

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee of the Full Board  
Tuesday, August 29, 2023**

The State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board met at 9:08 a.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, in the State Board of Education Room, #1-104, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Keven Ellis, chair; Rebecca Bell-Metereau; Evelyn Brooks; Staci Childs; Aicha Davis; L.J. Francis; Patricia Hardy; Will Hickman; Aaron Kinsey; Pam Little; Tom Maynard; Melissa Ortega; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz; Julie Pickren; Audrey Young

**Public Testimony**

The Committee of the Full Board heard public testimony on agenda items #1 and #4. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**1. Public Hearing Regarding Instructional Materials Submitted for Adoption by the State Board of Education Under *Proclamation 2024***  
(Board agenda page I-1)

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Alexander Harris  
AFFILIATION: Network of Concerned Citizens

NAME: Rocio Fierro-Perez  
AFFILIATION: Texas Freedom Network

NAME: Dean Mohlman  
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Christina Hovance  
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Marygrace Beinke  
AFFILIATION: St. Stephen's Episcopal School

NAME: Eva Noyola  
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Heather Ball  
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Susan Meredith  
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Larry Linenschmidt  
AFFILIATION: Self

## **ACTION ITEM**

### **2. Ratification of Amendments to *Proclamation 2024* of the State Board of Education Advertising for Bids on Instructional Materials**

(Board agenda page I-2)  
[Official agenda item #3]

Amie Phillips, director, instructional materials review, open education resources division, explained that this item provides an opportunity for the State Board of Education (SBOE) to ratify changes to two dates in the schedule of adoption procedures in *Proclamation 2024* to extend the deadline for publishers to submit the *List of Corrections and Editorial Changes*.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Ms. Hardy, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education ratify the amendments to the schedule of adoption procedures in Proclamation 2024 of the State Board of Education Advertising for Bids for Instructional Materials.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **3. Update on the Review of *Proclamation 2024* Instructional Materials**

(Board agenda page I-6)

Ms. Phillips gave an update on the review of *Proclamation 2024*. She shared the timeline and process for securing reviewers, status of the reviews, preliminary findings of the *Proclamation 2024* state review panels, and preliminary scores of the Texas Resource Review for science materials.

### **4. Discussion of House Bill 1605, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session**

(Board agenda page I-4)

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Mary Lynn Pruneda  
AFFILIATION: Texas 2036

NAME: Amber Shields  
AFFILIATION: Commit Partnership

Commissioner Mike Morath presented a summary of the topics previously discussed at the June SBOE work session. Todd Davis, interim associate commissioner, instructional strategy, shared key components of the new instructional materials review and approval process (IMRA), highlighted important SBOE decision points, and presented a high-level timeline. Nicholas Keith, executive director, high-quality instructional materials supports division, presented information about components of high-quality instructional materials, research on the most effective ways for learning

to occur and on the best way to teach each subject, and shared information from theme six in *Developing a Thriving Teacher Workforce in Texas* (Teacher Vacancy Task Force, February 2023).

The committee postponed further discussion on this item to the August 30, 2023, meeting of the Committee of the Full Board.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **4. Discussion of Required Vocabulary and Literary Works Recommendations**

(Board agenda page I-6)

[Official agenda item #4]

Dr. Davis explained that the board had the opportunity to request recommendations from the agency regarding the list of required vocabulary and at least one literary work to be taught in each grade level as required by House Bill (HB) 1605, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mr. Francis, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education request that the agency provide recommendations regarding the list of required vocabulary and at least one literary work to be taught in each grade level as required by HB 1605, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session.*

Dr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.