

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on Instruction
January 28, 2021**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction Board met at 9:06 a.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2021, in the State Board of Education Room, #1-100, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Sue Melton-Malone, chair; Rebecca Bell-Metereau; Pam Little; Georgina C. Pérez; Audrey Young, vice-chair

Public Testimony

The Committee on Instruction received no presentations of public testimony.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Election of Chair

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NOMINATION: Mrs. Little nominated Mrs. Melton-Malone for chair of the Committee on Instruction for a two-year term.

Mrs. Melton-Malone was elected chair of the Committee on Instruction.

Mrs. Melton-Malone appointed Dr. Young to serve as vice-chair.

2. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.5, Academic Achievement Record (Transcript) (First Reading and Filing Authorization)

(Board agenda page II-2)

[Official agenda item #6]

Jessica Snyder, special projects director, curriculum standards and student support division, explained that this item would update the rule to require documentation of the new graduation requirement that a student complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA).

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Dr. Bell-Metereau, and carried unanimously to suspend the board operating procedures in accordance with §5.2(a) to allow consideration at first reading and filing authorization.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried unanimously 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, §74.5, Academic Achievement Record (Transcript).*

3. Proposed Approval of Innovative Courses

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[Official agenda item #7]

Ms. Snyder explained that there was one innovative course recommended for renewal that does not fall within any of the subject areas of the foundation or enrichment curriculum: Community Transportation.

MOTION: *It was moved by Dr. Young and seconded by Mrs. Little to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the following innovative course that does not fall within any of the subject areas of the foundation or enrichment curriculum: Community Transportation.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Ms. Pérez, and carried unanimously to recommend that the length of time for renewal of the course be five years.*

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the motion to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for a period of five years the following innovative course that does not fall within any of the subject areas of the foundation or enrichment curriculum: Community Transportation. The motion carried unanimously.*

4. Approval of Update to Instructional Materials for Learning A–Z

(Board agenda page II-10)

[Consent agenda item #(1)]

Amie Williams, director of review and adoption, instructional materials and implementation division, explained that Learning A–Z was requesting approval to update content in its adopted product *Raz Plus ELL Texas Edition*, grade 5 and that curriculum subject area specialists have reviewed the requested changes.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the request from Learning A–Z to update content in its adopted product Raz Plus ELL Texas Edition, grade 5.*

5. Approval of Substitution of Instructional Materials for QuaverEd

(Board agenda page II-14)

[Consent agenda item #(2)]

Ms. Williams explained that QuaverEd was requesting approval to substitute new editions of its adopted prekindergarten products. She further explained this substitution was necessary because of the loss of licenses for tradebooks and that content staff had reviewed the requested changes.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Young, seconded by Dr. Bell-Metereau, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the request from QuaverEd to substitute updated versions of Quaver Pre-K Curriculum products adopted November 2020 under Proclamation 2021.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

6. Discussion of Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter D, Special Education Services and Settings, §89.61, Contracting for Residential Educational Placements for Students with Disabilities, and §89.63, Instructional Arrangements and Settings

(Board agenda page II-15)

Justin Porter, state director, special education, explained that House Bill 3, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019, redesignated and amended state statute transferring rulemaking authority related to residential placements and instructional arrangements from the SBOE to the commissioner of education. As a result, the repeal of §89.61 and §89.63 is necessary because statutory authority for the rules no longer exists.

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 9:49 a.m.