

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on Instruction
Thursday, June 24, 2021**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 8:03 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2021, in Room #1-100 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Sue Melton-Malone, chair; Rebecca Bell-Metereau; Pam Little; Georgina C. Pérez; Audrey Young, vice-chair

Non-Committee Members Present: Mr. Allen, Ms. Davis, Dr. Ellis, Mr. Hickman

Public Testimony

The Committee on Instruction heard public testimony on agenda item #5. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

The Committee on Instruction considered items in the following order: Item number 5, 1, 2, 3, 4.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter D, Other High School Mathematics Courses, §§111.56-111.59 (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**
(Board agenda page II-1)

Jessica Snyder, director of special projects, curriculum standards and student support, explained that this item would repeal four International Baccalaureate (IB) courses that are no longer offered by the International Baccalaureate Organization. She further explained that these four courses were replaced by new IB courses that have already been approved by the board.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Dr. Bell-Metereau, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter D, Other High School Mathematics Courses, §111.56, International Baccalaureate (IB) Mathematical Studies Standard Level (Two Credits); §111.57, International Baccalaureate (IB) Mathematics Standard Level (Two Credits); §111.58, International Baccalaureate (IB) Mathematics Higher Level (Two Credits); and §111.59, International Baccalaureate (IB) Further Mathematics Higher Level (Two Credits); and*

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter D, Other High School Mathematics Courses, §111.56, International Baccalaureate (IB) Mathematical Studies Standard Level (Two Credits); §111.57, International Baccalaureate (IB) Mathematics Standard Level (Two Credits); §111.58, International Baccalaureate (IB) Mathematics Higher Level (Two Credits); and §111.59, International Baccalaureate (IB) Further Mathematics Higher Level (Two Credits), is necessary and shall have an effective date of August 1, 2021.

(Dr. Young and Ms. Pérez were absent for the vote.)

2. Approval of Updates and Substitutions to Adopted Instructional Materials
(Board agenda page II-7)

Amie Williams, director of review and adoption, instructional materials and implementation division, explained that Learning A–Z was requesting approval to update content in its adopted product, *Raz Plus ELL Texas Edition*, grades 2–4 and that curriculum subject-area specialists have reviewed the requested changes.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Ms. Pérez, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the request from Learning A–Z to update content in its adopted product Raz Plus ELL Texas Edition, grades 2–4.*

(Dr. Young was absent for the vote.)

DISCUSSION ITEM

3. Discussion of Annual Audit Reports for Credit by Examination from Texas Tech University and The University of Texas at Austin
(Board agenda page II-11)

Ms. Snyder explained that there are two authorized providers of credit-by-exam assessments, The University of Texas at Austin and Texas Tech University. Ms. Snyder also explained that, per State Board of Education rule, each provider is required to conduct an independent audit of 20 percent of these exams and report the findings to the board. The findings are included in the State Board of Education agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter D, Special Education Services and Settings, §89.61, Contracting for Residential Educational Placements for Students with Disabilities, and §89.63, Instructional Arrangements and Settings (First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Board agenda page II-13)

Justin Porter, state director, special education programs, explained that the proposed repeal is necessary because the 86th Legislature, 2019, transferred rulemaking authority related to instructional arrangements for students with disabilities from the State Board of Education to the commissioner of education.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Dr. Bell-Metereau, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter D, Special Education Services and Settings, §89.61, Contracting for Residential Educational Placements for Students with Disabilities, and §89.63, Instructional Arrangements and Settings.*

(Dr. Young was absent for the vote.)

**5. 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)
(Board agenda page II-14)**

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Elizabeth Wilson
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: David Wilson
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Beckley Wilson
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Nilam Agrawal
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Heidi Goldman
AFFILIATION: Round Rock Dyslexia Group

NAME: Libby Grafa
AFFILIATION: Texas Academic Language Therapy Association

NAME: Mike Meroney
AFFILIATION: Texas Academic Language Therapy Association

NAME: Robin Cowsar
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Nicole May
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Maddox Castillo
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Jessamyn Putnam
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Linda Gladden
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Kristin McGuire
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Amy Traynor
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Olivia Traynor
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Krishangi Shroff
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Cleo Vollaro
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Shannon Meroney
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Andrew Cooper
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Daphne Corder
AFFILIATION: Self

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Dr. Bell-Metereau, and carried unanimously to suspend the board's operating rules to allow for additional testimony requested outside the board's registration period.*

(Ms. Pérez was absent for the vote.)

NAME: Scott Moore
AFFILIATION: Conroe Independent School District

Monica Martinez, associate commissioner, standards and support services, explained that chapters from the *Dyslexia Handbook: Procedures Concerning Dyslexia and Related Disorders* (Dyslexia Handbook), are adopted as part of the Texas Administrative Code in Figure: 19 TAC §74.28(c); therefore, revisions to the handbook must follow the rulemaking process. Ms. Martinez stated that the proposed updates to the handbook had been posted on the TEA website along with a summary of changes for the public to review. The proposed updates are intended to provide clarification on evaluation and screening requirements. There are also conforming amendments to align with requirements from House Bill 3, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019, in addition to other minor corrections.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.28, Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders.*

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 10:57 a.m.