

DRAFT - TSELA Minutes November 9, 2016
San Antonio, Texas, Norris Center

- I. Welcome & Overview - TSELA President Cynthia Ontiveros
 1. Theme – Reviving our Love for Science (Why do we do what we do?)
 2. Nominations for secretary and president-elect
- II. Keynote – Speaker Dr. Marjee Chmiel from the Smithsonian Science Education Center, sponsored by Carolina Biological and Sally Dudley
- III. TEKS Streamlining Update – Streamlining committee members shared insight into the work they have done and TSELA members had an opportunity to discuss implications at the state and district level.
- IV. Business Meeting
 - A. President's Report – Cynthia Ontiveros
 1. Outstanding Leadership Ward sponsored by Delta/CPO/Frey/Foss - Lora Holt from Anthony ISD
 2. Started business meeting – Motion by Jeanette Wilkins, seconded by Cathy Blanco
 3. Officer Nominees – candidates for secretary (Laurel Frank & Dr. Sandra Johnson) and president-elect (Claire Hodkin & Michael Brinkman)
 4. Cynthia has been working on organizing committees
 - B. Past President Report – Jennifer Jordan-Kaszuba
 1. Worked with 19 vendors for this meeting
 2. Door prizes from vendors
 - C. President Elect Report – Shane Woods
 1. Working closely with Cynthia
 2. Attended a STAT leadership conference this past summer
 3. Provided testimony for TSELA at past SBOE meeting and will do this again next week
 4. Soliciting ideas for upcoming meeting sites
 - D. Treasurer Report - Debbie Richards
 1. Current balance presented and approved (Moted by Karen Hewitt and seconded by Susana Ramirez)
 - E. Secretary Report - Laurel Frank
 1. Minutes from June 2016 meeting approved (Moted by Vicky Arms and seconded by Monica Schmidt)
 - F. Newly elected officers – Laurel Frank as secretary and Michael Brinkman as president-elect
- V. TEA Update – Irene Pickhardt, Science Curriculum
 1. SBOE Updates
 - a. Amendment to Foundation High School Program –[allows a course to count as part of the set of four courses for more than one endorsement
 - b. Principles of Technology – may substitute for physics on the STEM endorsement
 - c. AP and IB courses may substituted as appropriate for required courses
 - d. Revision to Science TEKS – modified amount of credit for AP or IB courses, modified prerequisites for AP Physics 1 and 2, added new AP physics courses to align with other college board courses
 - e. TEKS Streamlining – reviews are posted on the TEA website; proposed revisions will be discussed by SBOE November 16-18, final committee recommendations will be made winter 2017, SBOE public hearing April 18-21, 2017

- f. CTE course options for science credit are being discussed
- g. Instructional Material Review – Proclamation 2017 includes CTE courses
- 2. Resources
 - a. Updates to TEA Science Page
 - b. TEA Texas Safety Standards – free on the TEA website as a pdf as well as the Science Facility Standards
 - c. TEEAC Providers – Updated list of providers
 - d. Science Academies – available through ESCs
 - e. Texas Gateway – free resources including safety workshops for each grade level, an elementary science glossary, science lessons for kids, courses for educators, materials for trainers
 - f. TxAIR – temporarily unavailable; will be simplified and updated and will be available for use soon
 - g. iTunes U – don't forget to look for resources including Amoeba Sister and Geology Kitchen
- 3. PAEMST 2017 Competition – open for teachers in grades 7-12
- 4. National Youth Science Camp – applications now being accepted for 2017, due by March 1, 2017
- 5. TEA Sessions at CAST – updates for elementary, middle and high school
- VI. EdCamp – facilitate by Stephanie Miens and her team from Conroe ISD

Respectfully Submitted by Laurel Frank/TSELA Secretary

TSELA provides leadership for the improvement of science instruction; means of regular communication among science education leaders; support and develop of solutions for common issues and interests; and professional growth opportunities.