

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee of the Full Board
Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

The State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in room #2.034 of the Barbara Jordan Building, 1601 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

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

Public Testimony

The Committee of the Full Board heard public testimony on agenda item #1. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Consideration of the Committee of Education’s Generation 30 High-Performing Entity Charter School Proposals**
(Board agenda page I-32)
[Official agenda item #5]

NAME	AFFILIATION
Crystal Rios	Texas Public Charter Schools Association
Yenesys Alvarez	Mater Brickell Academy
Nora Leza	Mater Academy San Antonio
Maggie Stern	Our Schools Our Democracy
Dameon Lutz	Mater Academy San Antonio
Daniel Fishman	Choose to Succeed
Jeanie Murphy (late registrant)	None
Bonnie Salas (Invited testifier)	Mater Academy San Antonio
Courtney Oliver	Mater Academy San Antonio

Marian Schutte, Deputy Associate Commissioner, presented information on the Generation 30 High-Performing Entity Charter School application process. Ms. Schutte answered questions regarding the selection process.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Little to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed Generation 30, High-Performing Entity charter school, Mater Academy San Antonio, scheduled to open in the 2026-2027 school year.

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Member Hall and carried to take a roll call vote.

VOTE: A vote was taken on the motion to review and take no action on Mater Academy San Antonio. The motion was carried with 10 members voting Aye and 4 members voting No as follows:

<u>Aye:</u>	<i>Ms. Childs</i> <i>Dr. Ellis</i> <i>Mr. Francis</i> <i>Mr. Hall</i> <i>Mr. Hickman</i>	<i>Mrs. Little</i> <i>Mr. Maynard</i> <i>Mrs. Perez-Diaz</i> <i>Ms. Pickren</i> <i>Dr. Young</i>
<u>No:</u>	<i>Dr. Bell-Metereau</i> <i>Ms. Brooks</i>	<i>Dr. Clark</i> <i>Mr. Reveles</i>

2. **Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 67, State Review and Approval of Instructional Materials, Subchapter C, Local Operations, §67.69, Local Review of Classroom Instructional Materials (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**
 (Board agenda page I-34)
 [Official agenda item #7]

Colin Dempsey, Director, District Operations, Technology, and Sustainability Supports explained the proposed new section would implement House Bill (HB) 1605, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, by outlining the local process requirements for a parent to petition for a review of instructional materials. He also shared that no changes are recommended since first reading.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Mr. Francis, and carried unanimously to Approve for second reading and final adoption proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 67, State Review and Approval of Instructional Materials, Subchapter C, Local Operations, §67.69, Local Review of Classroom Instructional Materials; and*

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 67, State Review and Approval of Instructional Materials, Subchapter C, Local Operations, §67.69, Local Review of Classroom Instructional Materials, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.

3. **Approval of Local Classroom Review Rubrics**
 (Board agenda page I-39)
 [Official agenda item #8]

Colin Dempsey, Director, District Operations, Technology, and Sustainability Supports, explained this item provides an opportunity for staff to present the final rubrics related to classroom reviews for SBOE approval. Mr. Dempsey explained that the rubrics are modeled after the IMRA quality rubrics and described the proposed changes for each rubric based on focus group feedback.

MOTION: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Mr. Hickman to recommend that the State Board of Education approve rubrics related to classroom reviews.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried to divide the question.*

VOTE: *A vote was taken to recommend that the State Board of Education approve ELAR K–3 Foundational Literacy Skills rubric related to classroom reviews. The motion failed.*

VOTE: *A vote was taken to recommend that the State Board of Education approve Mathematics K–12, ELAR K–3 Reading Comprehension, and ELAR 4–8 Reading Comprehension rubrics related to classroom reviews. The motion carried.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Instructional Materials Review and Approval Cycle 2025 Update (Board agenda page I-41)

Colin Dempsey, Director, District Operations, Technology, and Sustainability Supports, presented information regarding Instructional Materials Review and Approval (IMRA) Cycle 2025 milestones, instructional materials selected for review, and the status of reviewer recruitment. He also provided the details regarding the upcoming in-person IMRA kick-off meetings.

5. Discussion of Draft Quality Rubrics for Instructional Materials Review and Approval Cycle 2026 (Board agenda page I-43)

Colin Dempsey, Director, District Operations, Technology, and Sustainability Supports, presented drafts of the IMRA Cycle 2026 quality rubrics for full-subject, tier-one instructional materials for high school career and technical education (CTE) and K–12 fine arts.

6. Discussion of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 67, State Review and Approval, §67.21 Proclamations, Public Notice, and Requests for Instructional Materials for Review (Board agenda page I-45)

Colin Dempsey, Director, District Operations, Technology, and Sustainability Supports, explained this item provides an opportunity for the committee to discuss a proposed amendment to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 67, State Review and Approval of Instructional Materials, Subchapter B, State Review and Approval, §67.21, Proclamations, Public Notice, and Requests for Instructional Materials for Review. He explained that the proposed amendment would establish a process to consider updates to instructional materials that have been approved by the SBOE through the IMRA process if suitability standards are updated post-approval.

7. Discussion of Proposed Changes to the Instructional Materials Review and Approval Process (Board agenda page I-47)

Colin Dempsey, Director, District Operations, Technology, and Sustainability Supports, presented the SBOE-approved IMRA process and requested that the committee provide feedback regarding changes they would like to see in future updates to that process. He focused on four main areas, which included the confirmation of changes for IMRA-approved instructional materials, the after-action report

requirements, IMRA reviewer selection, and the prioritization protocol for selecting instructional materials for the IMRA review cycle.

Chairman Kinsey adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.