

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee on Instruction  
November 20, 2013**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 8:11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, in Room #1-104 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. All members of the committee were present, as follows:

Presiding: Tom Maynard, chair; Sue Melton-Malone, vice chair; Martha M. Dominguez; Geraldine “Tincy” Miller; Marisa B. Perez

Non-Committee Members Present: Pat Hardy; Ken Mercer; 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=25769804094> or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

The Committee on Instruction heard public testimony on agenda items 1 and 5. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.24, Credit by Examination**  
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)  
(Board agenda page II-1)  
[Official agenda item #9]

Monica Martinez, interim associate commissioner for standards and programs, explained that the proposed amendments would align the current rule with changes made to the requirements for credit by examination by House Bill 2694 and Senate Bill 1365.

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Kenn Heydrick  
AFFILIATION: Texas Science Education Leadership Association (TSELA)

NAME: Kristen McGuire  
AFFILIATION: Texas Association of School Boards (TASB)

NAME: Maria Whitsett  
AFFILIATION: Texas School Alliance (TSA)

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Dr. Dominguez, 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 C, Other Provisions, §74.24, Credit by Examination.*

**2. Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements**

(Adoption of Review)

(Board agenda page II-9)

[Official agenda item #10]

Monica Martinez, interim associate commissioner for standards and programs, explained that this action would adopt the required review of Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Ms. Perez, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education adopt the review to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, Subchapter D, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2001-2002, Subchapter E, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2004-2005, Subchapter F, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2007-2008, and Subchapter G, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2012-2013.*

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**3. Discussion of Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.38, Requirements for Instruction in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)**

(Board agenda page II-109)

Monica Martinez, interim associate commissioner for standards and programs, explained that House Bill 897 requires the board to adopt rules requiring instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for students in grades 7–12 at least once before graduation. The committee discussed implementation of the requirements for CPR instruction.

**4. Update on the Review Process for Proclamation 2015 Instructional Materials**

(Board agenda page II-113)

John Lopez, managing director, instructional materials and educational technology, outlined the subjects included in Proclamation 2015 and highlighted several upcoming deadlines.

**5. Dyslexia Update**

(Board agenda page II-115)

Kelly Callaway, director of K-12 foundation education, curriculum division, provided an update on meetings to revise and update the Dyslexia Handbook.

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Michelle Okolovitch  
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Diane Kaulen  
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Lyn Pollard  
AFFILIATION: Decoding Dyslexia Texas

NAME: Rachel Chumney  
AFFILIATION: Self

**6. Discussion of the Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency**  
(Board agenda page II-119)

Monica Martinez, interim associate commissioner for standards and programs, explained that TEA, under its authority to administer the Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency, will proceed with signing a memorandum of understanding for the 2014 calendar year.

The committee chair directed TEA staff to prepare a competitive request for proposals to solicit a provider for the examination for the Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 9:55 a.m.