

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee on Instruction  
July 21, 2016**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, 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

**Public Testimony**

This item provides an opportunity for the public to present testimony at the time the related item comes up for committee discussion or action. The procedures for registering and taking public testimony at State Board of Education committee meetings and general board meetings are provided at [http://tea.texas.gov/About\\_TEA/Leadership/State\\_Board\\_of\\_Education/SBOE\\_Meetings/SBOE\\_Operating\\_Rules\\_Amended\\_4-17-15/](http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Leadership/State_Board_of_Education/SBOE_Meetings/SBOE_Operating_Rules_Amended_4-17-15/) or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

The Committee on Instruction heard public testimony on agenda item # 1. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter C, Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency**  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)  
(Board agenda page II-1)  
[Official agenda item #4]

Public Testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Adam Jones  
AFFILIATION: Data Recognition Corporation

Ms. Martinez, associate commissioner for standards and programs, presented two comments that were received during the public comment period. The committee asked staff to prepare an action item for the September agenda to address the request made by public comments.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mrs. Miller, 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 the proposed amendments 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. 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 II-9)

[Official agenda item #5]

Shelly Ramos, curriculum division director, explained the proposed amendment would update the rule to add the newly adopted Personal Financial Literacy course to the list of courses a district is required to offer at the high school level.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried unanimously 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.*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.3, Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum.*

**3. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter D, Other Science Courses**

(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

(Board agenda page II-17)

[Official agenda item #6]

Ms. Ramos explained that this item would update course titles for Advanced Placement (AP) courses, modify the amount of credit that could be earned for these courses, and add new AP Physics courses to align with courses recently revised by the College Board.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Ms. Perez, seconded by Mr. Maynard, and carried unanimously 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 proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter D, Other Science Courses.*

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**4. Discussion of Annual Audit Reports for Credit by Examination from Texas Tech University and The University of Texas at Austin**

(Board agenda page II-25)

Ms. Ramos explained that this item provides the opportunity for the committee to review audit reports submitted by the two credit by examination providers, Texas Tech University and The University of Texas at Austin.

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 9:37 a.m.