

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Summary of Actions

The State Board of Education met Jan. 28, 2019 and Feb. 1, 2019.

Jan. 28 Action Items

Student Performance

The Mariachi Juvenil Azteca from Edcouch-Elsa High School in the Edcouch-Elsa Independent School District performed during the swearing-in ceremony for State Board of Education members.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of State Board of Education Support at (512) 463-9007.

1. Swearing-in Ceremony for Members of the State Board of Education

Sen. Larry Taylor administered the oath of office to State Board of Education members Ruben Cortez, Jr., District 2, Brownsville; Marisa Perez-Diaz, District 3, Converse; Lawrence Allen, Jr., District 4, Houston; Matt Robinson, District 7, Friendswood; Pat Hardy, District 11, Fort Worth; Pam Little, District 12, Fairview; and Aicha Davis, District 13, Dallas.

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2. Review and Adoption of State Board of Education Operating Rules

After the election and qualification of new members, the board adopted operating rules, as amended.

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3. Election of State Board of Education Officers

District 15 member Marty Rowley of Amarillo was elected vice chair and District 1 member Georgina C. Pérez of El Paso was elected board secretary.

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4. Announcement of Membership of Committees

The three board officers made the following committee assignments based on seniority and members' preferences.

Committee on Instruction

Aicha Davis of Dallas
Pam Little of Fairview

Sue Melton-Malone of Robinson
Georgina C. Pérez of El Paso
Marty Rowley of Amarillo

Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund

Lawrence Allen, Jr. of Houston
Donna Bahorich of Houston
Pat Hardy of Fort Worth
Tom Maynard of Florence
Ken Mercer of San Antonio

Committee on School Initiatives

Barbara Cargill of Conroe
Ruben Cortez, Jr. of Brownsville
Keven Ellis of Lufkin
Marisa Perez-Diaz of Converse
Matt Robinson of Friendswood

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Feb. 1 Action Items

1. Resolutions and Presentations

Resolution honoring recipient of the Employers for Education Excellence Award

The board passed a resolution congratulating BLGY Architecture of Austin as the recipient of the 2018 Employers for Education Excellence Award.

Resolution and presentation of Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

The board approved a resolution recognizing six teachers as Texas finalists for the 2018 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The science finalists are Allison Bearden, Tomball ISD; Brenda Williams, Argyle ISD; and Celene Rosen, Plano ISD. The mathematics finalists are Kirsta Paulus, Pasadena ISD; Angelica Niño, San Antonio ISD; and Ellaree Lehman, Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD.

Resolution and presentation to the Permanent School Fund (PSF) Logo Contest winners

The board approved a resolution honoring Melissa Richardson of Dripping Springs ISD as the winner of the Permanent School Fund logo contest and Spandana Kamepalli of Leander ISD as the runner-up.

Resolution for the professional graphic artists for their service during the PSF logo contest

The board recognized graphic designers Laurie and Tyler Wiegat for their facilitation of the

Permanent School Fund logo contest.

Resolution regarding Career and Technical Education Month

The board approved a resolution designating February as Career and Technical Education Month and recognized nine CTE student organizations.

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2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Any agenda item may be placed on the Consent Agenda by any State Board of Education committee.

- (1) Procedural Action Related to New 19 TAC Chapter 113, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies, Subchapter C, High School, §113.50, Ethnic Studies: Mexican American Studies (One Credit) (First Reading and Filing Authorization) (Committee of the Full Board)**

In order to correct a procedural error made by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 113, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies, Subchapter C, High School, §113.50, Ethnic Studies: Mexican American Studies (One Credit). This action would authorize the TEA to re-file the proposal adopted by the SBOE in September 2018 and would allow for implementation of the new course at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year on the same timeline as the original adoption.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

- (2) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of October and November 2018 (Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved the purchases and sales of investments executed in the portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the months of October and November 2018 in the amounts of \$869,799,322 and \$874,849,738, respectively.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

- (3) Proposed Amendments to the Investment Procedures Manual (Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

Permanent School Fund Executive Administrator Holland Timmins provided an overview of amendments made to the investment procedures manual. The board approved the amended regulatory rules.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(4) Decision on Real Estate Investments
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board agreed to execute four real estate investments collectively totaling up to \$300 million.

The board approved the execution of an agreement with Blackstone Real Estate Advisors IX L.P. necessary to make a financial commitment of up to \$75 million in Blackstone Real Estate Partners IX L.P., subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms and authorized the commissioner of education to execute the contract.

The board approved the execution of an agreement with KKR Associates RE Asia SCSp necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$75 million in KKR Asia Real Estate Partners SCSp, subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms and authorized the commissioner of education to execute the contract.

The board also approved the execution of an agreement with PAG Special Situations GP III Limited, necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$75 million in PAG Special Situations Fund III L.P., subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms and authorized the commissioner of education to execute the contract.

Lastly, the board approved the execution of an agreement with Rockpoint Real Estate Fund VI GP, L.L.C., L.P., necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$75 million in Rockpoint Real Estate Fund VI, L.P., subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms and authorized the commissioner of education to execute the contract.

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**(5) Recommendation for Appointment to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees
(Committee on School Initiatives)**

The board approved the reappointment of Lieutenant Colonel Peter Duffy to the board of trustees of the Randolph Field Independent School District for a term of Feb. 1, 2019 to Feb. 1, 2021.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of School Governance at (512) 463-9623.

COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD

3. **Consideration of Petition for Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.12, Foundation High School Program**

The board voted to deny a citizen petition to amend 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.12, Foundation High School Program, because Debate I, II, or III; Oral Interpretation I, II, or III; or Public Speaking I, II, or III are not aligned with knowledge and skills in fine arts courses.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

4. **Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.12, Foundation High School Program, and §74.13, Endorsements**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.12, Foundation High School Program, and §74.13, Endorsements, which adds International Baccalaureate film courses as options for satisfying the fine arts graduation requirement. Board members also approved an amendment that would add a pathway in cybersecurity as an option under the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) endorsement. The list of courses in the cybersecurity pathway include Foundations in Cybersecurity and Cybersecurity Capstone and two additional courses to be selected from Computer Science I, Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A, Digital Forensics, Computer Maintenance, Internetworking Technologies I-II or Networking.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

5. **Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter C, High School, §126.51, Principles of Cybersecurity (One Credit), and §126.52, Cybersecurity (One Credit)**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter C, High School, §126.51, Foundations in Cybersecurity (One Credit), and §126.52, Cybersecurity Capstone (One Credit). The proposal would add Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for two new technology applications courses in cybersecurity.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

6. Action on Renewal of Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency Contracts

The board voted to approve a contract renewal with GED Testing Service and an amended contract renewal for Educational Testing Service.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the College, Career, and Military Preparation Division at (512) 936-6060.

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

7. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.28, Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders (Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The board approved for second reading and final adoption a proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.28, Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders, which adopts as a figure in rule the updated *Dyslexia Handbook: Procedures Concerning Dyslexia and Related Disorders (Dyslexia Handbook)*.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

8. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 117, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Fine Arts, Subchapter C, High School, Adopted 2013, §117.327, International Baccalaureate (IB) Film Standard Level (Two Credits), and §117.328, International Baccalaureate (IB) Film Higher Level (Two Credits) (Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The board approved for second reading and final adoption proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 117, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Fine Arts, Subchapter C, High School, Adopted 2013, §117.327, International Baccalaureate (IB) Film Standard Level (SL) (Two Credits), and §117.328, International Baccalaureate (IB) Film Higher Level (HL) (Two Credits). This action adds two IB courses, IB Film Standard Level and IB Film Higher Level, to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for fine arts to align with current course offerings by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

9. Proposed Approval of Innovative Courses

The board approved a one-year extension for the AVID I-IV innovative courses and approved a three-year renewal for the innovative course Navigating Life with Hearing Loss.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

10. Review of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, §229.4, Determination of Accreditation Status

The State Board of Education (SBOE) took no action on a State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rule action that amends 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, §229.4, Determination of Accreditation Status. Under Texas law, the SBOE may only reject or take no action on a proposed SBEC rule. The amendment to 19 TAC §229.4 adjusts the performance standard for the accountability indicator for principal appraisals, clarifies performance standards, and removes outdated provisions.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Department of Educator Leadership and Quality at (512) 936-9831.

11. Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter A, General Provisions, and Subchapter D, Secondary School Certificate Standards

The State Board of Education (SBOE) took no action on a State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rule action that proposed revisions to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter A, General Provisions, and Subchapter D, Secondary School Certificate Standards. Under Texas law, the SBOE may only reject or take no action on a proposed SBEC rule. The revisions add the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)-based certification standards; add a reference to the new certification standards for the Trade and Industrial Workforce Training: Grades 6-12 certificate to implement the statutory requirements of House Bill (HB) 3349, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017; and clarify the effective date of Subchapter D.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Department of Educator Leadership and Quality at (512) 936-9831.