

Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on Instruction
Thursday, November 20, 2025

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2025, in room, #2.029 of the Barbara Jordan Building, 1601 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas.

Committee Members Present: Audrey Young, chair; Pam Little; and Gustavo Reveles

ACTION ITEMS

1. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter A, Gifted/Talented Education, §89.1 Student Identification (Second Reading and Final Adoption)

(Board agenda page II-1)
[Board agenda item #7]

Kristin McGuire, Interim Deputy Commissioner, Special Populations and Student Supports, noted that the proposed amendment would ensure that a district's identification of gifted and talented students complies with all legal requirements and federal and state law. No changes are recommended since approved for first reading.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Member Little to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter A, Gifted/Talented Education, §89.1, Student Identification; and*

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter A, Gifted/Talented Education, §89.1, Student Identification, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.

The motion was adopted.

2. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs (First Reading and Filing Authorization)

(Board agenda page II-5)
[Consent agenda item #1]

Shannon Trejo, Deputy Commissioner, School Programs; and Jessica Snyder, Senior Director, Curriculum Standards and Student Support presented the rules being reviewed which provide curriculum requirements for school districts, outline graduation requirements, and include other provisions that relate to curriculum requirements.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Member Little to recommend that the State Board of Education adopt the review of 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, Subchapter F, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2007-2008, and Subchapter G, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2012-2013.*

The motion was adopted.

3. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs

(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Board agenda page II-11)
[Board agenda item #8]

Shannon Trejo, Deputy Commissioner, School Programs, discussed possible amendments to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs. She shared the process for review and approval of proposed innovative courses and sunset of existing courses and noted that the proposed amendment would update requirements for implementation of approved innovative courses.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Member Little to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs.*

4. Consideration of Instructional Materials Contracts Not in Compliance

(Board agenda page II-16)

[Official agenda item #9]

Colin Dempsey, Director, District Operations, Technology, and Sustainability Supports asked the committee and Board to consider terminating instructional materials contracts with publishers out of compliance from Proclamations 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2024 and remove the respective products from the list of adopted instructional materials. He distributed an updated handout.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Member Little to recommend that the State Board of Education terminate instructional materials contracts not in compliance with the terms of the contract and remove those products from the list of adopted instruction materials as shown in the attachment, and place the item on the consent calendar.*

The motion was adopted.

The original list is attached to these minutes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Discussion of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.14, Performance Acknowledgments

(Board agenda page II-20)

Monica Martinez, Associate Commissioner, Standards and Programs noted that the proposed amendment would align language related to ACT with language related to SAT and allow the Board to consider addition of the Classic Learning Test® to appropriate performance acknowledgments.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

November 2025 List of Contract Terminations to Consider

Publisher	Proclamation	Reason
Tanglewood	<i>Proclamation 2018</i>	<p>Staff unable to verify publisher's registration to transact business with the Texas Secretary of State. Publisher has been non-responsive to all requests for additional information.</p> <p>Only one order placed in EMAT for \$16.45 since contract execution in 2018.</p>
Universal Publishing	<i>Proclamation 2019</i>	<p>Publisher is not registered to transact business with the Texas Secretary of State. Publisher has been non-responsive to all requests for additional information.</p> <p>Thirty-five orders in EMAT from May 2019 to July 2025.</p>
Better Rhetor	<i>Proclamation 2020</i>	<p>Staff unable to verify publisher's registration to transact business with the Texas Secretary of State. Publisher is non-responsive to all requests for information.</p> <p>No orders have been placed in EMAT since contract execution.</p>
Strong Mind	<i>Proclamation 2019 and Proclamation 2020</i>	<p>Publisher has indicated they will not register to transact business with the Texas Secretary of State.</p> <p>No orders have been placed in EMAT since contract execution.</p>
Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC dba National Healthcareer Association ("NHA") (also known as Ascend Learning Holdings LLC)	<i>Proclamation 2024</i>	<p>Staff unable to verify publisher's registration to transact business with the Texas Secretary of State.</p> <p>Eight orders in EMAT from June 2024 to August 2025.</p>