

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee of the Full Board
Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

The State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board met at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 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: Aaron Kinsey, chair; Rebecca Bell-Metereau; Evelyn Brooks; Staci Childs; LJ Francis; Patricia Hardy; Will Hickman; Keven Ellis; Pam Little; Tom Maynard; Melissa Ortega; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz; Julie Pickren; Audrey Young; Aicha Davis

Public Testimony

The Committee of the Full Board received no presentations of public testimony.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Commissioner's Comments
(Board agenda page I-13)

Commissioner Mike Morath provided an update to the work the agency has undertaken on programs of study as it pertains to career and technical education. He explained the updated timelines for the programs of study refresh, IBC's, TEKS-based CTE courses, and how that might impact the work of the SBOE and the Instructional Materials Review & Approval (IMRA) process. Commissioner Morath then provided an update on teacher employment, attrition, and hiring data.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills in Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter C, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, §§127.30, 127.45-127.58, 127.86, and 127.87; Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, §127.795 and §127.796; and Subchapter P, Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics, §§127.887-127.890 and 127.920
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

(Board agenda page I-14)
[Official agenda item #4]

Ms. Ramos explained that feedback on the proposal had been collected through the official public comment process and through a business and industry survey that TEA staff distributed. She explained that public comments had been shared with members of the advisory group and, based on advisory group member feedback, minor revisions were identified for consideration for a course within the aviation maintenance program of study. In addition, Ms. Ramos suggested that the board consider revising the course title, Applied Physics and Engineering, as it is very similar to an existing STEM course title which will cause confusion.

MOTION: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard and seconded by Mr. Francis to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical*

Education, Subchapter C, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, §§127.30, 127.45-127.58, 127.86, and 127.87; Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, §127.795 and §127.796; and Subchapter P, Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics, §§127.887-127.890, and 127.920; and

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter C, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, §§127.30, 127.45-127.58, 127.86, and 127.87; Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, §127.795 and §127.796; and Subchapter P, Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics, §§127.887-127.890, and 127.920, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing with the Texas Register.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Brooks and seconded by Mrs. Little to recommend that the State Board of Education amend §127.45(d)(10)(D) to read:*

“identify key concepts related to digital citizenship and civic responsibility and demonstrate appropriate use of technology for the workplace.”

The motion failed.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Brooks, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education amend §127.46(d)(4)(B) to read:*

“research and describe the domestic and global context of agricultural industries and careers;”

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Ms. Hardy, and carried without objection to recommend that the State Board of Education add new §127.58(d)(18)(C) and (D) to read:*

“(C) explain growing plants without soil (hydroponic techniques); and”
“(D) evaluate advantages and disadvantages of hydroponics.”

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried without objection to recommend that the State Board of Education add new §127.890(d)(18)(E) to read:*

“(E) identify cotter pin requirements and techniques;”

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried without objection to recommend that the State Board of Education add new §127.890(d)(19)(C) to read:*

“(C) install cotter pins on hardware such as nuts and bolts;”

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Francis, and carried without objection to recommend that the State Board of Education amend the course title of §127.795 to read:*

“§127.795. Physics for Engineering Applied Physics and Engineering (One Credit), Adopted 2024.”

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the main motion to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge*

and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter C, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, §§127.30, 127.45-127.58, 127.86, and 127.87; Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, §127.795 and §127.796; and Subchapter P, Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics, §§127.887-127.890, and 127.920, as amended; and

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter C, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, §§127.30, 127.45-127.58, 127.86, and 127.87; Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, §127.795 and §127.796; and Subchapter P, Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics, §§127.887-127.890, and 127.920, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing with the Texas Register. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements

(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

(Board agenda page I-117)

[Official agenda item #5]

Ms. Ramos explained that this item would update names of courses and career and technical education (CTE) career clusters, specify the amount of credit that may be earned for physical education courses, and align endorsements with the refreshed programs of study. She highlighted the proposed language in §74.13 that would address the transition to the proposed endorsement changes. In addition, Ms. Ramos explained that the board may wish to align the language in §74.13 with recent changes to the board's rules on innovative courses.

MOTION: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard and seconded by Mrs. Little 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.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried without objection to recommend that the State Board of Education strike the words "approved by the commissioner of education" from §74.13(f)(1)(A), (2)(A), and (3)(A).*

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the main motion 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. The motion carried.*

4. Approval of Proposed Updates to the Texas State Plan for Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V)

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[Consent agenda item #1]

Alexis Bauserman, director of college, career, and military preparation, provided a brief overview of the proposed updates to the *Texas State Plan for Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act* (Perkins V). Ms. Bauserman explained that proposed updates to the state plan were posted for public comment from March 1-31 and no comments had been received. She stated that a few typographical errors had been corrected before the draft was finalized. If approved by the

State Board of Education, the plan will be submitted to the governor's office for final signature and will be submitted to the United States Department of Education by May 10, 2024.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education approve updates to the Texas State Plan for Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V).*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Ethics Training

(Board agenda page I-129)

Christopher Maska, TEA Ethics Provider, presented a recent Texas Ethics Commission Opinion that concerns how the three statewide revolving door statutes apply to former SBOE Members and discussed the Texas Education Code revolving door provision and prohibitions of certain individuals from making campaign contributions and participating in campaigns of SBOE Members. Mr. Maska also answered ethics questions from the SBOE Members.

6. Discussion of Pending Litigation

(Board agenda page I-159)

Matthew Tiffée, senior litigation attorney, provided the committee with an update on procedural matters related to the litigation of Book People, INC. VBK, INC d/b/a Blue Willow Bookshop, COFB – 11/15/2023 14 American Booksellers Association, Association of American Publishers, Authors Guild, INC., Comic Book Legal Defense Fund v. Martha Wong in her official capacity as chair of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Keven Ellis in his official capacity as chair of the Texas Board of Education, Mike Morath in his official capacity as Commissioner of Education; in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division, Case No. 1:23-cv-858.

Chairman Kinsey adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.