

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on Instruction
February 12, 2015**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:12 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2015, in Room #1-104 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. All members of the committee were present, as follows:

Presiding: Sue Melton-Malone, chair; Geraldine “Tincy” Miller, vice chair; Barbara Cargill; Tom Maynard; Marisa B. Perez

Public Testimony

This item provides an opportunity for the public to present testimony at the time the related item comes up for committee discussion or action. The procedures for registering and taking public testimony at State Board of Education committee meetings and general board meetings are provided at http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Leadership/State_Board_of_Education/SBOE_Meetings/SBOE_Operating_Rules_Amended_1_30_13/ or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

The Committee on Instruction heard public testimony on agenda items # 4 and # 7. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Election of Chair
(No Agenda Exhibit)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Ms. Perez, and carried unanimously to elect Mrs. Melton-Malone as chair of the Committee on Instruction.*

Mrs. Melton-Malone appointed Mrs. Miller to serve as vice chair.

2. Approval for Substitution of Instructional Materials
(Board agenda page II-1)
[Official agenda item #8]

Kelly Callaway, instructional materials and educational technology division director, presented the substitution request from Discovery Education, Inc.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Maynard, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the request from Discovery Education, Inc. to substitute updated versions of Discovery Education Science Techbook - Grade K / 9781618285799, Discovery Education Science Techbook - Grade 1 / 9781618285805, and Discovery Education Science Techbook - Grade 2 / 9781618285812 products adopted in November 2013 under Proclamation 2014.*

CONSENT ITEM

3. Recommendations Regarding Readoption of Instructional Materials

(Board agenda page II-11)
[Consent agenda item #(2)]

Ms. Callaway explained that adopted instructional materials have an initial contract of eight years, with an option to extend for an additional four years. The readoption spans several proclamations.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Ms. Perez, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education readopt instructional materials currently under contract in the subject areas and for the periods indicated in Attachment II of the board agenda.*

ACTION ITEM

4. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter D, Other Science Courses

(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Board agenda page II-35)
[Official agenda item #9]

Monica Martinez, associate commissioner for standards and programs, explained that this item provides the opportunity to update course titles for International Baccalaureate (IB) science courses to align with other foundation subject area IB courses. She explained that the proposed revisions would distinguish between standard level and higher level courses.

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Margaret Davis
AFFILIATION: Texas International Baccalaureate Schools

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Perez, seconded by Mr. Maynard, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter D, Other Science Courses.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Discussion of School Library Standards

(Board agenda page II-43)

Ms. Martinez explained that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) will begin review and revision of the *School Library Programs: Standards and Guidelines for Texas* and introduced staff from TSLAC to provide an overview of the process.

Invited testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Mark Smith
AFFILIATION: Texas State Library and Archives Commission

NAME: Deborah Littrell
AFFILIATION: Texas State Library and Archives Commission

The committee asked staff to provide summary information that board members could share when soliciting volunteers to serve on the revision task force.

6. Discussion of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.2, Description of a Required Elementary Curriculum, and §74.3, Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum
(Board agenda page II-85)

Ms. Martinez discussed the changes made to middle school fine arts Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and explained that this item provides the opportunity to amend rules related to required elementary and secondary curriculum to align with changes to the TEKS.

Ms. Martinez explained that the proposed amendments would clarify expectations for fine arts requirements for grade six classrooms on elementary campuses and provide flexibility in the fine arts disciplines required to be offered at middle school.

7. Discussion of Support for Students in Foster Care
(Board agenda page II-91)

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Steven Aleman
AFFILIATION: Disability Rights Texas

Ms. Martinez discussed support for students in foster care, specifically related to transition assistance for students who transfer from one school to another, to align with requirements in the Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.007. Ms. Martinez explained opportunities where the State Board of Education (SBOE), under its rule-making authority, may take action to provide additional support for these students. The committee requested that staff present proposed amendments at the next SBOE meeting.

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 10:40 a.m.