

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee of the Full Board  
Wednesday, November 20, 2024**

The State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board met at 9:04 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 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:

Present: Aaron Kinsey, chair; Rebecca Bell-Metereau; Evelyn Brooks; Staci Childs; LJ Francis; Patricia Hardy; Will Hickman; Keven Ellis; Pam Little; Tom Maynard; Melissa Ortega; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz; Julie Pickren; Audrey Young; Leslie Recine

**Public Testimony**

The Committee of the Full Board heard public testimony on agenda items 2, 3 and 5. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**1. Commissioner's Comments**

(Board agenda page I-33)

Mike Morath, the Commissioner of Education, provided an update to the board on Math STAAR score history and the potential options the board could take to help improve these outcomes. He also provided an update on the Additional Days School Year (ADSY) program and how the legislature funds this program.

**ACTION ITEM**

**2. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, §61.1, Continuing Education for School Board Members (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

(Board agenda page I-34)

[Official agenda item #11]

Steve Lecholop, deputy commissioner, governance, introduced the item and explained that the proposed amendment does not affect the content of the training but rather the requirements for training providers. The proposed amendment would limit the training eligibility to individuals, require background checks for training providers, and prohibit political advocacy by a training provider during training, as well some conforming and non-substantive changes.

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Sarai Flores  
AFFILIATION: Mexican American School Board Association

NAME: Natalie Blasingame  
AFFILIATION: Individual

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mr. Maynard and seconded by Ms. Little to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, §61.1, Continuing Education for School Board Members; and*

*Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, §61.1, Continuing Education for School Board Members, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Young, seconded by Ms. Hardy, and carried without objection to recommend that the State Board of Education amend subsection (c)(1) to read as follows:*

*“The applicant's registration application [~~process~~] shall include documentation of the applicant's [~~provider's~~] training, experience, and educational background, including a bachelor's or higher degree, and expertise in the activities and areas covered in the framework for school board development. A registration application that does not demonstrate the training, experience, educational background and expertise shall be rejected [~~governance leadership~~].”*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Young, seconded by Ms. Little, and carried without objection to recommend that the State Board of Education amend subsection (c)(2) to read as follows:*

*“TEA will provide each applicant with a list of at least five [~~(5)~~] TEA-approved background check providers and a list of TEA-approved background checks associated with obtaining a professional certification or license in this state, including background checks of school district employees conducted using the criminal history clearinghouse established by the Texas Department of Public Safety pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §411.0845. The applicant's registration application shall include a background check report from one of the approved providers or a background check report performed in association with obtaining an approved professional certification or license. A registration application that does not include a background check report completed in the last 12 months shall be rejected, and [~~or~~] a registration application that includes a background check report documenting an applicant's felony or crime of moral turpitude conviction shall be rejected.”*

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Dr. Young and seconded by Ms. Little, to recommend that the State Board of Education amend subsection (c)(5) to read as follows:*

*“A registered provider may present with other panel members, speakers, or presenters for credit. Those [~~however those~~] panel members, speakers, or presenters must comply with subsections (d)-(m) [~~will comply with the remainder~~] of this section [~~z~~] but are not required to comply with paragraphs (1)-(4) of this subsection. Any violation of this section by the other panel members, speakers, or presenters is the responsibility of the registered provider unless the registered provider disclaims to all attendees before the presentation that the opinions stated by the unregistered panel members, speakers, or presenters are purely their own and:*

- (A) the violation is de minimis or merely incidental to the information relayed by the panel member, speaker, or presenter; and*
- (B) the registered provider makes reasonable efforts to redirect the other panel member, speaker, or presenter to comply with this section in light of the gravity of the potential violation.”*

*The motion was withdrawn without objection.*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Ms. Little, and carried without objection to recommend that the State Board of Education amend subsection (c)(3) to read as follows:*

*“Any registered provider will report to TEA within 10 days if they are convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude. TEA shall revoke a registered provider's status upon notification and confirmation that a registered provider has been convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude. A registered provider will be given an opportunity to promptly contest [~~a claim~~] in writing, [~~it~~] within 30 days, a claim that the registered provider was convicted. TEA will respond within 30 days of its decision. An informal hearing will be conducted by TEA upon request from the registered provider. Registration shall be withheld until confirmation of registration is received from TEA.”*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Young, seconded by Ms. Perez-Diaz, and carried without objection to recommend that the State Board of Education amend the previous amendment to subsection (c)(1) to read as follows:*

*“The applicant's registration application [~~process~~] shall include documentation of the applicant's [~~provider's~~] training, experience, and educational background, which must include a bachelor's or higher degree, and expertise in the activities and areas covered in the framework for school board development. A registration application that does not demonstrate the training, experience, educational background and/or expertise shall be rejected [~~governance leadership~~].”*

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Dr. Young and seconded by Ms. Hardy, to recommend that the State Board of Education amend subsection (c)(7) to read as follows:*

*“Employees and/or personnel of an [~~An~~]ESC are [~~is not~~] required to register under this subsection”.*

*The motion was withdrawn without objection.*

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mr. Francis and seconded by Dr. Young, to recommend that the State Board of Education amend subsection (c)(4) to read as follows:*

*“An updated registration shall be required of a provider of continuing education every three years or after new convictions per item 2, above”.*

*The motion was withdrawn without objection.*

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Dr. Young and seconded by Ms. Hardy, to recommend that the State Board of Education amend subparagraph (d)(1)(B) to read as follows:*

*“supporting a political position with the intent of influencing the outcome of that political position”.*

*The motion was withdrawn without objection.*

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Dr. Young and seconded by Ms. Hardy, to recommend that the State Board of Education amend subparagraph (d)(1)(B) to read as follows:*

*“supporting or opposing any measure with the intent to influence the outcome of a legislative, rulemaking, or other policy processes or measures”*

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Ms. Perez-Diaz and seconded by Ms. Childs, to recommend that the State Board of Education amend Dr. Young’s amendment to paragraph (d)(1)(B) to read as follows:*

*“supporting or opposing any measure with the intent to influence the outcome of pending legislation or administrative action”.*

*The motion failed.*

**VOTE:** *A vote was taken on the Dr. Young’s motion to amended subparagraph (d)(1)(B). The motion carried.*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Bell-Metereau, seconded by Mr. Hickman, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education amend subsection (d) to read as follows:*

*“A provider of training under this section may not engage in political advocacy [~~while providing~~] during the training sessions under this section.”*

**VOTE:** *A vote was taken on the Mr. Maynard’s original motion as amended. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

#### **3. Public Hearing on Proposed Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Middle School Advanced Mathematics**

(Board agenda page I-45)

Invited testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: David Muñoz  
AFFILIATION: TEKS Work Group Member

NAME: Lisa Ellermann  
AFFILIATION: TEKS Work Group Member

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **4. Discussion of Proposed Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Middle School Advanced Mathematics**

(Board agenda page I-47)

[Official agenda item #12]

Monica Martinez, associate commissioner for standards and programs, explained that this item provides the opportunity for the committee to discuss proposed Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) to support middle school advanced mathematics programs designed to enable students to enroll in Algebra I in eighth grade and for the board to provide additional direction to the work group. Based on direction from the board, the work group will convene in December and proposed TEKS will be presented in January 2025 for first reading and filing authorization.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education select option #2 as presented at the November 20, 2024, Committee of the Full Board meeting as the plan for middle school advanced mathematics programs.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **5. Public Hearing on Proposed New Career and Technical Education Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills in Engineering** (Board agenda page I-49)

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: George Vachris  
AFFILIATION: Self

Invited testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Ashlee Davison  
AFFILIATION: Civil Engineering TEKS Work Group Member

NAME: Luis Gasca  
AFFILIATION: Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering TEKS Work Group Member

NAME: Dan Geiter  
AFFILIATION: Engineering Foundations – Fluids, Materials, Statics TEKS Work Group Member

NAME: Cristal Johnson  
AFFILIATION: Programming for Engineers TEKS Work Group Member

NAME: Francisco Nolasco  
AFFILIATION: Engineering Foundations - Design TEKS Work Group Member

### **6. Discussion of Proposed New Career and Technical Education Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Engineering** (Board agenda page I-51)

Jessica Snyder, director, curriculum standards and student support division, explained that this item provides the opportunity for the committee to discuss proposed new career and technical education (CTE) Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for engineering. Ms. Snyder further explained the proposal would add new and update existing courses in the civil engineering, engineering foundations, and mechanical and aerospace design programs of study to ensure the content of the courses supports relevant and meaningful programs of study.

Chairman Kinsey asked staff to provide the board's suitability rubric to this work group and future work groups for their review as they complete their recommendations. He asked that staff suggest that future work group members view the archived video of the Proclamation 2024 and the Instructional Materials Review and Approval (IMRA) process discussions of the SBOE. Mr. Kinsey also instructed staff to ensure that the employability standards included in CTE TEKS that are developed or revised in the future are consistent with employability standards recently adopted by the SBOE.

## ACTION ITEMS

7. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.3 Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

(Board agenda page I-223)

[Official agenda item #13]

Ms. Snyder explained that, in addition to the list of science courses school districts must offer, the rule includes a second list of science courses from which districts must select at least two additional courses they will offer. She explained that the proposed amendment would update titles of two courses in the list of courses that school districts may choose from and would add two more course options to the list.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Dr. Bell-Metereau to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.3, Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum.*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education amend 19 TAC §74.3(b)(2)(C) to include the following Advanced Placement (AP) courses:*

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics 1: Algebra Based
- AP Physics 2: Algebra Based
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
- AP Physics C: Mechanics

**VOTE:** *A vote was taken on the original motion to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.3, Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum, as amended. The motion carried.*

8. **Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter C, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, §127.59 and §127.61; Subchapter F, Business, Marketing, and Finance, §127.262 and §127.263; Subchapter J, Health Science, §127.510 and §127.511; Subchapter K, Hospitality and Tourism, §§127.569, 127.571, and 127.604; Subchapter M, Information Technology, §§127.689-127.691 and 127.694-127.699; and Subchapter N, Law and Public Service, §127.773**

**(First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

(Board agenda page I-228)

[Official agenda item #14]

Ms. Martinez explained that the proposal would add TEKS for state-approved innovative courses in the following CTE career clusters: agriculture, food, and natural resources; business, marketing, and finance; health science; hospitality and tourism; information technology; and law and public service.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Ms. Perez-Diaz, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter C, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, §127.59 and §127.61; Subchapter F, Business, Marketing, and Finance, §127.262 and §127.263; Subchapter J, Health Science, §127.510 and §127.511; Subchapter K, Hospitality and Tourism, §§127.569, 127.571, and 127.604; Subchapter M, Information Technology, §§127.689-127.691 and 127.694-127.699; and Subchapter N, Law and Public Service, §127.773.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

### **9. Discussion of Pending Litigation** (Board agenda page I-232)

No presentation was provided for this item.

## **ACTION ITEM**

### **10. Report from the Commissioner of Education Regarding *Proclamation 2024* Confirmation of Changes** (Board agenda page I-30) [Official agenda item #9]

This item was postponed from the November 19, 2024, meeting of the Committee of the Full Board.

Amie Phillips, director, instructional materials review and approval, district operations, technology, and sustainability supports division, presented information regarding the final report from the commissioner of education on the findings of the *Proclamation 2024* confirmation of changes from the *Proclamation 2024* Report of Required Corrections, Report of Editorial Changes, and Report of New Content and consider action for any publisher that did not make the required changes.

No action taken.

Chairman Kinsey adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.