

Minutes

April 7, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Present

Alex Dominguez (Chair), Lisette Allen, Estella Anzualda, Laura Colangelo, Meredith Dodd, Pam Evans, Marilyn Harris, Brenda Faz-Villarreal, Lauren Hodge (proxy member for Jayne Tavenner), Rebecca Jensen (proxy member for Cora Huggins), Carrie Matthews, Alexis Neumann, Cris Munoz, Mary Thomas

Members Absent

Melody Collier, Mia Hall, Ellie Ross, Sharon Sanchez

Texas Education Agency (TEA) Staff Present

Anita Villarreal, Jaime Huerta, LaNetra Guess

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Jaime Huerta shared the virtual meeting norms and responsibilities with attendees. Alex Dominguez, committee chair, took roll by asking members to post their names in chat via the zoom platform.

Committee Action Items

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Alex Dominguez asked if there are any corrections needed to the minutes from the previous meeting held on February 10, 2022. Mary Thomas indicated that she was present at the previous meeting. A motion to accept the corrected minutes from the February 10, 2022, Committee of Practitioners Meeting was made by Mary Thomas and seconded by Pamela Evans. The minutes were accepted with this correction.

Committee Discussion Items

Federal Program Compliance Division Updates

Jaime Huerta, Program Director, shared updates for the Federal Program Compliance Division. Jaime attended the National Distinguished School Award Recognition Ceremonies this week on April 5, 2022. He shared the National Distinguished School Award Recognition Video for Putegnat Elementary, recipient of the Distinguished Performance Award. The video was created by the Title I Capacity Building Team with Region 20.

Anita Villarreal, Senior Division Director, shared how TEA presented during the recent ESSA Institute, held March 28-30, 2022. The TEA staff use the ESSA Institute both to fine-tune their presentations for the ACET Spring Conference and to provide training to ESC staff. TEA wants to ensure ESCs are trained first, so ESCs are prepared to provide technical assistance to the LEAs.

Anita then shared the logistics of the upcoming ACET Conference to be held in San Marcos, Texas on April

27-28, 2022. She informed the committee what sessions her team will be providing during the ACET Conference.

Anita informed the committee that Gerardo Ramirez is building the capacity of the Title I, Part D program by partnering with the Capacity Building Initiative Team, led by Jaime Huerta, to create statewide resources.

Anita stated the Administration is releasing the proposed budget for Federal Fiscal Year 2023 (School Year 22-23). She reminded the committee that amounts in this budget are not amounts the LEAs can count on. There are deductions that the State must take, such as those for state administration, authorized state-level programs, and allocations for charter schools, that will reduce the listed amounts.

Jaime Huerta informed the committee that TEA is preparing to post information related to the 2021-2022 ESSA Consolidated Compliance Reports. Jaime shared the new process established for those LEAs who are not in compliance on the ESSA Consolidated Compliance Reports. Didi Garcia will be conducting the training on this process during ACET.

Jaime reviewed the timeline for the Gun Free Schools Report, ESSA Consolidated Compliance Report, and the Rural and Low-Income Schools Report.

A new Program Compliance Self-Check Guide will be posted on TEAs website to assist LEAs in determining their compliance status. Additional updates to the website will include mockups, instructions, and training videos for various programs.

Title I, Part A Updates

Jaime Huerta shared the National Distinguished School Award Recognition Video for John and Olive Hinojosa Elementary, recipient of the Distinguished Progress Award.

Jaime shared revisions and changes to the 2022-2023 ESSA Consolidated Application regarding Title I, Part A. The PS3101 has added the Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) option for information purposes only. If the LEA is using REAP to transfer funds, then that information will be on the PS3101. Jaime also shared a change on the SC5000 schedule: The campus low-income percentage column has been moved to be nearer the campus name. Also, if the low-income percentage for a campus is above 40% then the Additional Eligibility column for that campus will be automatically disabled. If the low-income percentage is less than 40%, then the Additional Eligibility column will be available for the LEA to indicate use of other eligibility options. The last change on the 2022-2023 ESSA Consolidated Application is that the Ed-Flex Title I, Part A Schoolwide Eligibility Waiver schedule (WD4004) will be discontinued. LEAs using the Schoolwide Eligibility waiver will indicate this in the "Additional Eligibility" column and will maintain a completed supporting documentation form locally.

Title I COP Updates

Jaime Huerta shared the following member resignations and proposed replacements to the Title I Committee of Practitioners. Pending the commissioner's approval to the changes, a representative from ESC-Region 6 will replace Jayne Tavenner, and a representative from Windham School will replace Cora Huggins, Windham School Statewide Representative.

Jaime shared the proposed COP meeting dates for 2022-2023:

- Thursday, September 15, 2022 9:30 am 3:30 pm (In Person)
- Thursday, November 3, 2022 9:00 am (Remote)
- Thursday, February 16, 2023 9:00 am (Remote)
- Thursday, April 13, 2023 9:00 am (Remote)
- Thursday, June 15, 2023 9:00 am (Remote).
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Jaime noted that the meeting on September 15, 2022, will be in-person and an all-day meeting. The location is to be determined. He asked the committee to review the proposed dates and provide feedback to Jamie Goodwin.

Adjourn

Alex Dominguez reviewed closing announcements and the next meeting date and time before adjourning the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Committee on September 14, 2022.