education Research Collective (H<sup>3</sup>ERC).

Dr. Quintana-Baker was recently appointed by Governor Timothy Kaine to serve on the Council on the Status of Women, having also been appointed by Governor Mark Warner to serve on the Virginia Latino Advisory Board. Currently, she leads the effort to create the Virginia Latino Higher Education Network (VALHEN), a higher education organization composed of faculty, staff, students, and community partners dedicated to working with Virginia's growing numbers of Latino students. She is also a founding member of the League of Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Chapter in Central Virginia, and is frequently invited to speak on issues related to Latinos and access to higher education.

Dr. Quintana-Baker has been a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society since 1979. Other professional memberships include the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) and the Women Executives in Virginia Higher Education (WEVHE). She serves on the Executive Board of The Women's Network, the state affiliate of the American Council on Education's Office of Women in Higher Education.

Dr. Quintana-Baker held an Oakridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the National Science Foundation's Division of Education and Human Resource Development. She earned her Doctorate in Higher Education from American University in Washington, DC, and is a graduate of Leadership Metro Richmond and the Management Development Program (MDP) at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education. Dr. Quintana-Baker is originally from Santiago, Cuba and is fluent in Spanish.