

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund
Thursday, September 12, 2024**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:08 a.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2024, in Room, #1-104, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Tom Maynard, chair; Marisa Perez-Diaz, vice chair; Kevin Ellis; Patricia Hardy; and Aaron Kinsey

Public Testimony

The Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund received no presentations of public testimony.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Per Capita Apportionment Rate for the 2023-2024 School Year
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Amy Copeland, chief school finance officer, and associate commissioner, Department of School Finance, presented this discussion item. Mrs. Copeland explained the background of the per capita apportionment rate and provided more information about the rate. She stated that the preliminary 2024–2025 per capita apportionment rate is set at \$622.196.

Mr. Maynard and Ms. Hardy asked questions about this item.

ACTION ITEM

2. Determination as to Whether Transfers May be Made from the Permanent School Fund to the Available School Fund
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Chair Maynard called on Jared Stout, Texas PSF Corporation managing director of risk, to address the item. Mr. Stout provided an overview of the required annual affirmation that distributions from the Permanent School Fund for the current fiscal year comply with the constitutional limit of the 10-year test as required by Article VII, Section 5(a), Texas Constitution. The test requires that over a 10-year period the total amount of distributions may not exceed the total return on the investment assets. Mr. Stout stated that the test was satisfied, allowing for a distribution from the Permanent School Fund (PSF) to the Available School Fund (ASF) for fiscal year 2025.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Mrs. Marissa Perez-Diaz moved, and Mr. Kinsey seconded, that the Committee recommend the following:*

Based on the analysis presented by staff affirming that 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 amount of \$1.556 billion from the PSF to the ASF in fiscal year 2025, pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 5(a).

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting of the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund adjourned at 9:17 a.m.