

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Summary of Actions
June 14, 2019

The State Board of Education met on June 14, 2019 and took the following action. Additional information on each action can be found at <https://tea.texas.gov/sboe/agenda/>.

1. Resolutions and Presentations

The board approved a resolution recognizing Katy ISD, which was recently named the Advanced Placement Large District of the Year.

The Milken Educator Award obelisk was presented to Krystal Contreras, a fourth-grade teacher at Dr. C.M. Cash Elementary School in the San Benito Consolidated Independent School District.

The board approved a resolution honoring the 2019 Student Heroes Award recipients who are: Hitzel Medrano of San Felipe-Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District (ISD); Irasema Orozco of Hidalgo ISD; Samantha Almaraz of McAllen ISD; Brianna Freeman of Houston ISD; Abigail Redin of Comal ISD; Claudia Favela of Klein ISD; Alexandria Swett of Friendswood ISD; Eduardo Verastegui of Pasadena ISD; Joshua Silva of Tyler ISD; Epiphany Wilson of Royal ISD; Stella Austin of Keller ISD; Quinn Loach of Allen ISD; Merissa Rieken of Harmony School of Nature; Meah Jones of Lewisville ISD; and Landon Morrow of Sands Consolidated ISD.

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

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

(1) Approval of Nominees to Recommend to the Governor for Appointment on the Board of Trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas

This item was pulled from the consent agenda and voted on later in the meeting. The board recommended three candidates to the governor for possible appointment to the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS). The nominees are David Corpus of Humble; Nellie Ingram of DeSoto; and Ysrael Valencia of Horizon City. The person appointed by the governor will serve from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2025, if confirmed by the Texas Senate.

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

(2) **One-Time Procedural Action to Correct the Effective Date of the Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 118, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Economics with an Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits**

The board approved a revised effective date of August 1, 2019 for the proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 118, Subchapters A and B, in order for the repeal to take effect at the same time the approved revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 113, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies, Subchapter A, Elementary, Subchapter B, Middle School, Subchapter C, High School, and Subchapter D, Other Social Studies Courses.

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

(3) **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.30, Identification of Honors Courses (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization a proposed amendment to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.30, Identification of Honors Courses. The proposed amendment would update the list of languages other than English (LOTE) courses designated as honors courses to align with recent changes to the LOTE Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

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

(4) **Per Capita Apportionment Rate for the 2018-2019 School Year**

The board approved a per capita rate of \$486.231 for the 2018-2019 school year, which is substantially above the preliminary rate of \$459.764 set in September.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the State Funding Division at (512) 463-9186.

(5) **Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of February, March and April 2019**

The board approved the purchases and sales of investments executed in the portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the months of February, March and April 2019 in the amount of \$1,426,554,579 and \$1,822,308,700, respectively.

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

(6) Permanent School Fund Pending Contract Renewals

The board approved execution of agreements necessary to renew the standard contracts with StepStone Group Real Estate LP for real estate investment services through August 31, 2023; Navarro 1 Fund LLC for investment management services through August 31, 2024; and Raven 8 Fund, LLC for hedge fund investment services through August 31, 2021 and authorized the commissioner of education to execute the contracts.

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

(7) Review of the Bond Guarantee Program Charter Capacity

No action was taken on this item.

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

(8) Review of the Permanent School Fund Emerging Market Equities Asset Class

The board voted to terminate QMA and allocate funds to the BlackRock Navarro 1 Fund, LLC.

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

(9) Permanent School Fund Related Legislation, 86th Legislature, Regular Session

In response to the passage of House Bill (HB) 4388 during the 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, the board voted to apply provisions of 19 TAC, Chapter 33, related to the investment and management of liquid assets of the Permanent School Fund to the management of the Permanent School Fund Liquid Asset Account until such rules can be updated to reflect the addition of the new liquid account. The board also voted to authorize the Permanent School Fund Division staff to invest and manage the assets in the Permanent School Fund Liquid Account using the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate 1-3 Year Total Return Index as the benchmark.

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

(10) Review of the Permanent School Fund Asset Allocation

No action was taken on this item.

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

(11) Recommendation for Appointment to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees

The board approved the appointment of Lisa M. Brown to serve a term of office from June 13, 2019 through June 13, 2021 on the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees.

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

(12) Recommendation for Appointment to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees

The board approved the reappointment of Clifford Dietert and Laura Munro and the appointment of MSgt. Brian Case and Jere Pace to a term of office from June 13, 2019 through June 13, 2021 on the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees.

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

(13) Recommendation for Appointment to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees

The board approved the reappointment of Patrick Luna to serve a term of office from June 13, 2019 through June 13, 2021 on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD

3. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 110, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading, and 19 TAC Chapter 128, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Spanish Language Arts and Reading and English as a Second Language (Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The board approved for second reading and final adoption proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 110, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading, and 19 TAC Chapter 128, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Spanish Language Arts and Reading and English as a Second Language, Subchapter A, Elementary, §§128.1-128.7, Subchapter B, Middle School, §§128.20-128.23, and Subchapter C, High School, §128.34 and §128.35, as amended, to make adjustments to align with recent revisions to the college and career readiness standards

(CCRS) and to make technical adjustments, including the correction of inconsistencies that have been identified.

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

4. **Proposed Repeal and New 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter C, High School, §126.36, Digital Forensics (One Credit), Beginning with School Year 2019-2020**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

This item presents for second reading and final adoption proposed repeal and new 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter C, High School, §126.36, Digital Forensics (One Credit), Beginning with School Year 2019-2020. The proposed repeal and new rule, which will be effective August 1, 2019, would update the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for the Digital Forensics course and award one credit for the course.

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

5. **Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.12, Foundation High School Program, and §74.13, Endorsements**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The board approved for second reading and final adoption proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.12, Foundation High School Program, and §74.13, Endorsements, to update the rules to align with recent changes to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for fine arts and to establish courses to be included in a cybersecurity pathway for the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) endorsement. The amendments are effective August 1, 2019.

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

6. **Amendments to Proclamation 2020 of the State Board of Education Advertising for Bids on Instructional Materials**

No action was taken on this item.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Instructional Materials Division at (512) 463-9601.

7. ***Proclamation 2021 of the State Board of Education Advertising for Bids on Instructional Materials***

The board approved *Proclamation 2021*, as amended, which calls for instructional materials for prekindergarten. Instructional materials submitted in response to *Proclamation 2021* would be scheduled for adoption by the SBOE in November 2020.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Instructional Materials Division at (512) 463-9601.

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

8. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.6, College and Career Readiness and Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Alignment**
(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 A, Required Curriculum, §74.6, College and Career Readiness and Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Alignment. The proposed amendment would update the alignment charts for the College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) and make technical edits.

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

9. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.11, High School Graduation Requirements**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The board approved for second reading and final adoption a proposed amendment to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.11, High School Graduation Requirements. The amendment would update the rules to allow a student who completes the core curriculum of a Texas institution of higher education (IHE) while in high school to earn an endorsement, the distinguished level of achievement, and a high school diploma.

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

10. **Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter D, Other High School Mathematics Courses**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The board approved for second reading and final adoption proposed revisions to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter D, Other High School Mathematics Courses. The proposed revisions would repeal a rule that is outdated and duplicative of other SBOE rules and would add four new

International Baccalaureate (IB) courses to the mathematics Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for implementation in the 2019-2020 school year.

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

**11. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 114, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Languages Other Than English, Subchapter C, High School, §114.53, Advanced Language for Career Applications (One Credit)
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board approved for second reading and final adoption a proposed amendment to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 114, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Languages Other than English, Subchapter C, High School, §114.53, Advanced Language for Career Applications (One Credit). The proposed amendment would eliminate language that is outdated and no longer necessary.

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

**12. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.28, Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board suspended its operating rules and approve for first reading and filing authorization a proposed amendment to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.28, Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders. The proposed amendment would require each school district and open-enrollment charter school to report to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) the results of the required screening for dyslexia and related disorders for students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 in accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), §38.003(a).

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

13. Proposed Approval of Innovative Courses

The board approved an innovative course called Community Transportation for a period of two years and renewed Peer Assistance for Students with Disabilities I and II for a period of three years.

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

14. Approval of Update of Instructional Materials

The board approved the request to update content in three of its adopted products: *ThinkCERCA, Texas Edition*, for English language arts and reading, grades 6–8 provided that the members of the Committee on Instruction are provided access to the online materials and that the matter be placed on the September agenda to allow the committee to confirm that changes were made.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Instructional Materials Division at (512) 463-9601.

15. Approval of Proposed Updates to the *Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students*

The board approved recommended updates to the *Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students*.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Special Populations Division at (512) 475-0626.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE AND PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

16. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter C, Adoptions By Reference, §109.41, Financial Accountability System Resource Guide (Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The board approved for second reading and final adoption the amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter C, Adoptions By Reference, §109.41, Financial Accountability System Resource Guide. The amendment would reference the updated *Financial Accountability System Resource Guide* (FASRG) and remove language relating to the commissioner's role in amending the FASRG.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Financial Compliance Division at (512) 463-2945.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

17. Review of Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter F, Supplemental Certificate Standards

The SBOE took no action on the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rule actions that proposes new 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter F, Supplemental Certificate Standards. The new rule would specify the certification standards for the English as a Second Language (ESL) Supplemental Certificate. Under Texas law, the SBOE may only reject or take no action on a proposed SBEC rule.

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

18. Review of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal, Subchapter B, Principal Certificate, §241.41, General Provisions

The SBOE took no action on the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rule action that proposes an amendment to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 241, Certification as Principal, Subchapter B, Principal Certificate, §241.41, General Provisions. The amendment provides a deadline for candidates to qualify and apply for the current principal certification and to take the corresponding certification examination, after which time the Principal as Instructional Leader certificate will become the only principal certification available to candidates. Under Texas law, the SBOE may only reject or take no action on a proposed SBEC rule.

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

19. Proposed Amendment 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, §157.41, Certification Criteria for Independent Hearing Examiners (First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization a proposed amendment to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, §157.41, Certification Criteria for Independent Hearing Examiners. The proposed amendment would allow the commissioner of education to take action against the certificate of independent hearing examiner if it is determined that the law firm with which the independent hearing examiner is associated, during the time the independent hearing examiner has been certified, meets specified criteria.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Hearings and Appeals Division at (512) 463-9720.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

20. Consideration of the Commissioner of Education's Generation 24 Open-Enrollment Charter School Proposals

The board, in separate votes, approved four of the five new charter schools recommended by the commissioner of education. Those are: The Gathering Place in Northwest San Antonio; Elevate Collegiate Charter School in Houston; Houston Classical Charter School in Alief; and San Antonio Preparatory Charter School in Bexar County. It vetoed a proposed charter for Royal Public Schools, which had hoped to open campuses in Austin and the Houston area.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Charter School Division at (512) 463-9575.