

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee on Instruction  
November 17, 2016**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:11 a.m. on Thursday, November 17, 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

Non-Committee Members Present: Lawrence A. Allen

**Public Testimony**

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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. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter C, Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency, §89.42, Official Testing Centers**  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)  
(Board agenda page II-1)  
[Official agenda item #9]

Monica Martinez, associate commissioner for standards and support services, explained that one comment had been received during the public comment period and that no changes were recommended since approved for first reading.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Ms. Perez, 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 89, Adaptions for Special Populations, Subchapter C, Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.*

2. **Consideration of Petition for Adoption of Rule Concerning 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education, Subchapter J, Human Services, §130.283, Cosmetology I (Two Credits), Adopted 2015, and §130.284, Cosmetology II (Two Credits), Adopted 2015**

(Board agenda page II-7)

[Official agenda item #10]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Renda Songer

AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: LaMisha Stinson

AFFILIATION: Cosmetology Instructors of Public Schools (CIPS)

NAME: L. Shawndelle Kreger

AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Sherryl Gray

AFFILIATION: CIPS

NAME: Rhonda Romero

AFFILIATION: Self

The committee discussed options for addressing the petitioner's concerns regarding the amount of credit available for Cosmetology I and II. Ms. Martinez stated that the TEKS could not be amended to increase the amount of credit until after they become effective at the start of the 2017-2018 school year. The committee requested that TEA staff work with CIPS to prepare an innovative course for approval in order to address the need for the additional credit during the 2017-2018 school year.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Ms. Perez, seconded by Mr. Maynard, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education initiate rulemaking to adopt additional one-credit lab-based courses to be taught concurrently with §130.283, Cosmetology I (Two Credits), Adopted 2015, and §130.284, Cosmetology II (Two Credits), Adopted 2015, for implementation in the 2018-2019 school year.*

3. **Proposed Approval of Innovative Courses**

(Board agenda page II-25)

[Official agenda item #11]

Shelly Ramos, senior director, curriculum standards and student support, presented the two innovative courses recommended for renewal: College Transitions and Peers, Accepting, Learning, and Sharing I and II.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Ms. Perez, seconded by Mrs. Cargill, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the renewal of the following innovative courses that do not fall within any of the subject areas of the foundation or enrichment curriculum for a period of five years: College Transitions and Peers, Accepting, Learning, and Sharing I and II.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 4. Discussion of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 115, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Health Education, Subchapter B, Middle School, and Subchapter C, High School**  
(Board agenda page II-29)

Ms. Ramos explained that Senate Bill (SB) 968, 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, 2015, requires that the SBOE adopt TEKS to address the dangers, causes, consequences, signs, symptoms, and treatment of nonmedical use of prescription drugs. Ms. Ramos stated that this item provided an opportunity for the committee to review and discuss the initial draft. She stated that proposed amendments to the health education TEKS would be brought before the SBOE for first reading and filing authorization at a future meeting.

- 5. Discussion of Standards Related to a Career-Oriented Languages Other Than English Course**  
(Board agenda page II-33)

Ms. Ramos stated that House Bill (HB) 1431, 84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, requires that the SBOE, in consultation with the commissioner of higher education and business and industry leaders, develop an advanced language course to provide students with instruction in industry-related terminology that prepares students to communicate in a language other than English in a specific professional, business, or industry environment. Ms. Ramos also explained the next steps in the development of the new course.

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 10:23 a.m.