

**State Board of Education  
Summary of Actions  
April 16, 2021**

**The State Board of Education met on April 16, 2021 and took actions described below. Additional information about each agenda item can be found at <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/leadership/state-board-of-education/sboe-2021/sboe-2021-april/2021-april-agenda> .**

**Student Performance**

Desoto Early College High School Literary Scholars, DeSoto Independent School District under the leadership of Teacher, Cora Garner, virtually presented a variety of instructional raps to engage students in English Language Arts curriculum and promote post-secondary readiness.

Grand Prairie High School, Grand Prairie Independent School District student, Joseph Silva, virtually presented a video entitled, “A Journey for Understanding”, a celebration of the American Indian and Native Americans in our communities.

**1. Resolutions**

**Resolution honoring the National Blue Ribbon Schools**

The State Board of Education, by unanimous consent, adopted a resolution congratulating Early College High School in Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District (ISD); Early Childhood Development Center and Windsor Park G/T Elementary School in Corpus Christi ISD; Dr. Wright L. Lassiter Jr. Early College High School and Henry W. Longfellow Career Exploration Academy in Dallas ISD; Maude Mae Kirchner Elementary School in Eagle Pass ISD; Transmountain Early College High School in El Paso ISD; Texas Academy of Biomedical Sciences in Fort Worth ISD; High School for Law and Justice and Young Women's College Preparatory Academy in Houston ISD; Heights Elementary School in Laredo ISD; Langham Elementary School in Nederland ISD; Windthorst Elementary School in Windthorst ISD; as Exemplary High Performing Schools; and Alvarado Elementary South School in Alvarado ISD; Reilly Elementary School in Austin ISD; Edward Titche Elementary School in Dallas ISD; Milam Elementary School in El Paso ISD; Hobbs Williams Elementary School in Grand Prairie ISD; Memorial Elementary School in Houston ISD; West Main Elementary School in Lancaster ISD; John Z. Leyendecker Elementary School in Laredo ISD; Kelly-Pharr Elementary School in Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD; Redwater Junior High School in Redwater ISD; Edward Roberson Middle School in Spring ISD; Vista Academy of Austin-Mueller in Texas College Preparatory Academies; Desertaire Elementary School in Ysleta ISD; as Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the State Board of Education Support Division at (512) 463-9007.

## 2. Approval of Consent Agenda

### (1) Ratification of Amendments to *Proclamation 2022* of the State Board of Education Advertising for Bids on Instructional Materials

The State Board of Education ratified changes to the schedule of adoption procedures in *Proclamation 2022* of the State Board of Education Advertising for Bids for Instructional Materials.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Instructional Materials and Implementation Division at (512) 463-9601.

### (2) Ratification of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills and Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines Coverage in Materials Submitted for the Texas Resource Review

The State Board of Education ratified the report of the commissioner of education regarding TEKS and TPG alignment in instructional materials submitted to Texas Resource Review (TRR).

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Instructional Materials and Implementation Division at (512) 463-9601.

### (3) Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 101, Assessment, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, Implementation of Assessments, and Subchapter C, Local Option (Adoption of Review)

The State Board of Education adopted the review of 19 TAC Chapter 101, Assessment, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, Implementation of Assessments, and Subchapter C, Local Option.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Instructional Materials and Implementation Division at (512) 463-9601.

### (4) Approval of Update to Instructional Materials for EDUSPARK, Inc

The State Board of Education approved the request from EDUSPARK, Inc. to update content in its adopted products *EDUSPARK PreK System* (English) and *Sistema EDUSPARK PreK* (Spanish).

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Instructional Materials and Implementation Division at (512) 463-9601.

### (5) Approval of Substitution of Instructional Materials for Cheng & Tsui Co., Inc.

The State Board of Education approved the request from Cheng & Tsui Co, Inc. to substitute an updated version of the *Integrated Chinese, Level I* product adopted in November 2016 under *Proclamation 2017*.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Instructional Materials and Implementation Division at (512) 463-9601.

**(6) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of December 2020, January 2021, and February 2021**

The State Board of Education ratified the purchases and sales for the months of December 2020, January 2021 and February 2021, in the amounts of \$1,807,953,391 and \$1,851,830,304 respectively.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(7) Report on the Permanent School Fund Liquid Account**

The State Board of Education ratified the purchases and sales of the Permanent School Fund Liquid Account for the period of December 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021 in the amounts of \$684,875,077 and \$204,950,145, respectively.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(8) Adoption of an Annual Report on the Status of the Bond Guarantee Program**

The State Board of Education removed this item from the consent agenda.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(9) Approval of the Selection of a Firm(s) to Provide Investment Management for a Private Equity Emerging Manager Program and a Private Real Estate Emerging Manager Program for the Texas Permanent School Fund and the State Board of Education as outlined in Request for Proposal 701-21-001 and Authorization for Contract Execution by the Commissioner of Education**

The State Board of Education removed this item from the consent agenda.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(10) Review the Processes That Consider Board Member Nominees for State Board Positions**

The State Board of Education removed this item from the consent agenda.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(11) Recommendation for Reappointments to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees**

The State Board of Education approved the reappointments of Mr. Patrick Luna and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Duffy to serve terms of office from April 16, 2021, through April 16, 2023, on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of School Governance at (512) 475-3697.

**(12) Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter A, Budgeting, Accounting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing for School Districts, Subchapter B, Texas Education Agency Audit Functions, Subchapter C, Adoptions by Reference, and Subchapter D, Uniform Bank Bid or Request for Proposal and Depository Contract**

The State Board of Education adopted the review of 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter A, Budgeting, Accounting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing for School Districts, Subchapter B, Texas Education Agency Audit Functions, Subchapter C, Adoptions by Reference, and Subchapter D, Uniform Bank Bid or Request for Proposal and Depository Contract.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Financial Compliance Division at (512) 463-2945.

**(13) Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 105, Foundation School Program, Subchapter A, Definitions, §105.1, Rules for the Definition of Tax Levy and Tax Collection**

The State Board of Education suspended the board operating procedures in accordance with 5.2(a) to allow consideration at first reading and filing authorization and approved for first reading and filing authorization the proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 105, Foundation School Program, Subchapter A, Definitions, §105.1, Rules for the Definition of Tax Levy and Tax Collection.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the State Funding Division at (512) 463-9238.

**COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD**

**3. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter C, High School, §§112.46-112.51  
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The State Board of Education approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter C, High School, §112.46, Implementation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, High School, Adopted 2021; §112.47, Aquatic Science, Adopted 2021 (One Credit); §112.48, Astronomy, Adopted 2021 (One Credit); §112.49, Earth Science Systems, Adopted 2021 (One Credit); §112.50, Environmental Systems, Adopted 2021 (One Credit); and §112.51, Specialized Topics in Science, Adopted 2021 (One Credit), as amended and recommended by the Committee of the Full Board, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

**4. Update on Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Review**

The State Board of Education approved the updated TEKS and Instructional Materials Review and Adoption Schedule and Projected Adoption Cycle–April 2021, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

**5. Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency**

The State Board of Education approved awarding a contract for the Texas Certification of High School Equivalency test provider to GED Testing Service, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the College, Career, and Military Preparation Division at (512) 936-6060.

**COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION**

**6. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.5, Academic Achievement Record (Transcript) (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The State Board of Education approved for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.5, Academic Achievement Record (Transcript), is necessary and shall have an effective date of August 1, 2021, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

**7. 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 (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The State Board of Education approved for first reading and filing authorization 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), as recommended by the Committee on Instruction.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

## **COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND**

**8. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter C, Adoptions By Reference, §109.41, Financial Accountability System Resource Guide (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The State Board of Education approved for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter C, Adoptions By Reference, §109.41, Financial Accountability System Resource Guide, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Financial Compliance Division at (512) 463-2945.

**9. Adoption of an Annual Report on the Status of the Bond Guarantee Program**

The State Board of Education adopted the annual report on the status of the Bond Guarantee Program as of August 31, 2020, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**10. Approval of the Selection of a Firm(s) to Provide Investment Management for a Private Equity Emerging Manager Program and a Private Real Estate Emerging Manager Program for the Texas Permanent School Fund and the State Board of Education as outlined in Request for Proposal 701-21-001 and Authorization for Contract Execution by the Commissioner of Education**

The State Board of Education approved execution of agreement(s) with Neuberger Berman Alternative Advisors, necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$300 million for Investment Management Services for a Private Equity Emerging Manager program for the Texas Permanent School Fund and Authorization for Contract Execution by the Commissioner of Education; and, approved execution of agreement(s) with GCM Grosvenor, necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$150 million for Investment Management Services for a Private Real Estate Emerging Manager program for the Texas Permanent School Fund and Authorization for Contract Execution by the Commissioner of Education.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**11. Review the Processes That Consider Board Member Nominees for State Board Positions**

The State Board of Education approved the amendment to item c. of the Procedures for Selecting Nominees to be sent to the Governor for the Teacher Retirement System Board to strike “two” and replace it with “one.”

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

## **COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES**

12. **Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter B, Special Purpose School Districts, §61.111, Applicability of State Law to Boys Ranch Independent School District (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The State Board of Education approved for second reading and final adoption proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter B, Special Purpose School Districts, §61.111, Applicability of State Law to Boys Ranch Independent School District, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the School Governance Division at (512) 936-1533.

13. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions, §30.1, Petition for Adoption of Rule Changes (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The State Board of Education approved for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions, §30.1, Petition for Adoption of Rule Changes, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Rulemaking Unit at (512) 475-1497.

14. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §230.1, Definitions**

The State Board of Education took no action on the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §230.1, Definitions.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Department of Educator Leadership and Quality at (512) 936-9831.