

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on Instruction
November 14, 2019**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2019, in Room #1-100 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Sue Melton-Malone, chair; Pam Little, vice chair; Aicha Davis; Marty Rowley

Absent: Georgina C. Pérez

Public Testimony

The Committee on Instruction received no presentations of public testimony.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs (Second Reading and Final Adoption)

(Board agenda page II-1)
[Official agenda item #7]

Shelly Ramos, senior director, curriculum standards and student support, explained that the proposed amendment would update the rule on innovative courses. She further explained that no comments were received on this proposal and no changes were recommended since approved for first reading.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs; and*

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.

(Ms. Davis was absent for the vote.)

2. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.26, Award of Credit (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**
(Board agenda page II-5)
[Official agenda item #8]

Monica Martinez, associate commissioner, standards and support services, explained the proposed amendment would allow districts to award credit proportionately for successful completion of half of a course regardless of the time duration of the course.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Mr. Rowley, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.26, Award of Credit.*

3. **Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 117, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Fine Arts, Subchapter C, High School, §117.312, Music, Level III (One Credit), Adopted 2013; §117.313, Music, Level IV (One Credit), Adopted 2013; and §117.314, Music Studies (One Credit), Adopted 2013 (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**
(Board agenda page II-9)
[Official agenda item #9]

Ms. Ramos explained that the proposed amendment would revise the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for music to align with current International Baccalaureate (IB) course offerings. She further explained that these revisions would align IB music with the other IB fine arts courses.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley, seconded by Ms. Davis, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 117, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Fine Arts, Subchapter C, High School, §117.312, Music, Level III (One Credit), Adopted 2013; §117.313, Music, Level IV (One Credit), Adopted 2013; and §117.314, Music Studies (One Credit), Adopted 2013.*

4. **Approval of Update of Instructional Materials for EDUSPARK, Inc.**
(Board agenda page II-13)
[Official agenda item #10]

Kelly Callaway, senior director, instructional materials, explained that this item was postponed action from the September meeting for the committee and board to approve updated content submitted by EDUSPARK, Inc. for Spanish language arts and reading.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Mr. Rowley, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the request from EDUSPARK, Inc., to update Lengua, Ritmo y Cultura Kindergarten; Lengua Ritmo y Cultura 1; Lengua, Ritmo y Cultura 4; and Lengua, Ritmo y Cultura 5, adopted in November 2018 under Proclamation 2019.*

5. Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency
(Board agenda page II-15)
[Official agenda item #11]

Ms. Martinez explained that the committee and board had the opportunity to approve the final one-year extension of the test vendor contracts for the Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency. The original three-year contracts expired August 31, 2019, and allowed for two one-year extensions. The first contract extension expires on August 31, 2020. The final extension would expire on August 31, 2021. Ms. Martinez further stated that the committee could direct staff to begin developing the next request for proposals in anticipation of a Fiscal Year 2022 award.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Ms. Davis, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education instruct staff to proceed with the Fiscal Year 2021 renewal of existing contracts with GED Testing Service and Educational Testing Service and to proceed with the competitive procurement process for a Fiscal Year 2022 award.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

6. Review of 19 TAC Chapter 66, State Adoption and Distribution of Instructional Materials, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, State Adoption of Instructional Materials, and Subchapter C, Local Operations
(Board agenda page II-17)

Ms. Callaway explained the statutory requirement for the four-year rule review and provided a brief overview of Chapter 66, State Adoption and Distribution of Instructional Materials. Ms. Callaway also addressed proposed revisions to this chapter that were presented to the Committee of the Full Board as a separate item in the November SBOE agenda.

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 9:53 a.m.