

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on Instruction
Thursday, November 21, 2024**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:08 a.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2024, in Room, #1-100, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Audrey Young, chair; Evelyn Brooks; Pam Little; and Leslie Recine

Absent: Melissa Ortega

Public Testimony

The Committee on Instruction heard public testimony on agenda item 2. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Renewal of Currently Approved Innovative Courses (Second Reading and Final Adoption)
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Jessica Snyder, senior director, curriculum standards and student support, explained that this item presents for consideration the renewal of six currently approved innovative courses that are scheduled to expire. Ms. Snyder provided a brief overview of each course and explained that the SBOE's rules state innovative courses approved for renewal are approved for a period of five years.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, and carried without objection to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the renewal of the following innovative courses: College Transitions, Logic I, Logic II, Sports Medicine I, Sports Medicine II, and Sports Medicine III.*

2. Approval of Updates and Substitutions to Adopted Instructional Materials
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NAME: Alex McDonald
AFFILIATION: Texas Coalition for Human Rights

NAME: Bahia Amawi
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Deena Mansour
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Aasya Peera
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Nhuy Le
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Kellen Gildersleeve
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Nishaat Munshi
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Larry Miller
AFFILIATION: Self

Amie Phillips, director of instructional materials review and approval, district operations, technology, and sustainability supports division, explained that the requests from Frogstreet Press and Studies Weekly were being postponed to the January 2025 State Board of Education meeting. She presented a request received from Ellipsis Education to update content in its *Technology Applications, Grade 3* material; a request from McGraw-Hill to update its *Social Studies Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8, Economics, U.S. Government, U.S. History, World Geography, and World History* material; and updated Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) percentages for Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's *Social Studies, grades 6–12* materials. She explained that the updated content has been reviewed by subject-area specialists and determined to address the pertinent student expectations in a manner equal to the content initially reviewed and approved by the state review panel.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Brooks, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried without objection to recommend that the State Board of Education approve requests from Ellipsis Education to update content in its Technology Applications, Grade 3 material and from McGraw-Hill to update content in its Texas World Cultures and Geography, Texas History, Texas United States History to 1877, Texas Economics, Texas United States Government, Texas United States History Since 1877, Texas World Geography, and Texas World History; and approve updated TEKS percentages in Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's Social Studies, grades 6–8, Texas World Geography Studies, United States History Since 1877, World History Studies, and Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits.*

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 9:55 a.m.