

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee of the Full Board
Monday, September 8, 2025**

The State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board met at 1:06 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2025, in room, #2.034 of the Barbara Jordan Building, 1601 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas.

Present: Aaron Kinsey, chair; Gustavo Reveles; LJ Francis; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz; Staci Childs; Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Will Hickman; Julie Pickren; Audrey Young; Keven Ellis; Tom Maynard; Pam Little; Brandon Hall; Tiffany Clark; Evelyn Brooks

Chair Kinsey introduced new staff members and their roles.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion of Legislative Requirements Related to Personal Financial Literacy and Economics
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A member of the public provided testimony.

Jessica Snyder, Senior Director, Curriculum Standards and Student Support, discussed requirements related to personal financial literacy and economics from House Bill (HB) 27 passed by the 89th Texas Legislature and future rule action needed to implement the requirements of the bill. She focused on three actions that would require the SBOE's involvement:

1. Identify the personal financial literacy (PFL) course that will satisfy the new graduation requirement. The board may choose to start from one of the existing courses in PFL and will need to determine if the TEKS will need to be amended.
2. Amend Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, and Subchapter A, §74.3. Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum to align with HB 27.
3. Amend the TEKS for §113.31 Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits to expand from a one-half credit course to a one-credit course (timeline and process will need to be determined by the SBOE).

Following discussion, the board agreed to consider both §113.49 Personal Financial Literacy (One-Half Credit), Adopted 2016, and §113.76 Personal Financial Literacy and Economics (One-Half Credit), Adopted 2022, for action at the November 2025 meeting. At that time, the COFB will decide with which course to proceed, and the process for updating the TEKS of the selected course. The SBOE will also consider the process to expand §113.31 Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits from one-half credit to one credit at the November 2025 meeting. Ms. Snyder explained that the changes to the graduation requirements under HB 27 apply beginning with students entering ninth grade in the 2026-2027 school. To ensure that the necessary amendments are adopted before the 2026-2027 school year, a discussion item on possible amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Subchapters A and B, will also be added to the agenda for the November 2025 meeting.

2. Work Session on Social Studies Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Framework Course Sequence and Strands

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Commissioner of Education Mike Morath presented information on the process for social studies Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills review and the framework for course sequence and strands. Commissioner Morath presented four options for potential strands, Options A-D, and the board discussed additional options to consider. Commissioner Morath also laid out potential sequences of content, Options A, B.1 and B.2, C, D, and E, for the Kindergarten-Grade 8 social studies TEKS. Additional possible course sequence options, Options B.3 and F, were also discussed.

In response to questions about social studies testing in Grade 8, Commissioner Morath stated that he would ensure additional legal analysis is completed in regard to any overlap between state and federal testing requirements, particularly as they relate to Grade 8 social studies. Commissioner Morath explained that the identification of content advisors would be the next step in the process. It was indicated that the board would have the opportunity to make decisions about the strands and course sequence during the discussion and action item on Wednesday and a timeline for identifying content advisors would be determined once those decisions have been made.

Chairman Kinsey adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.