Report of the State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board Tuesday, August 30, 2022

The State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board met at 9:14 a.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, in the State Board of Education Room, #1-104, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

<u>Present</u>: Keven Ellis, chair; Lawrence A. Allen, Jr.; Rebecca Bell-Metereau; Ruben Cortez, Jr. (virtual); Aicha Davis; Patricia Hardy; Will Hickman; Jay Johnson; Pam Little; Tom Maynard; Sue Melton-Malone; Georgina C. Pérez; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz; Matt Robinson; Audrey Young

Public Testimony

The Committee of the Full Board heard public testimony on agenda items #1 and #2. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

ACTION ITEM

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

(Board agenda page I-1) [Official agenda item #3]

Monica Martinez, associate commissioner for standards and programs, provided an update on the social studies TEKS review. She explained that, in response to the request from the board at their August 1 meeting, an additional work group, Work Group F, had been convened to discuss and make a recommendation for the best framework to use for the Kindergarten-Grade 8 social studies TEKS. She explained that the work group unanimously recommended that the board proceed with the framework the board agreed upon at the April, May, and August 1 meetings. Ms. Martinez provided an overview of the changes made to the draft recommendations.

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

| NAME: | Shalon Bond |
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| AFFILIATION: | Work Group F |
| NAME: | Mohit Mehta |
| AFFILIATION: | Center for Asian American Studies |
| NAME: | Lily Trieu |
| AFFILIATION: | Asian Texans for Justice |
| NAME: | Courtney Wai |
| AFFILIATION: | Asian American Education Project |
| NAME: | Jena Masquelier |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |

| NAME: | Bianca Mabute-Louie |
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| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Abby Gail Trino |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Kelsey Kling |
| AFFILIATION: | Texas American Federation of Teachers |
| NAME: | Mary Castle |
| AFFILIATION: | Texas Values |
| NAME: | Jolyn Potenza |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Robert Whistler |
| AFFILIATION: | Citizen Potawatomi Nation |
| NAME: | James P. Macklin |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Angela Wetuski |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Julia Brookins |
| AFFILIATION: | American Historical Association |
| NAME: | Mary Lowe |
| AFFILIATION: | Family Engaged for Effective Education |
| NAME: | Maria Unda |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Lanette Aguero |
| AFFILIATION: | Grand Prairie Independent School District |
| NAME: | Carisa Lopez |
| AFFILIATION: | Texas Freedom Network |
| NAME: | Tom Bartel |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Jackie Besinger |
| AFFILIATION: | Moms for Liberty |
| NAME: | Lynn Davenport |
| AFFILIATION: | Families Engaged for Effective Education |
| NAME: | Julie Pickren |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |

| NAME: | Maggie Stern |
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| AFFILIATION: | Children's Defense Fund – Texas |
| NAME: | Cindy Najera |
| AFFILIATION: | Moms for Liberty |
| NAME: | Sandeep Mangat |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Paul Gastineau |
| AFFILIATION: | County Citizens Defending Freedom |
| NAME: AFFILIATION: | Lilliana Saldana Mexican American Studies Teachers Academy, University of Texas at San Antonio |
| NAME: | Deyadira Arellano |
| AFFILIATION: | Ethnic Studies for Texas Schools Coalition |
| NAME: | Valerie Martinez |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Rick Green |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Jaco Booyens |
| AFFILIATION: | Jaco Booyens Ministries |
| NAME: | Cynthia Castilla |
| AFFILIATION: | Texas Eagle Forum |
| NAME: | Judi DeHaan |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Michael Barba |
| AFFILIATION: | Texas Public Policy Foundation |
| NAME: | Christopher Carmona |
| AFFILIATION: | Ethnic Studies for Texas Schools Coalition |
| NAME: | Lawrence Scott |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Jan Stell |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Prabhleen Kaur Chabra |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Cyndie Phillips |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |

| NAME: | Jonathan Covey |
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| AFFILIATION: | Texas Values |
| NAME: | Nora Lieberman |
| AFFILIATION: | Jewish Federation of Texas |
| NAME: | Phyllis Garrett |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Teresa Shipman |
| AFFILIATION: | Awake and See LLC |
| NAME: | Hilary Hickland |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Kiahndra Edwards |
| AFFILIATION: | Dallas Independent School District |
| NAME: | Sara Crocker |
| AFFILIATION: | Moms for Liberty |
| NAME: | Hannah Smith |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Jee Sun Lee |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Kimberly Yancy |
| AFFILIATION: | National Association for the Advancement of Colored People |
| NAME: | Justin Lurie |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Andrew Pierce |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Kathleen Kirchoff |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Angela Robertson |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Mairi Kaska |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Cindy Gaskill |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Pearl Cruz |
| AFFILIATION: | Office of Senator José Menéndez |

| NAME: | Erin Schmitz |
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| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Zabrina Black |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Orlando Lara |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Bridget Brame |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Ms. Hardy to recommend that the State Board of Education request that staff bring to the next SBOE meeting a draft that only adds missing Senate Bill (SB) 3 requirements; give staff the latitude to use draft student expectations from the work groups as a starting point in adding student expectations that meet SB 3 requirements; and establish that the SBOE will spend the next couple of years, until 2025, investigating to inform the framework.

<u>MOTION AND VOTE</u>: It was moved by Mr. Hickman and seconded by Ms. Pérez to divide the question. The motion failed.

<u>VOTE</u>: A vote was taken on the motion to recommend that the State Board of Education request that staff bring to the next SBOE meeting a draft that only adds missing SB 3 requirements; give staff the latitude to use draft student expectations from the work groups as a starting point in adding student expectations that meet SB 3 requirements; and establish that the SBOE will spend the next couple of years, until 2025, investigating to inform the framework. The motion carried.

(Mr. Allen, Dr. Bell-Metereau, Ms. Davis, Ms. Pérez, and Ms. Perez-Diaz, and Dr. Robinson were absent for the vote.)

<u>MOTION AND VOTE</u>: It was moved by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Dr. Robinson, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education use the following framework as a starting point in future consideration of revisions to the K-8 social studies TEKS:



(Ms. Pérez was absent for the vote.)

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Maynard, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the current Mexican American Studies and African American Studies TEKS and to direct staff to invite interested parties to submit innovative course applications for American Indian/Native Studies and Asian American Studies during the upcoming innovative course application cycle.

(Ms. Pérez was absent for the vote.)

DISCUSSION ITEM

Discussion of 19 TAC Chapter 74, <u>Curriculum Requirements</u>, Subchapter C, <u>Other Provisions</u>, §74.33, <u>Additional Requirements for Social Studies Classes for Grades 3 - 12</u> (Board agenda page I-3)

Shelly Ramos, senior director, curriculum standards and student support, explained that this item provided the opportunity for the committee to discuss possible amendments to their rules related to Celebrate Freedom Week as they consider possible amendments to the social studies Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

| NAME: | Jonathan Covey |
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| AFFILIATION: | Texas Values |
| NAME: | Julie Pickren |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Rick Green |
| AFFILIATION: | Self |
| NAME: | Jackie Besinger |
| AFFILIATION: | Moms for Liberty |

ACTION ITEMS

3. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 112, <u>Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science</u>, Subchapter C, <u>High School</u>, §112.41, <u>Implementation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, High School, Adopted 2020</u> (First Reading and Filing Authorization) (Board agenda page I-5) [Consent agenda item #1]

Ms. Ramos explained that this item would change the implementation date from the 2023-24 school year to the 2024-25 school year for the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for four high school science courses, Biology, Chemistry, Integrated Physics and Chemistry, and Physics. The change would align the implementation of these TEKS with implementation of revisions to all other science grades and courses and to the call for instructional materials for K-12 science.

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Ms. Hardy, 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 112, <u>Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science</u>, Subchapter C, <u>High School</u>, §112.41 <u>Implementation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science</u>, High School, Adopted 2020.

Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 66, <u>State Adoption and Distribution of Instructional Materials</u>, Subchapter C, <u>Local Operations</u>, §66.105, <u>Certification by School Districts</u> (Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page I-9)
[Official agenda item #4]

This item was postponed to the August 31, 2022 Committee of the Full Board meeting.

Dr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.