

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee on Instruction  
April 18, 2013**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 10:03 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2013, in Room #1-100 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. The following members of the committee were present:

Presiding: Tom Maynard, chair; Sue Melton, vice chair; Martha M. Dominguez; Marisa Perez

Absent: Geraldine “Tincy” Miller

Non-Committee Members Present: Thomas Ratliff

**Public Testimony**

This item provides an opportunity for the public to present testimony at the time the related item comes up for committee discussion or action. The procedures for registering and taking public testimony at State Board of Education committee meetings and general board meetings are provided at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2147497741> or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

The Committee on Instruction heard public testimony on agenda item 4. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

**ACTION ITEM**

- 1. Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 115, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Health Education, Subchapter A, Elementary, §§115.2-115.7, and Subchapter B, Middle School, §115.22 and §115.23**  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)  
(Board agenda page II-1)  
[Official agenda item #9]

Monica Martinez, managing director, curriculum division, explained that the proposed amendments would add student expectations for bullying prevention to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Health Education as required by statute. She stated that there were no public comments made during the official public comment period.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Ms. Melton, seconded by Dr. Dominguez, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 115, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Health Education, Subchapter A, Elementary, §§115.2-115.7, and Subchapter B, Middle School, §115.22 and §115.23, with an effective date of August 26, 2013.*

**CONSENT ITEM**

- 2. Adoption of the Review of 19 TAC Chapter 101, Assessment, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, Implementation of Assessments, and Subchapter C, Local Option**  
(Adoption of Review)  
(Board agenda page II-27)  
[Consent agenda item #(1)]

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education adopt the review of 19 TAC Chapter 101, Assessment, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, Implementation of Assessments, and Subchapter C, Local Option.*

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 3. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter C, Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency**  
(Board agenda page II-41)

Gina Day, coordinator, adult basic education policy, federal and state education policy division, discussed the conversion from paper-based GED test administration to computer-based testing (CBT) in 2014 and the necessary changes to the state administrative code. Current rules will not be applicable to CBT testing and increasing the range of allowable test centers was reviewed.

- 4. Content of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Compared to Number of Available Instructional Days**  
(Board agenda page II-49)

Mr. Maynard explained that this item provides the committee the opportunity to discuss the number of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) compared to the number of instructional days needed to deliver coverage of the TEKS.

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Bill Hammond  
AFFILIATION: Texas Association of Business (TAB)

NAME: Randy Willis  
AFFILIATION: Granger Independent School District

NAME: Susan Holley  
AFFILIATION: Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA)

NAME: Dineen Majcher  
AFFILIATION: Texans Advocating for Meaningful Student Assessment (TAMSA)

NAME: Monty Exter  
AFFILIATION: Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE)

NAME: Laura Yeager  
AFFILIATION: Texans Advocating for Meaningful Student Assessment (TAMSA)

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 12:04 p.m.