

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee on Instruction  
September 15, 2016**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:09 a.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2016, in Room #1-100 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 Miller, vice chair; Barbara Cargill; Tom Maynard; Marisa B. Perez

**Public Testimony**

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The Committee on Instruction received no presentations of public testimony.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.3, Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum**  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)  
(Board agenda page II-1)  
[Official agenda item #5]

Shelly Ramos, senior director, curriculum standards and student support, explained the proposed amendment would update the rule to add the Personal Financial Literacy course to the list of social studies courses a district is required to offer at the high school level.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Ms. Perez, seconded by Mr. Maynard, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board, approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.3, Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.*

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

(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

(Board agenda page II-9)

[Official agenda item #6]

Ms. Ramos explained that this item would update course titles for Advanced Placement (AP) courses, modify the amount of credit that could be earned for these courses, and add new AP physics courses to align with courses recently revised by the College Board.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Ms. Perez to recommend that the State Board of Education, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board, approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter D, Other Science Courses, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Ms. Perez, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education amend §112.64(a) to read as follows:*

*General Requirements. Students can be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course. Recommended prerequisites: ~~Physics~~, Algebra I, and ~~Algebra II~~, Geometry. Recommended co-requisite: a mathematics course listed in §74.12(b)(2)(B) of this title.*

**VOTE:** *A vote was taken on the motion to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter D, Other Science Courses, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.*

**3. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter C, Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency, §89.42, Official Testing Centers**

(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

(Board agenda page II-17)

[Official agenda item #7]

Monica Martinez, associate commissioner for standards and support services, provided an overview of the proposed amendment that would expand the entities eligible to serve as official paper-based testing centers and define requirements to maintain appropriate test security. Ms. Martinez stated that the proposed amendment was developed in response to testimony and public comment.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education suspend the board operating procedures in accordance with §5.2(a) to allow consideration at first reading and filing authorization and approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter C, Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency, §89.42, Official Testing Centers.*

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 9:27 a.m.