

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on Instruction
Thursday, February 2, 2023**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:26 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2023, 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, vice-chair; Aicha Davis; Pam Little; Melissa Ortega

Public Testimony

The Committee on Instruction received no presentations of public testimony.

1. Election of Chair

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

Dr. Young was elected chair of the Committee on Instruction.

Dr. Young appointed Mrs. Brooks to serve as vice-chair.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter D, Other High School Mathematics Courses, §111.56, Advanced Placement Precalculus

(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

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[Consent agenda item #(1)]

Jessica Snyder, director of special projects, curriculum standards and student support division, explained that this item would add a new Advanced Placement (AP) mathematics course, AP Precalculus, to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for mathematics to align with current offerings from the College Board. Ms. Snyder stated that, if approved by the board, this course would be implemented beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Ms. Davis, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter D, Other High School Mathematics Courses, §111.56, Advanced Placement (AP) Precalculus (One Credit).*

3. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter A, Middle School (Second Reading and Final Adoption)

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Monica Martinez, associate commissioner, standards and programs, explained that the proposed revisions would repeal two existing middle school career and technical education courses, add a new middle school course, Flight Plans, that would combine elements from the two existing courses, and repeal implementation language that will no longer be relevant. Ms. Martinez also summarized the steps that had been taken in the development of the proposed course.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little seconded by Mrs. Brooks, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education postpone action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter A, Middle School, to the April SBOE meeting.*

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

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Ms. Snyder explained that this item would add a new requirement that school districts and charter schools must indicate on the academic achievement record, or transcript, when a student earns a diploma by satisfying the requirements of the Texas First Early High School Completion Program.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Ortega, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried 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 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.5, Academic Achievement Record (Transcript).

5. Approval of Updates and Substitutions to Adopted Instructional Materials

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[Consent agenda item #(2)]

Amie Phillips, director, instructional materials review, open education resources division, explained that Learning A-Z is requesting approval to update digital content in its adopted product, Raz Plus ELL Texas Edition, for kindergarten and grades 2–5. She explained that staff reviewed the requested changes and determined that the updated material addresses the TEKS in a manner equivalent to the original content.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education postpone action on the approval of updates and substitutions to adopted instructional materials until the April 2023 SBOE meeting.*

6. Recommendations Regarding Renewal of Instructional Materials Contracts

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[Consent agenda item #(3)]

Ms. Phillips explained that contracts from *Proclamation 2015* that include K–12 social studies, high school math, and K–12 fine arts will expire at the end of this school year which will result in a few gap years where contracts have expired, and new materials have not yet been adopted. Ms. Phillips provided a list of publishers interested in renewing their contracts through the gap years and those that have opted not to renew.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Ortega, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the request to renew Proclamation 2015 contracts for subject areas and periods indicated in the attachment.*

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 10:13 p.m.