

**TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**  
**BOARD PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING**

**August 4, 2023**

**1. Call to order**

Brenda Lee called to order the meeting of the TSBVI Board Committee on Programs at 8:09 a.m. on August 4, 2023, from the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 1100 West 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas.

Board members Brenda Lee, Beth Jones, Meghan Gautney, and Elaine Robertson were present.

TSBVI staff members participating in the meeting were: Miles Fain, Comprehensive Programs Principal; Angela Wolf, Curriculum Director; Ria Ferich, School Counselor; and General Counsel Jenny Wells.

**2. Consideration of approval of minutes of the May 25, 2023 meeting**

Brenda Lee asked for consideration of the minutes from the May 25 meeting. Elaine Robertson motioned to approve the minutes and Meghan Gautney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**3. Consideration of Approval of Board Policies**

General Counsel Jenny Wells discussed the changes to Policy FFAC proposed including the provision of Opioid Antagonist administration on campus and adding immunity for health care providers related to treating patients during a pandemic.

Elaine Robertson motioned and Meghan Gautney seconded the motion to amend the policy as proposed. The motion passed.

**4. Consideration of approval of changes to the Student Code of Conduct**

General Counsel Jenny Wells discussed the proposed changes to the Student Code of Conduct following new laws passed in the legislative session including a stricter approach to dealing with student e-cigarette usage.

Elaine Robertson motioned and Meghan Gautney seconded the motion to amend the Student Code of Conduct as proposed. The motion passed.

**5. Report from Curriculum Department Director, Angela Wolf**

a. Consideration of membership to the School Health Advisory Council

School Counselor Ria Ferich announced the proposed new staff members to the SHAC. The committee approved the proposed members listed in the board packet:

- Parent/Guardian Representatives—Maara LaViola, Milka Cox and Cassandra Hernandez
- TSBVI Staff Representatives—School Counselor Ria Ferich and Curriculum Director Angela Wolf.

Elaine Robertson made the motion to approve and Meghan Gautney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

b. Consideration of adoption of resolution to convene the TSBVI School Health Advisory Council to recommend curriculum and instructional materials related to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, dating violence, and sex trafficking

Curriculum Director Angela Wolf described the process for convening public meetings of the School Health Advisory Council to consider and recommend related curriculum and instructional materials.

Elaine Robertson made the motion to approve and Meghan Gautney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

c. Consideration of approval of TSBVI local credit courses

Curriculum Director Angela Wolf discussed the local credit courses for approval: Career Development - General Employability 6-8, ECC and Other Electives - Braille, ECC Topics 6-8, Academic Support 6-8, Reading IV, College and Career Readiness - College and Post-Secondary Training Prep 9-12, Work Exploration 9-12, Work Training 9-12, ECC and Other Electives - ECC Topics 9-12, Academic Support, Grades 6-8.

Elaine Robertson made the motion to approve and Meghan Gautney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **6. Adjournment**

Elaine Robertson motioned and Meghan Gautney seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed and the committee adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

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