

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Summary of Actions**  
**July 2, 2020**

The State Board of Education met virtually on July 2, 2020 and took the actions described below. Additional information about each agenda item can be found at [www.tea.texas.gov/sboe/agenda/](http://www.tea.texas.gov/sboe/agenda/).

**1. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**(1) Ratification of *Proclamation 2021* Deadline Extension for Publishers Affected by COVID-19**

The board ratified a *Proclamation 2021* deadline extension for publishers to provide pre-adoption samples, final correlations to the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines, *Certification of Editorial Review, Affidavit of Authorship or Contribution, and Report on Interoperability and Ease of Use*.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Instructional Materials and Implementation Division at (512) 463-9601.

**(2) Review and Adoption of the Long-Term Strategic Asset Allocation Plan of the Permanent School Fund of the State Board of Education and the Permanent School Fund Liquid Account**

The board adopted the recommendation of NEPC and PSF staff to approve the long-term strategic asset allocation of the Permanent School Fund, shown as Mix B on page 14 of the NEPC presentation titled, “*2020 Asset Allocation Update, Texas Permanent School Fund*”; adopted the recommendation of NEPC and PSF staff to approve the long-term strategic asset allocation of the Permanent School Fund Liquid Account, shown as the *Moderate Risk* option on page 17 of the same NEPC presentation; authorized PSF staff to begin implementation of the liquid asset classes in the Fund and the Liquid Account as adopted; and, authorized PSF staff and BNY during the implementation of the asset allocation for the Fund and Liquid Account adopted July 2020 to compare Fund and asset class performance to the appropriate benchmarks based on actual allocations as the assets are invested until the implementation is complete, at which time the appropriate new benchmark will become static at the strategic target.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(3) Review of the Report on Permanent School Fund Percentage Distribution Rates Under Consideration for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023**

The board approved a range for the distribution rate of between 3.76% and 4.68% for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(4) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of March and April 2020**

The board ratified the purchases and sales of investments executed in the portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the months of March and April 2020 in the amounts of \$1,639,971,304 and \$1,435,989,619 respectively.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(5) Adoption of an Annual Report on the Status of the Bond Guarantee Program**

The board adopted the annual report on status of the Bond Guarantee Program as of August 31, 2019.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(6) Review of the Bond Guarantee Program Charter Capacity**

This item was pulled from the consent agenda and considered during the general meeting. The board voted to take no action on this item and the Bond Guarantee Program charter capacity will automatically increase by 20 percent.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(7) Approval of the Selection of a Legal Counsel for the Bond Guarantee Program as outlined in RFQ 701-20-006 for the Texas Permanent School Fund and Authorization for Contract Execution by the Commissioner of Education**

The item was pulled from the consent agenda and considered during the general meeting. The board approved DLA Piper LLP for the Bond Guarantee Program Capacity and Tax Counsel scope of legal services and authorized contract execution by the Commissioner of Education, with the request that they perform good-faith efforts to build capacity with HUB-certified firms.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(8) Recommendation for Appointment to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees**

The board approved the appointment of Brian Miller to serve a two-year term of office, from July 2, 2020 through July 2, 2022, on the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the School Governance Division at (512) 475-3697.

**COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD**

**2. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter B, Special Purpose School Districts, §61.101, Applicability of State Law for Special Purpose School Districts (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter B, Special Purpose School Districts, §61.101, Applicability of State Law for Special Purpose School Districts, as amended by the Committee of the Full Board.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

**COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION**

**3. Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.1, Essential Knowledge and Skills, and §74.3, Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.1, Essential Knowledge and Skills, and §74.3, Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum, as amended by the Committee on Instruction.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

**4. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 120, Other Essential Knowledge and Skills, Subchapter A, Character Traits (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 120, Other Essential Knowledge and Skills, Subchapter A, Character Traits. The new subchapter would add new Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for positive character traits for Kindergarten-Grade 12 in accordance with House Bill (HB) 1026, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

**5. Proposed Approval of Innovative Courses**

The board approved for a period of five years the following innovative courses that do not fall within any of the subject areas of the foundation or enrichment curriculum: Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Level I; Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Level II; Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Level III; Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Level IV; Path-College/Career I; Path-College/Career II; Path-College/Career III; Path-College/Career IV; Peer Assistance and Leadership® (PAL) I; and Peer Assistance and Leadership® (PAL) II; and approved for a period of two years a new course titled Civic Discourse.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

**6. Update on Origo Education**

The board requested that staff present proposed amendments to administrative rules in Chapter 66 to strengthen the rules related to administrative penalties at the September meeting.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

**COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND**

**7. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter B, Texas Education Agency Audit Functions, §109.23, School District Independent Audits and Agreed-Upon Procedures  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board approved for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter B, Texas Education Agency Audit Functions, §109.23, School District Independent Audits and Agreed-Upon Procedures; and made an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter B, Texas Education Agency Audit Functions, §109.23, School District Independent Audits and Agreed-Upon Procedures, is necessary and shall have an effective date of August 31, 2020.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Financial Compliance Division at (512) 463-2945.

## **COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES**

### **8. Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 232, General Certification Provisions**

The board took no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 232, General Certification Provisions, which would implement the statutory requirements of House Bills (HBs) 18 and 403 and Senate Bills (SBs) 11 and 37, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019. The proposed revisions would provide continuing professional education (CPE) instruction regarding mental health and substance abuse training; training requirements for superintendents regarding sexual abuse and human trafficking; and the removal of student loan default as grounds to deny the renewal of a certificate. Technical changes would also clarify processes and reorganize current provisions to improve readability and align citations.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Department of Educator Leadership and Quality at (512) 936-9831.