Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on Instruction
January 26, 2012

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 6:37 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2012, in Room #1-104 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. All members of the committee were present, as follows:

Presiding: George Clayton, chair; Marsha Farney, vice chair; Mary Helen Berlanga; Barbara Cargill; Terri Leo

Public Testimony

This item provides an opportunity for the public to present testimony at the time the related item comes up for committee discussion or action. The procedures for registering and taking public testimony at State Board of Education committee meetings and general board meetings are provided at **http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3958** or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

The Committee on Instruction received no presentations of public testimony.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Proposed Approval of Innovative Courses**
   (Board agenda page II-1)
   [Official agenda item #8]

   Shelly Ramos, director of academic standards and services, curriculum division, explained that five innovative courses that do not fall within any of the subject areas of the foundation or enrichment curriculum were being presented to the committee for consideration. Ms. Ramos explained that two of the courses submitted, "Pathway to Success" and "Methodology for Academic and Personal Success," were recommended for a one-year period and the other three courses, "G/T Interdisciplinary Studies/Mentor Seminar I-IV," "Coca-Cola Valued Youth Program," and "Path College/Career Prep I-IV" were recommended for a three-year period.

   MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Farney, seconded by Mrs. Berlanga, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve two innovative courses for a period of one year as reflected in the attachment.*

   MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Farney, seconded by Mrs. Berlanga, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve three innovative courses for a period of three years as reflected in the attachment.*

2. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 118, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits, Subchapter A, High School, §118.4, Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits, High School (One-Half Credit), Beginning with School Year 2011-2012**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page II-5)
[Official agenda item #9]

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Farney, seconded by Mrs. Cargill, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 118, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits, Subchapter A, High School, §118.4, Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits, High School (One-Half Credit), Beginning with School Year 2011-2012,with an effective date of August 27, 2012.*

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 6:43 p.m.