

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee of the Full Board
January 29, 2019**

The State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board met at 9:11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, in the State Board of Education Room, #1-104, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Donna Bahorich, chair; Lawrence A. Allen, Jr.; Barbara Cargill; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Aicha Davis; Keven Ellis; Pat Hardy; Pam Little; Tom Maynard; Sue Melton-Malone; Ken Mercer; Georgina C. Pérez; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz; Matt Robinson; Marty Rowley, vice chair

Public Testimony

The Committee of the Full Board heard public testimony on agenda items #2 and #3. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Commissioner's Comments
(Board agenda page I-1)

Commissioner of Education Mike Morath provided the State Board of Education (SBOE) with an overview of the 2018 TEA Annual Report. Commissioner Morath also provided an overview of TEKS Guides, a new resource that will provide comprehensive explanations of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) by student expectation. He explained that the TEKS Guides will be available beginning in 2019 to support implementation of the revised reading language arts standards. He also explained steps the agency has taken to ensure the state assessments are appropriately aligned to the TEKS adopted by the SBOE. Commissioner Morath concluded with an update on recent adjustments that have been made to the agency organizational structure.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Consideration of Petition for Amendment of Rule Concerning 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.12, Foundation High School Program
(Board agenda page I-2)
[Official agenda item #3]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Frank Rivera
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Colin Malinak
AFFILIATION: Texas Speech Communication Association

NAME: Joseph Uhler
AFFILIATION: Texas Forensic Association

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley, seconded by Ms. Perez-Diaz, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education deny the petition to amend 19 TAC §74.12, Foundation High School Program, concerning fine arts courses eligible for graduation requirements because Debate I, II, and III; Oral Interpretation I, II, and III; and Public Speaking I, II, and III are not aligned with knowledge and skills in fine arts courses.*

3. **Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.12, Foundation High School Program, and §74.13, Endorsements (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

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[Official agenda item #4]

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Jeanette LaFevers
AFFILIATION: International Baccalaureate (IB) Organization

Monica Martinez, associate commissioner for standards and support services, explained that the proposal adds IB film courses as options for satisfying the fine arts graduation requirement. Shelly Ramos, senior director, curriculum standards and student support, explained that the cybersecurity TEKS committee adjusted its previous recommendations for courses to be included in a cybersecurity pathway. The SBOE expressed support for the cybersecurity TEKS committee to make additional recommendations for amendments to the Digital Forensics course to be presented at a future meeting.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mr. Rowley, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education amend §74.13(f)(1)(E) to read as follows:*

a coherent sequence of four courses in cybersecurity to consist of Foundations ~~Fundamentals~~ in Cybersecurity and Cybersecurity Capstone and two additional courses to be selected from the following:

- (i) AP Computer Science A ~~Fundamentals of Computer Science~~; or
- (ii) Computer Science I; or
- (iii) AP Computer Science Principles; or
- (iv) Digital Forensics; or
- (v) Computer Maintenance; or
- (vi) Internetworking Technologies I; or
- (vii) Internetworking Technologies II; or
- (viii) Networking

The Committee of the Full Board recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

The Committee of the Full Board reconvened at 1:17 p.m.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley, seconded by Ms. Pérez, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.12, Foundation High School Program, and §74.13, Endorsements, as amended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

(Mr. Allen, Mr. Cortez, and Ms. Davis were absent for the vote.)

4. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter C, High School, §126.51, Principles of Cybersecurity (One Credit), and §126.52, Cybersecurity (One Credit) (First Reading and Filing Authorization)

(Board agenda page I-17)

[Official agenda item #5]

Ms. Ramos explained that, based on stakeholder input, the cybersecurity TEKS committee made minor changes to the proposed TEKS for two new cybersecurity courses that were provided to the SBOE at the November 2018 meeting.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Ms. Perez-Diaz, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter C, High School, §126.51, Foundations of Cybersecurity (One Credit), and §126.52, Cybersecurity Capstone (One Credit).*

(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)

5. Action on Renewal of Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency Contracts

(Board agenda page I-21)

[Official agenda item #6]

Ms. Martinez provided an update regarding the extension of existing contracts for Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency exams. GED Testing Service did not request changes to its contract and has signed the renewal. Data Recognition Corporation has notified TEA that they do not wish to renew their contract, and the contract will expire on August 31, 2019.

Educational Testing Service, which offers a paper-based exam option, would like to renew its contract with amendments to increase pricing for certain tests and services as shown in the Attachment.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Melton-Malone, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the contract renewal for GED Testing Service and the amended contract renewal for Educational Testing Service.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Update on Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Review (Board agenda page I-23)

Ms. Martinez explained that the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) will be reviewed using the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) review process established by the board. Ms. Martinez also provided an update regarding preliminary steps the agency has taken related to the review and revision of the ELPS.

7. Discussion of Perkins Reauthorization and Transition Plan (Board agenda page I-25)

Heather Justice, division director, college, career, and military preparation, provided an overview of work related to the State four-year plan required by the federal *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act* (Perkins V Act). Ms. Justice explained that the agency received approval from the governor to submit one-year transition plan. She shared a proposed timeline for approval of the Perkins Transition Plan for 2019-2020 and implementation of the full Perkins State four-year plan in 2020-2021.

8. Texas Commission on Public School Finance Update (Board agenda page I-26)

Dr. Ellis presented an overview of the findings and recommendations included in the final report by the Texas Commission on Public School Finance.

CONSENT ITEM

9. Procedural Action Related to New 19 TAC Chapter 113, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies, Subchapter C, High School, §113.50 Ethnic Studies: Mexican American Studies (One Credit) (First Reading and Filing Authorization) (Board agenda page I-27) [Consent agenda item #(1)]

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Perez-Diaz, seconded by Ms. Hardy, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education suspend the board operating procedures in accordance with §5.2(a) to allow consideration at first reading and filing authorization; and approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 113, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies, Subchapter C, High School, §113.50, Ethnic Studies: Mexican American Studies (One Credit), as approved by the SBOE in September 2018, with an effective date of July 1, 2019.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

10. Discussion of Pending Litigation

(Board agenda page I-35)

Von Byer, general counsel, legal services provided an update on the following case:

La Feria ISD, Joaquin ISD v. Mike Morath, Commissioner of Education; Texas Education Agency; and Texas State Board of Education, in the 261st Judicial District Court of Texas;
Docket No. D-1-GN-17-001385

Mr. Byer explained that on review by the Third Court of Appeals it was determined that the plaintiffs lacked standing and pending no further appeals, this case will likely be removed from the list of pending litigation.

Mrs. Bahorich adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

ATTACHMENT

Test Fees per Battery

	GED test	TASC test	HiSET exam (Current)	HiSET exam (Proposed - effective 9/1/2019)
Vendor Fee	\$80.00	\$61.00	CBT \$53.75	CBT \$53.75
			PBT \$60.00	PBT \$75.00
State Administrative Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Test Center Fee *	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Total Fee per Battery	\$145.00	\$131.00	CBT \$128.75	CBT \$128.75
			PBT \$135.00	PBT \$150.00

*Test Center may charge additional fees

Test Fees per Subject

	GED test	TASC test	HiSET exam (Current)	HiSET exam (Proposed - effective 9/1/2019)
	(4 tests in battery)	(5 tests in battery)	(5 tests in battery)	(5 tests in battery)
Individual Test Fee	\$20.00	\$12.20	CBT \$10.75	CBT \$10.75
			PBT \$12.00	PBT \$15.00
State Administrative Fee	\$6.25	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Test Center Fee *	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Total per subject	\$36.25	\$26.20	CBT \$25.75	CBT \$25.75
			PBT \$27.00	PBT \$30.00

*Test Center may charge additional fees

Practice Tests

	GED test	TASC test	HiSET exam (Current)	HiSET exam (Proposed - effective 9/1/2019)
Paper-based Practice Test	Not applicable	\$15.00 Total	\$10.00 each subject, \$50.00 Total	No Change
Computer-based Practice Test	\$6.00 each subject, \$24.00 Total	\$3.00 each subject, \$15.00 Total	\$2.00 each subject, \$10.00 Total	No Change

Optional Services

ATTACHMENT

	GED test	TASC test	HiSET exam (Current)	HiSET exam (Proposed - effective 9/1/2019)
Telephone Registration	free	Service not available	free	(one-time fee) \$10.00
Score Verification (re-score)	\$50.00 to rescore extended response	Unable to verify	free	\$25.00 to rescore essay or paper-based tests
Reschedule Fee	free up until 24 hours before test time, then considered no-show	Unable to verify	free	1st time free, then \$10.00 (up until 11:59 pm prior to test date – then considered no-show)