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(January 2025)

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(updated January 2025)

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Minutes

State Board of Education

September 12, 2025

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Friday, September 12, 2025

The State Board of Education met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 12, 2025, in room, #2.034 of the Barbara Jordan Building, 1601 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas.

Ms. Childs introduced a student performance by the Rhodes School of Performing Arts.

The Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and Salute to the Texas Flag were led by Mr. Francis.

Staff called the roll.

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

Approval of Minutes

State Board of Education, June 27, 2025

MOTION AND VOTE: *The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the June 27, 2025, meetings of the State Board of Education, as corrected.*

1. Resolutions and Presentation

The following resolutions was considered and adopted:

- Resolution honoring the 2025 Heroes for Children recipients

(ATTACHMENT 1, page 5)

Public Testimony

No public testimony was provided.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Without objection, the State Board of Education approved the following items on the consent agenda.

**C1. Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter C, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, §§127.49, 127.51, and 127.52
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

ADOPTED RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter C, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, §§127.49, 127.51, and 127.52; and

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and

Technical Education, Subchapter C, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, §§127.49, 127.51, and 127.52, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing with the Texas Register.

C2. Recommendation for One Reappointment to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees

ADOPTED RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education, based on Brigadier General Oakland's recommendation, approve the reappointment of Mr. Aaron Braxton II, to serve a term of office from September 12, 2025, to September 11, 2027, on the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees.

C3. Recommendation for One Reappointment and One Appointment to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees

ADOPTED RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education, based on Brigadier General Oakland's recommendation, approve the reappointment of Mr. Peter Duffy and the appointment of Mr. David Megeath to serve terms of office from September 12, 2025, to September 11, 2027, on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.

C4. Recommendation for Two Reappointments and One Appointment to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees

ADOPTED RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education, based on Brigadier General Oakland's recommendation, based on Brigadier General Oakland's recommendation, approve the reappointments of Mrs. Jere M. Pace and Mr. John A. Sheehan and the appointment of Mr. Zachary S. Dean to serve terms of office from September 12, 2025, to September 11, 2027, on the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees.

COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD

3. Report from the Commissioner of Education Regarding Instructional Materials Review and Approval Cycle 2024 Confirmation of Changes
(Board agenda page I-12)

The Committee of the Full Board had no recommendations on this item, and the SBOE took no action.

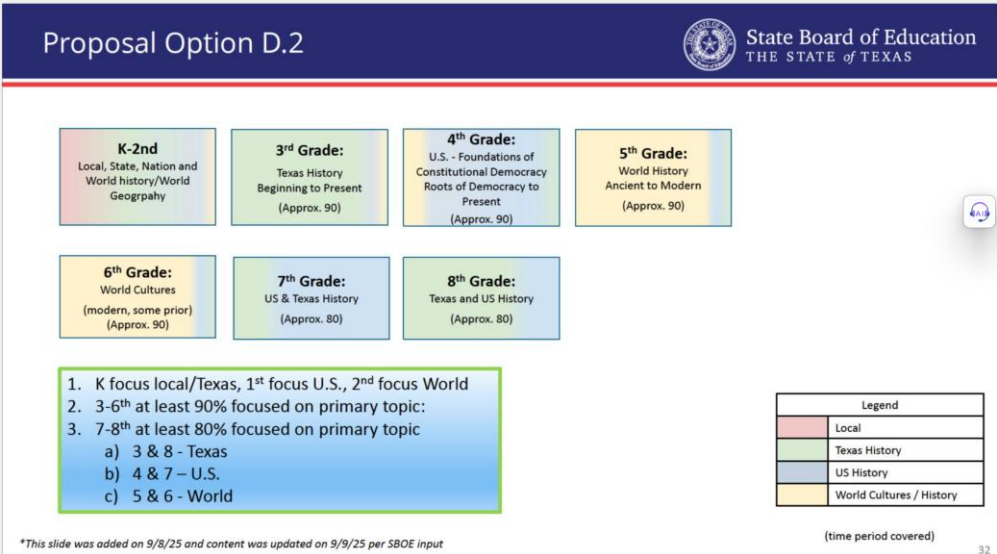
4. Approval of Proposed Quality Rubrics for Instructional Materials Review and Approval Cycle 2026
(Board agenda page I-13)

RECOMMENDATION: On behalf of the Committee of the Full Board, Mrs. Little recommended to the State Board of Education that they approve the quality rubrics for full-subject, tier-one, instructional materials for career and technical education (CTE) for high school; full-subject, tier-one, instructional materials for fine arts for grades K–12; and supplemental K–5 language arts and reading for the Instructional Materials Review and Approval process.

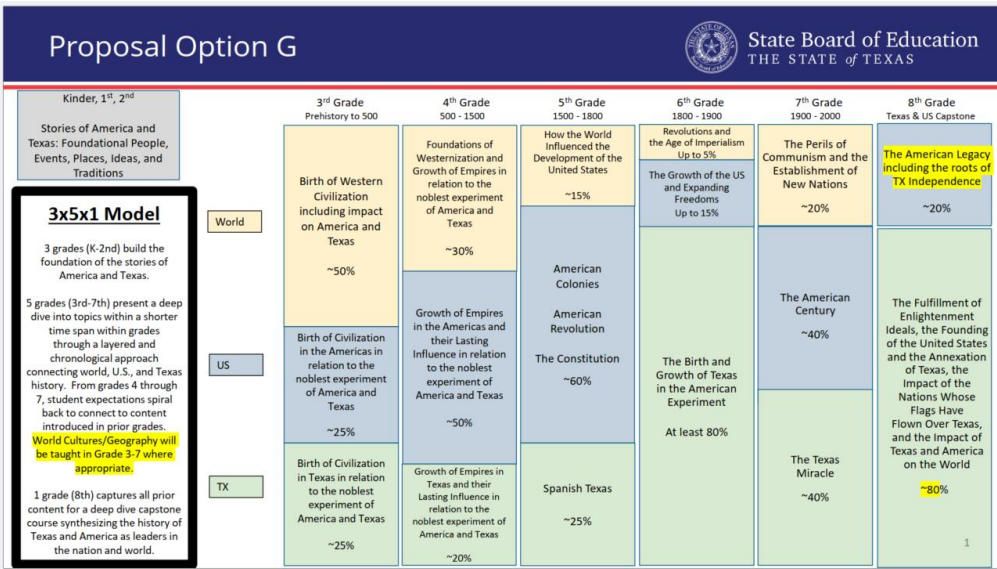
The recommendation was adopted 9-1.

5. Discussion and Action on Social Studies Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Framework
(Board agenda page I-47)

RECOMMENDATION: On behalf of the Committee of the Full Board, Mrs. Little recommended to the State Board of Education that Course Sequence Proposal Option D.2 be adopted as presented below:



Following amendment, the State Board of Education adopted Course Sequence Proposal Option G, as shown below.



Course Sequence Proposal Option G was adopted 8-7.

RECOMMENDATION: On behalf of the Committee of the Full Board, Mrs. Little recommended to the State Board of Education the adoption of Strands Proposal C, as presented and updated on September 8, 2025.

The recommendation was adopted 12-2.

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

6. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter A, Gifted/Talented Education, §89.1, Student Identification (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**
(Board agenda page II-26)

RECOMMENDATION: On behalf of the Committee on Instruction, Member Young moved to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter A, Gifted/Talented Education, §89.1, Student Identification.

The recommendation was adopted 10-0.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/ PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

7. **Determination as to Whether Transfers May be Made from the Permanent School Fund to the Available School Fund**

RECOMMENDATION: On behalf of the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund, Member Maynard moved to recommend that the State Board of Education that, pursuant to the Texas Constitution Article VII, Section 5(a) and based on the analysis presented by staff affirming the Constitutional 10-year test was satisfied the Committee recommend that the State Board of Education proceed to complete the previously approved transfer in the approximate amount of \$1.81 billion from the PSF to the ASF for fiscal year 2026.

The recommendation was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

8. **Review of Adoption of Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter F, Supplemental and Special Education Certificate Standards, and Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter F, Supplemental Certificate Standards, and Subchapter G, Special Education Certificate Standards**
(Board agenda page IV-4)

RECOMMENDATION: On behalf of the Committee on School Initiatives, Member Francis moved to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter F, Supplemental and Special Education Certificate Standards, and proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter F, Supplemental Certificate Standards, and Subchapter G, Special Education Certificate Standards.

The recommendation was adopted 11-1.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.



Will Hickman, Secretary

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education (SBOE) established the Heroes for Children award program in 1994 to honor individuals who exemplify excellence in educational advocacy and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, 15 exceptional volunteers have been selected by each member of the SBOE to receive the 2025 Heroes for Children award in recognition of their dedicated service to students, schools, and communities across Texas; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Weaver has been a dedicated parent volunteer at Anthony Independent School District (ISD), who has selflessly contributed countless hours to student programs, academic coaching, campus events, health screenings, and critical school initiatives, including the Stronger Connections Grant Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, for eight years, Xochitl Garcia has been a dedicated parent volunteer at Harmony School of Innovation in Brownsville, supporting her daughters’ education and strengthening community ties through active engagement in events, programs, and family initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Ysela Gonzalez has shown outstanding leadership and dedication as Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) president at Harmony School of Science in San Antonio, advocating for all students and strengthening the bond of the school community by increasing parent involvement and launching initiatives through major fundraisers including the 2024 Color Run, which raised \$30,000; demonstrating creativity and calm under pressure; and

WHEREAS, for four years, Ariana Sanches has actively served Sam Houston Elementary in Galena Park ISD, contributing to campus events, policy development, and student advocacy; and through her leadership and initiative, formed and coordinated a dedicated parent volunteer group, fostering meaningful engagement, strengthening collaboration, and significantly enriching the school community; and

WHEREAS, Courtenay Kehl has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the students of Wimberley ISD through her compassionate service in the Wimberley Best Buds mentoring program and support of the TEXAN Roots Character Education initiative; her dedication has fostered inclusion, strengthened student character, and positively influenced campus culture through mentorship, sponsorship of student clubs, and collaboration with school leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mary Adegbesan has shown exceptional dedication to educational equity through her leadership, volunteerism, and advocacy for underserved youth in Houston ISD and beyond; as a student leader, nonprofit founder, author, and civic advocate, she has empowered thousands through college readiness, financial aid guidance, and free computer science education; and

WHEREAS, Amberly Craft has shown unwavering dedication and compassion in service to the students, families, and staff of Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School; her consistent involvement—spanning campus events, mentorship, and support for academic and emotional growth—has made a lasting and deeply intentional impact across Little Cypress Mauriceville Consolidated ISD campuses; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Posey who served Waller ISD and the community demonstrated an unwavering commitment to ensuring the best outcomes for all children, guided by her belief that “Education is power”, through various volunteer roles, including Chair of the Student Health Advisory Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, JROTC Booster Club, Book Review, Site-Based Decision Making, and Parent Engagement Committees, Youth Pastor Search Committee leader and 4-H volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Arnetcia Robinson has devoted four years of generous service, leadership, and unwavering support to the students and staff of Harmony School of Garland where her efforts through PTO event coordination, business outreach, and daily volunteerism have strengthened school spirit, built community partnerships, and uplifted the campus environment; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Noonan has devoted over 800 volunteer hours and raised more than \$41,000 over 12 years in support of Meridian World School and its students in Round Rock; her creation and leadership of the Uniform Exchange program has provided thousands of uniform pieces to families, raised annual funds for teacher grants, and promoted sustainability through clothing reuse and recycling; and

WHEREAS, Marissa Villafranca has dedicated over a decade of selfless service to students and staff at Harmony Science Academy in Fort Worth; her tireless work from daily campus support and event coordination to compassionate outreach through the school clothing closet—has enriched the school environment and uplifted countless families; and

WHEREAS, Jenna Maynard is honored for her exceptional servant leadership and deep commitment to Plano ISD, having shaped lives through campus advocacy, community initiatives, and district-wide service—including securing International Baccalaureate designation at Huffman Elementary, establishing a food pantry, and raising annual funds for public education; and

WHEREAS, Juan Narvaez has embodied servant leadership and family-focused volunteerism through dedicated service at Harmony School of Innovation in Grand Prairie, inspiring student growth, character-building, and stronger bonds among families, educators, and youth; and

WHEREAS, Adrian Musquiz has shown exceptional generosity and dedication as a volunteer at Parkdale Elementary in Waco ISD, uplifting the school community through birthday treat bags, academic and attendance rewards, the annual “Drive Boo” event, and his advocacy during Bully Prevention Month—demonstrating his commitment to a positive and safe environment; and

WHEREAS, Susan Elaine Perez has championed educational excellence across Texas by empowering families, promoting civic engagement, and advocating for high academic standards; through her leadership with Citizens for Education Reform, work as an Education Empowerment Coach, and support for curriculum reform, school choice, and community prayer, she has united hundreds in pursuit of stronger schools; and now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education proudly recognizes these exemplary individuals as Heroes for Children and extends heartfelt appreciation for their enduring volunteer service and meaningful contributions to Texas public schools and communities.

WITNESS our signatures this 12th day of September, two thousand and twenty-five, in Austin, Texas.

Aaron Kinsey, SBOE Chairman

Will Hickman, SBOE Secretary