

## MINTUES

DATE: November 4, 2021

9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### Members Present

Lisette Allen, Maria E. Anzualda, Shirley Clark, Laura Colangelo, Merideth Dodd, Alex Dominguez, Pam Evans, Brenda Faz-Villarreal, Marilyn Harris, Lauren Hodge (proxy for Jayne Tavenner), Cora Huggins, Carrie Matthews, Cris Munoz, Alexis Neumann, Ellie Ross, Mary Thomas

### Members Absent

Melody Collier, Mia Hall, Sharon Sanchez

### Texas Education Agency (TEA) Staff Present

Anita Villarreal, Didi Garcia, Jaime Huerta, Idalia Ibanez, Vivian Smyrl

### Call to Order

The virtual meeting norms were shared with meeting attendees by Jaime Huerta, Title I, Part A Program Director. Shirley Clark called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., welcoming the committee and guests.

### Welcome

#### Welcome and Roll Call

Shirley Clark, COP Committee Chair, began the meeting. She stated Lauren Hodge was attending as a proxy for Jayne Tavenner.

### Committee Discussion Items

#### Department of Grant Compliance and Administration Updates

Shirley Clark announced Cory Green, Associate Commissioner, was unable to attend the meeting.

#### Federal Program Compliance Division Updates

**Anita Villarreal, Senior Division Director of Federal Program Compliance Division** shared several updates. Program meetings and Coffee hours for ESCs have been adjusted for the 2021-22 school year after receiving requests to adjust with service center initiatives. Anita shared her gratitude for the 2020-2021 Title I-related ESC Program Meetings and Coffee Hours, the Title I-related FAQ documents posted, and the Collaborative Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CCNA) project in conjunction with the Title I, Part A Capacity Building Initiative at Region 20. The CCNA Resource Toolkit has been presented to Cory Green, Associate Commissioner, and to Mike Myer, Deputy Commissioner. The Commissioner would like to see one comprehensive collaborative needs assessment that also incorporates School Improvement. Feedback from a recent Division Customer Satisfaction Survey included comments that expressed the appreciation for the quality of guidance and resources provided by the division. In addition, respondents indicated that they did not like the recorded presentations and requested that the division provide examples in the presentations. Her team is working with ESCs to schedule face-to-face time together. The survey respondents requested that a division calendar of events be developed.

#### Ed-Flex Waiver Review Training

**Vivian Smyrl, Program Director**, reviewed the Education Flexibility Program, specifically which programs are covered by Ed-Flex, which provisions cannot be waived, and the individual programmatic waiver request and review process. She explained that during the meeting, the committee would have an action item to review

a waiver application received from an LEA. She explained High Point Academy submitted an Ed-Flex Programmatic Waiver Request. She reviewed the applicable section of statute shared the campus' general information captured on the LEA's SC5000 in the ESSA Consolidated Application. Questions from the committee were asked and answered throughout the process.

## Committee Action Items

### Individual Programmatic Waiver Application for High Point Academy

The waiver request was reviewed by the committee. A motion to approve the Ed-Flex Waiver request from High Point Academy was made by Marilyn Harris and a second by Alexis Neumann. The committee voted to recommend approval of the Ed-Flex Waiver request for High Point Academy.

Another action item regarding the individual programmatic waiver was to recommend evaluation criteria for the waiver. A motion to recommend the evaluation criteria be accepted as provided on the Ed-Flex waiver overview was made by Cora Huggins and a second by Meredith Dodd. The committee voted to approve the evaluation criteria.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Corrections to the minutes from the September 9, 2021, Committee of Practitioners meeting were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2021, Committee of Practitioners meeting, as amended, was made by Marilyn Harris and a second by Pamela Evans.

### Adjourn

Shirley Clark, Committee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

**Minutes approved by the Committee on February 10, 2022.**