

ACADEMIC STANDARDS REVIEW COMMISSION
October 19, 2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes

The Academic Standards Review Commission met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 19, 2015, at 1 p.m. in the State Board of Education Board Room, 301 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh.

At 1 p.m., Andre Peek called the meeting to order. The following members were present:

Andre Peek, Co-Chair, Wake
Dr. John T. Scheik, Wake
Bill Cobey, Durham
Ann B. Clark, Iredell
Katie Lemons, Stokes

Tammy Covil, Co-Chair, New Hanover
Dr. Olivia Oxendine, Robeson
Jeannie Metcalf, Forsyth
Dr. Jeffrey Isenhour, Catawba

Jo Herrera, Commission staff

Via phone: Denise Watts (Mecklenburg), Dr. Laurie McCollum (Rockingham)

Under Approval of Minutes, Andre Peek and Tammy Covil made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2015. Jeannie Metcalf and Katie Lemons seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, Item A: Commission staff confirmed that the timeline set by the Commission leading up to the submission of the Final Report in December 2015 is on track. Commissioners are in the process of reviewing consolidated feedback culled from teacher focus groups and other sources.

Under Old Business, Item B: The Commission noted that it will request for further specific guidance from the General Assembly prior to submitting the Final Report.

Under Items for Information: Commissioners reported on and discussed feedback culled from teacher focus groups, citing the lack of textbooks as a top concern that was expressed by teachers and parents, and that has reportedly impacted time management, daily instruction, and student assistance. Teachers have also, reportedly, raised concerns on teaching writing (or the lack of), and teaching to assessments, to name some of the issues.

Under Presentation, there were no scheduled guest speakers but, time was pre-assigned to accommodate volunteer educators to express their views and recommendations concerning the Common Core. Eight (8) participants addressed the Commission, including Rep. Pittman. Members of the Commission engaged participants in discussion and after which, addressed the tentative list of recommendations.

Under New Business, members of the Commission requested for staff to research on Integrated Math, and for the DPI to provide data on NC and national test scores over the past 5 years.

Under Announcements, Co-Chairs publicized the following meeting:

- The next Academic Standards Review Commission board will meet on November 13, Friday, 1-5 p.m. in State Board of Education Board Room, 301 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh.

At 5:00 p.m., Andre Peek made a motion to adjourn. Jeannie Metcalf and Jeff Isenhour seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.