

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee on Instruction  
Thursday, September 1, 2022**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 1, 2022, 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: Will Hickman

**Public Testimony**

The Committee on Instruction heard public testimony on agenda item #3. Information regarding the individual 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. **One-Time Procedural Action to Correct the Effective Date of Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, §127.761 and §127.764**  
(Board agenda page II-1)  
[Consent agenda item #3]

Jessica Snyder, director, special projects, explained that this one-time procedural action would correct an error in the effective date for the repeal of two career and technical education courses, Fundamentals of Computer Science and Computer Science III. The procedural action would allow the repeal to take effect at the same time the new TEKS for the two courses are implemented.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education amend the motion from the June 17, 2022 minutes of the State Board of Education to specify an August 1, 2023 effective date for the proposed repeal of 19 TAC §127.761, Fundamentals of Computer Science (One Credit), and §127.764, Computer Science III (One Credit).*

**2. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

(Board agenda page II-3)  
[Official agenda item #9]

Ms. Snyder explained that this item, which came at the request of committee members, would update the rule to require applicants for innovative courses to pilot a course in at least one Texas school prior to seeking new innovative course approval.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Dr. Young and seconded by Ms. Pérez to recommend that the State Board of Education suspend the board operating procedures in accordance with §5.2(a) to allow for consideration at first reading and filing authorization; and*

*approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs.*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education amend §74.27(a)(6) to read:*

“To request approval of a new innovative course, the applying school district or organization must submit with its request for approval evidence that the course has been successfully piloted in its entirety in at least one school in the state of Texas.”

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Ms. Pérez, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education amend §74.27(a)(4)(C) to read:*

“data that demonstrates successful piloting of the course in Texas;”

**VOTE:** *A vote was taken on the motion to recommend that the State Board of Education suspend the board operating procedures in accordance with §5.2(a) to allow for consideration at first reading and filing authorization; and*

*approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.*

**3. Approval of Updates and Substitutions to Adopted Instructional Materials**

(Board agenda page II-7)  
[Consent agenda item #4]

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Lori Kuykendall  
AFFILIATION: Beacon Health Education Resources

Amie Phillips, director, instructional materials review, open education resources division, explained that Learning A–Z is requesting approval to update digital content in its adopted product, *Raz Plus ELL Texas Edition*, grades 2–5, and that Goodheart-Wilcox is requesting to update content in its

recently adopted products, *Texas Health Skills for Middle School* and *Companion Text to Accompany Texas Health Skills for Middle School*, grades 6–8, and *Texas Health Skills for High School* and *Companion Text to Accompany Texas Health Skills for High School*. She explained that staff reviewed the requested changes and determined that the updated material addresses the TEKS in a manner equivalent to the original content.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Young, 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 product, Raz Plus ELL Texas Edition, grades 2–5, adopted under Proclamation 2019, and the request from Goodheart-Wilcox to update content in its products, Texas Health Skills for Middle School and Companion Text to Accompany Texas Health Skills for Middle School, grades 6–8, and Texas Health Skills for High School and Companion Text to Accompany Texas Health Skills for High School, adopted under Proclamation 2022.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 4. Discussion of Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter D, Other High School Mathematics Courses, §111.56, Advanced Placement Precalculus**  
(Board agenda page II-9)

Ms. Snyder explained that this item provided an opportunity for the committee to discuss the addition of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for a new Advanced Placement (AP) Precalculus course to align with current offerings from the College Board. The committee requested that staff bring proposed rules for the new AP course to a future meeting for the board’s consideration.

- 5. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter A, Middle School**  
(Board agenda page II-10)

Mr. Hickman explained that school districts are required to ensure that at least once in Grade 7 or 8 each student receives instruction in high school, college, and career preparation. Currently, school districts are permitted to provide the required instruction through an existing career and technical education (CTE) course, as part of an existing course in the required curriculum, or through a new locally developed elective course.

Mr. Hickman further explained that an ad hoc committee of board members has drafted a proposal for Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for a new CTE course called Flight Plans that could replace the two existing middle school career exploration courses.

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 10:02 a.m.