

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee of the Full Board
Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

Following an announced delay related to inclement weather, the State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board met at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 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; Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Will Hickman; Julie Pickren; Audrey Young; Keven Ellis; Tom Maynard; Brandon Hall; Tiffany Clark; Evelyn Brooks

Participating online: Staci Childs

Absent: Pam Little

Items were considered in the following order: 4, 5, 6, 7, 3. Items 1 and 2 were postponed to the 1/29/2026 meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

3. **Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.11, High School Graduation Requirements, and §74.12, Foundation High School Program**
(Board agenda page I-33)

Jessica Snyder, Senior Division Director, Curriculum Standards and Student Support, told the Board that the proposed new rules would update high school graduation requirements related to personal financial literacy, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board direct admission program.

MOTION: *It was moved by Member Hickman that the Committee of the Full Board recommend that the State Board of Education:*

Approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.11, High School Graduation Requirements, and §74.12, Foundation High School Program, as amended.

The motion was adopted as amended 11-1. The amended language is attached to these minutes.

SEE ATTACHMENT COFB 1

4. **IMRA Cycle 2025 After-Action Report and Approval of Proposed Amendments to the IMRA Process**
(Board agenda page I-39)

Colin Dempsey, Senior Division Director, District Operations, Technology, and Sustainability Supports, presented the after-action review of the Instructional Materials Review Approval (IMRA) process for IMRA Cycle 2025, including updates to the process required by the passage of HB 100, 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025. He first discussed the IMRA Cycle 2025 After-Action Report, noting that each IMRA review process topic includes a summary of the topic, observations of the execution, and recommendations for future IMRA cycles.

He then walked through the specific changes for IMRA Cycle 2026 process proposed by staff, including both formatting changes and process changes. There were changes to each of the sections:

0. IMRA Rubrics,
1. Application Phase,
2. IMRA Reviewer and Materials Selection,
3. Instructional Materials Review,
4. Publisher Appeals, Proposed Changes, SBOE Approval, and PostApproval Compliance
5. Cure Period

Mr. Dempsey answered questions from Board members.

MOTION: *It was moved by Member Hickman that the Committee of the Full Board recommend that the State Board of Education:*

Adopt the Proposed Amendments to the IMRA Process, as presented by staff.

The motion was adopted 10-1.

5. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 67, State Review and Approval of Instructional Materials, Subchapter B, State Review and Approval, §67.27, IMRA Reviewers: Eligibility and Appointment (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**
(Board agenda page I-56)

Mr. Dempsey presented the proposed amendment, which would update the requirements for suitability reviewers and the process for the appointment and selection of suitability reviewers. No changes were recommended since approved for first reading.

MOTION: *It was moved by Member Hickman that the Committee of the Full Board recommend that the State Board of Education:*

Approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 67, State Review and Approval of Instructional Materials, Subchapter B, State Review and Approval, §67.27, IMRA Reviewers: Eligibility and Appointment; and

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 67, State Review and Approval of Instructional Materials, Subchapter B,

State Review and Approval, §67.27, IMRA Reviewers: Eligibility and Appointment, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing with the Texas Register.

The motion was adopted 11-1.

6. Consideration of IMRA Cycle 2025 Proposed Rejected List and Existing List of Rejected Instructional Materials (Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page I-62)

Mr. Dempsey presented the item to allow the Board to move instructional materials from the List of Proposed Rejected Instructional Materials to the List of Rejected Instructional Materials if publishers of those programs did not submit changes in response to the IMRA Cycle 2025 Proclamation for Proposed Rejected Instructional Materials. This item also provides an opportunity for the SBOE to take action on any instructional materials currently on the existing List of Rejected Instructional Materials.

MOTION: *It was moved by Member Hickman that the Committee of the Full Board recommend that the State Board of Education:*

Add instructional materials from publishers who failed to submit revisions by the proclamation deadline to the official List of Rejected Instructional Materials as required by TEC 31.022(a), and identified with the language “No cure period revisions submitted” on the attached list.

The motion was adopted 11-2.

SEE COFB ATTACHMENT #2

7. Instructional Materials Review and Approval Cycle 2026 Update
(Board agenda page I-64)

Mr. Dempsey updated the Board on Instructional Materials Review Approval (IMRA) Cycle 2026, including a preliminary list of materials for review and an overview of the instructional materials market landscape.

During the presentation, Chair Kinsey read the following statement:

Upon reviewing this list during the presentation, I discovered that I have a non-financial personal interest that is in this measure. For that reason, I am making this disclosure and will not vote or otherwise participate in the decision. Please enter this disclosure in the minutes of this meeting.

Following the statement, Chair Kinsey passed the gavel to Member Hickman and left the room for the remainder of this item.

MOTION: *It was moved by Member Ellis that the Committee of the Full Board recommend that the State Board of Education:*

Approve to include the IMRA Cycle 2026 Proposed List of Instructional Materials for Review as a required instructional material to be reviewed per Texas Education Code, §31.023.(a)(1)(B).

Member Pickren moved to amend the motion by adding The Times Machine, Learn Multiplication and Division...Like Yesterday!, supplemental math 3rd grade. The motion to amend was adopted 10-0.

Member Pickren moved to amend the motion by adding:

- *Fountas and Pinnell Classroom, K–5 full-subject ELAR*
- *Fountas and Pinnell Literacy, K–5 full-subject ELAR*
- *Fountas and Pinnell Literacy Intervention, K–5 full-supplemental ELAR*
- *Heinemann, Fountas and Pinnell Phonics, Spelling, and Word Study, K–5 full-supplemental ELAR*
- *Fountas and Pinnell Literacy Continuum, K–5 full-supplemental ELAR*

The motion to amend was adopted 9-1.

The motion was adopted as amended 9-1.

Following the conclusion of this item, Member Kinsey returned to the meeting and resumed his duties as Chairman.

Chairman Kinsey adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.