

**State Board of Education  
Summary of Actions  
January 2021**

**The State Board of Education met on January 26, 2021 and January 29, 2021 and took the actions described below. Additional information about each agenda item can be found at <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/leadership/state-board-of-education/sboe-2021/sboe-2021-january/2021-january-agenda>.**

**January 26, 2021 Action Items**

**1. Swearing-in Ceremony for Members of the State Board of Education**

The Honorable Dan Huberty, Texas House of Representatives, District 127, administered the Oath of Office to Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Will Hickman, Audrey Young, and Jay Johnson, the newly-elected members of State Board of Education (SBOE) Districts 5, 6, 8, and 15, respectively; and the following re-elected SBOE members: Georgina C. Pérez, District 1; Keven Ellis, District 9; Tom Maynard, District 10; and Sue Melton-Malone, District 14.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the State Board of Education Support Division at (512) 463-9007.

**2. Review and Adoption of State Board of Education Operating Rules**

After the election and qualification of new members, the board adopted operating rules, as amended.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the State Board of Education Support Division at (512) 463-9007.

**3. Election of State Board of Education Officers**

District 12 member Pam Little of Fairview was elected vice chair and District 1 member Georgina C. Pérez of El Paso was re-elected board secretary.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the State Board of Education Support Division at (512) 463-9007.

#### 4. **Announcement of Membership of Committees**

The three board officers made the following committee assignments based on seniority and members' preferences.

##### **Committee on Instruction**

Rebecca Bell-Metereau of San Marcos

Pam Little of Fairview

Sue Melton-Malone of Robinson

Georgina C. Pérez of El Paso

Audrey Young of Apple Springs

##### **Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund**

Lawrence Allen, Jr. of Houston

Keven Ellis of Lufkin

Pat Hardy of Fort Worth

Tom Maynard of Florence

Marisa Perez-Diaz of San Antonio

##### **Committee on School Initiatives**

Ruben Cortez, Jr. of Brownsville

Aicha Davis of Dallas

Will Hickman of Houston

Jay Johnson of Pampa

Matt Robinson of Friendswood

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the State Board of Education Support Division at (512) 463-9007.

### **January 29, 2021 Action Items**

#### **Student Performance**

Martin High School, Laredo Independent School District art teacher, JoAnn Sanchez Moreno, virtually presented her students' Fall 2020 Art Exhibition.

Mountain View High School, Clint Independent School District student, Jocelyn Duarte, virtually presented a video of her "My Culture" oil painting.

#### **1. Resolutions**

##### **Resolution honoring the 2020 state finalists and the 2019 state and national awardees of the *Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching***

The board adopted a resolution recognizing six teachers as Texas finalists for the *2020 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching* program. The board honored for the elementary mathematics category, Kristen Butler, Northwest Independent School District (ISD); Desirae Harcrow, Tomball ISD; and Cassidy Wagner, Prosper ISD; and for the elementary science category, Kelli Abueita, Tomball ISD; Hannah Cotten, Austin ISD; and Lori Garrett, Dumas ISD.

The board adopted a resolution recognizing the state and national awardees of the 2019 *Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching* program. Bridget Matamoros-Mota, Denton ISD, for the secondary mathematics category; and Kay Fincher, Amarillo ISD, for the secondary science category.

### **Resolution regarding Career and Technical Education Month**

The board adopted a resolution designating February as Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month and recognized nine CTE student organizations.

### **Resolution honoring the recipient of the Employers for Education Excellence Award**

The board adopted a resolution recognizing Sewell Family of Companies of Odessa, Texas, as the recipient of the gold Employers for Education Excellence award.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the State Board of Education Support Division at (512) 463-9007.

## **2. Approval of Consent Agenda**

### **(1) Approval of Update to Instructional Materials for Learning A–Z**

The board approved the request from Learning A–Z to update content in its adopted product *Raz Plus ELL Texas Edition*, grade 5.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Instructional Materials and Implementation Division at (512) 463-9601.

### **(2) Approval of Substitution of Instructional Materials for QuaverEd**

The board approved the request from QuaverEd to substitute updated versions of *Quaver Pre-K Curriculum* products adopted November 2020 under *Proclamation 2021*.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Instructional Materials and Implementation Division at (512) 463-9601.

### **(3) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of October and November 2020**

The board ratified the purchases and sales of the Permanent School Fund for the months of October and November 2020, in the amount of \$1,185,799,475 and \$1,135,739,201, respectively.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(4) Report on the Permanent School Fund Liquid Account**

The board ratified the purchases and sales of the Permanent School Fund Liquid Account for the period October 1, 2020, through November 30, 2020, in the amounts of \$368,409,028 and \$335,445,845, respectively.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(5) Approval of an Extension of the Standard Contract with BNY Mellon and Authorization for Contract Execution by the Commissioner of Education**

The board approved renewal of the standard contract with The Bank of New York Mellon beginning September 1, 2021, and ending August 31, 2024, and authorize contract execution by the commissioner of education.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(6) Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(7) Review of Real Return Asset Class for the Permanent School Fund**

The board terminated Credit Suisse and PIMCO and allocated remaining funds to the PSF internally managed commodities portfolio to align the allocation with the asset allocation approved by the SBOE in July 2020.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(8) Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions (Adoption of Review)**

This item was added to the consent agenda without objection. The board adopted the review of 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions. Subchapter A establishes the SBOE process for petitioning the adoption of changes to SBOE rules, as required by TGC, §2001.021.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Rulemaking Unit at (512) 475-1497.

**(9) Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter B, Special Purpose School Districts, §61.111, Applicability of State Law to Boys Ranch Independent School District (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

This item was added to the consent agenda without objection. The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter B, Special Purpose School Districts, §61.111, Applicability of State Law to Boys Ranch Independent School District. The new rule identifies provisions of the Texas Education Code (TEC) that are not applicable to Boys Ranch Independent School District.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of School Governance at (512) 475-3697.

**COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD**

**3. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.11, High School Graduation Requirements (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board approved for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.11, High School Graduation Requirements, and made an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.11, High School Graduation Requirements, is necessary and shall have an effective date of August 1, 2021. The amendment updates the graduation requirements rule to align with the requirement in House Bill (HB) 3, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019, that students complete a financial aid application as a requirement for high school graduation. The amendment also specifies when a student may demonstrate proficiency in certain communication skills required for graduation.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

**4. Consideration of Petition for Adoption of Rule in 19 TAC Chapter 113, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies**

The board denied the petition to adopt United States History Studies Before 1877 and offer the course to all high school students because all Grade 8 students are required to receive instruction in United States History through 1877.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

5. **Update on Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Review**

The committee took no action and no recommendation was presented to the board.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

**COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION**

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

The board voted to suspend its operating rules to allow this item to be considered for first reading and filing authorization and approved 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). The proposed amendment 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).

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

7. **Proposed Approval of Innovative Courses**

The board approved 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.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

**COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND**

8. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter C, Adoptions By Reference, §109.41, Financial Accountability System Resource Guide (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter C, Adoptions By Reference, §109.41, Financial Accountability System Resource Guide.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Financial Compliance Division at (512) 463-2945.

9. **Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter B, State Board of Education: Purchasing and Contracts**  
**(Adoption of Review)**

The board adopted the review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter B, State Board of Education: Purchasing and Contracts. The rules in Subchapter B address the historically underutilized business (HUB) program and procedures relating to protest for purchasing issues and dispute resolution, in accordance with Texas Government Code requirements.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Purchasing and Contracts Division at (512) 463-9383.

10. **Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules**  
**(Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

This item was pulled from consent agenda. The board approved for second reading and final adoption proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register. The proposed amendments amend the asset allocation of the Permanent School Fund (PSF), update transactions and restrictions that apply to the PSF, and update cross references and section title.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES**

11. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions, §30.1, Petition for Adoption of Rule Changes**  
**(First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board voted to suspend its operating rules to allow this item to be considered for first reading and filing authorization and approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions, §30.1, Petition for Adoption of Rule Changes. The proposed amendment updates the State Board of Education (SBOE) petition procedures to allow for electronic submission of a petition authorized under Texas Government Code (TGC), §2001.021.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Rulemaking Unit at (512) 475-1497.