



Brad Bryant, State Superintendent of Schools

July 26, 2010

The Honorable Arne Duncan
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington DC, 20202

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are pleased to share with you that on July 8, 2010, the Georgia State Board of Education fully adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in English language arts and mathematics for grades K-12.

In addition, the Boards of the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, the Professional Standards Commission, the Department of Early Care and Learning, and the Georgia Student Finance Commission passed resolutions in support of the CCSS adoption.

The CCSS initiative, led by the National Governor's Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers, and co-chaired by our Governor, Sonny Perdue, has been recognized in Georgia as a step forward to preparing our students to graduate from our K-12 public school system prepared for college and the workplace.

Please accept the documents that follow as evidence of Georgia's CCSS adoption:
The item on which the State Board of Education voted and unanimously approved; and
The press release issued by the Georgia Department of Education announcing the CCSS adoption.

This documentation is intended to amend Georgia's Race to the Top phase two application to show clearly the full adoption of the CCSS in Georgia.

Sincerely,

William Bradley Bryant
State Superintendent of Schools

Wanda Barrs
Chair, State Board of Education



ITEM : K.2.SIA – K-12 Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics

Recommendation

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the K-12 Common Core State Standards in English language arts, mathematics, and literacy in science, history/social studies, and technical subjects.

Rationale

The Common Core State Standards support Strategic Plan Goal 1: Increase high school graduation rate, decrease high school drop-out rate, and increase post-secondary enrollment rate. The corresponding strategy is to implement rigorous standards for high school graduation and align these standards, curriculum and assessments with expectations for post-secondary and/or the workforce. The Common Core State Standards for English language arts and mathematics support Strategic Plan Goal 5: Improve the SAT, ACT, and achievement scores of Georgia students. The corresponding strategy is to provide an effective curriculum and assessment system to improve student achievement.

The K-12 Common Core State Standards in ELA, mathematics, and literacy in science, history/social studies, and technical subjects are internationally benchmarked, closely aligned to the GPS, and support rigorous and relevant content to prepare students for success in college and careers.

Details

The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) initiative is a state-led effort coordinated by the National Governors' Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). Members of the CCSS advisory committee include experts from Achieve, Inc., ACT, the College Board, the National Association of State Boards of Education and the State Higher Education Executive Officers. The draft CCSS standards were released for public comment in March 2010. The final standards were released on June 2, 2010. If approved by the State Board of Education in July 2010, the K-12 CCSS in ELA, mathematics, and literacy in science, history/social studies, and technical subjects will be implemented during the school year 2011-2012.

Summary

The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) were developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, and experts across the nation and provide a clear and consistent framework to prepare our students for college and the workforce. The CCSS were posted in March 2010 for public review and comment by the NGA Center and the CCSSO. A summary of public feedback regarding the CCSS is posted on the NGA Center and CCSSO website. Georgia feedback was requested at the state level and received via e-mail and webinars from K-12 and postsecondary educators. Georgia feedback for ELA, mathematics, and literacy in science, history/social studies, and technical subjects was used in the revision of the crosswalk documents showing the alignment between the Georgia Performance Standards and the CCSS.

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Goals

- » ✓ **1: Increase high school graduation rate, decrease high school drop-out rate, and increase post-secondary enrollment.**
- » ✓ **5: Improve the SAT, ACT, and achievement scores of Georgia students.**

Supporting Documents

[Common Core State Standards Toolkit](#)

[Common Core State Standards for ELA](#)

[Common Core State Standards for Math](#)

[Georgia Survey Feedback](#)

[Executive Summary of Feedback](#)

[Comparison of ELA GPS to the Common Core State Standards](#)

[Comparison of Math GPS to the Common Core State Standards](#)

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**MINUTES OF THE
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Atlanta, Georgia
Wanda Barrs, Chairman

July 8, 2010
Kathy Cox, Superintendent

The State Board of Education met in an official meeting on Thursday, July 8, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. in the State Board Room.

Executive Session

Mr. Hodge moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing waivers, appeals, legal and personnel matters. Mr. Law seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

At 10:35 a.m., Dr. Ragsdale moved to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Hodge seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Roll Call

Mrs. Wanda Barrs
Dr. Jim Bostic
Mr. Brian Burdette
Al Hodge

Mr. Robert Law
Dr. Mary Sue Murray
Mr. Jose Perez
Dr. Elizabeth Ragsdale

Mr. Allen Rice
Mr. Larry Winter
Mrs. Linda Zechmann Mr.

Districts Three and Four: Vacant

Inspiration/Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Pam Williams, 2011 Georgia Teacher of the Year, gave the inspiration and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Barrs welcomed Ms. Irene Munn from the Lieutenant Governor's Office, to the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

AGENDA

Dr. Ragsdale moved to approve the agenda as amended for the June 10, 2010 State Board Meeting. Mr. Law seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items on the amended Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by a motion moved by Dr. Bostic and seconded by Mr. Law.

(Please note that the items in their entirety, with backup material and attachments, can be found on the State Board of Education's E-Board website, June 10, 2010 State Board Meeting.)

1. **FBO - Approval of Local Facilities Plans.** Approved the Local Facilities Plans of the school systems listed below.

Clayton County
McDuffie County
Putnam County

Echols County
Newton County
Wilcox County

Franklin County
Peach County

2. **FBO - Grant - FY11 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program July 2010 - September 2010.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to 77 Georgia schools at a cost not to exceed \$687,300 in Federal Funds for the 2010-2011 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.
3. **FBO - Grant - FY11 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program October 2010 - June 2011.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to 77 Georgia Schools at a cost not to exceed \$2,061,900 in Federal Funds for the 2010-2011 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.
4. **ESI - Grant - Title I, Part A, 1003(a) RESA School Improvement Grants FY11.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs) at a cost not to exceed \$3,835,000 in Federal Funds for school improvement services to Title I schools in Needs Improvement levels 1-3.
5. **ESI - Grant - FY11 21st Century Community Learning Centers New Sub-Grantees.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to 27 new 21st Century Community Learning Center programs at a cost not to exceed \$9,137,823.00 in Federal Funds for non school hour programs.
6. **ESI - Grant - FY11 Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant Competition.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to 14 LEAs at a cost not to exceed \$562,745 in Federal Funds for McKinney-Vento grants for homeless children and youth.
7. **ESI - Grant - FY11 Title I, Part A and Title I, Part A Neglected & Delinquent (N&D) Reserve, Formula Grants to LEAs; FY11 Title I, Part C Migrant Grants to LEAs; and FY11 Title I, Part D Subpart 2 Grants to LEAs.** Authorize the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to local educational agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$495,556,657 in Federal Funds for disbursement of Federal grants.
8. **ESI - Grant - FY10 Rural and Low Income Schools Grant Award Amendment.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award amended grants to 87 LEAs at a cost not to exceed \$6,751,232 in Federal for Title VI, B Rural and Low Income Grants.

9. **ESI – Grant – Title II, Part A – Highly Qualified Teachers and Improving Teacher Quality State Grants (ESEA) FY11.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to Local Educational Agencies at a cost not to exceed \$76,513,778.00 in Federal Funds for the FY11 Title II, Part A - Highly Qualified Teachers and Improving Teacher Quality State Grants.
10. **ESI – Grant Amendment – Title I, Part A, Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants and Title I, Part A, Section 1003(g) ARRA School Improvement Grants – Amended Allocations - FY11.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to amend the grant allocation to local educational agencies to increase by \$10,245,976 for a new total grant not to exceed \$29,803,943 in federal funds for identified schools.
11. **SIA – FY11 Grant – Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) Program, Title II B.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to reallocate grant funds to twenty-five Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$1,244,702.00 in Federal Funds for the Title IIB Mathematics and Science Partnership Program.
12. **SIA – FY11 Contract – Utah State University, Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Utah State University, Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education, at a cost not to exceed \$95,000.00 in Federal Funds for the provision of Training and Assessment of Educational Interpreters.
13. **SIA – FY11 Contract – Kennesaw State University.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Kennesaw State University at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00 in State Funds for the activities and initiatives of the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Centers (GYSTCs).
14. **SIA – FY11 Contract – Columbus State University.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Columbus State University at a cost not to exceed \$133,989.38 in Federal Funds for the development of the instructional framework for the astronomy course and the preparation of professional development for astronomy teachers.
15. **SIA – FY11 Grant – Math Mentor Funds to RESAs.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to 16 Regional Educational Service Agencies at a cost not to exceed \$1,787,328.00 in State Funds to fund 16 Math Mentor positions.
16. **SIA – FY11 Contract – ACCESS for English Language Learners (ELL) Contract Renewal.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with the University of Wisconsin at a cost not to exceed \$1,932,000.00 in Federal Funds for services and products related to the printing, distribution, administration, scoring and reporting of the Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS for ELLs), the state-adopted English proficiency measure.

17. **SIA – FY11 Contract Amendment – Georgia Online Assessment System** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to amend the contract with Riverside Publishing to increase by \$64,200.00 in Other Funds for a new total contract not to exceed \$972,372.00 for improvements of reporting structures within the Online Assessment System (OAS).
18. **SIA – FY11 Contract Amendment – End of Course Tests** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to amend the contract with NCS Pearson to increase by \$190,000.00 for a new total contract not to exceed \$5,830,193.00 in Other Funds for the development of additional Mathematics I and II items for inclusion in the Online Assessment System (OAS).
19. **SIA – FY11 Contract – Battelle for Kids** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Battelle for Kids at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.00 in Other Funds for services related to piloting the value added model proposed in Georgia's Race to the Top application with a small number of districts.
20. **SIA – FY11 Contract Amendment – Teachers on Assignment for Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA)** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to amend the contract with the local school districts of Rockdale, Forsyth and Cherokee for \$3,354.98 for a new total contract not to exceed \$238,354.98 in State Funds.
21. **SIA – FY11 Contract – Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests – Modified (CRCT-M)** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia at a cost not to exceed \$1,515,934.00 in Federal Funds for services related to the development, administration, printing, distribution, scoring, and reporting services of the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests – Modified (CRCT-M), an alternate assessment for students with disabilities.
22. **SIA – A Pilot for the Fitness Assessment Program** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to accept federal funds in the amount of \$125,200.00 from the Georgia Department of Community Health for a pilot fitness assessment program in school year 2010-2011.
23. **SIA – Grant – FY11 High School Program Grant Amendment for Career, Technical and Agricultural Education** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to amend the grant to the attached list of grantees by \$684,600.00 in State Funds at a total cost not to exceed \$41,072,723.00 for CTAE Career Technical Student Organization/Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (CTSO/FCCLA) High School Programs.
24. **SIA – Approval of the Membership on the State Advisory Panel for Special Education** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to approve the new member appointments to the State Advisory Panel (SAP) for Special Education.

25. **SIA – Georgia Performance Standards for Fourth Year Mathematics Courses** Granted permission for the posting of the Georgia Performance Standards for Advanced Mathematical Decision Making (AMDM), Advanced Mathematical Decision Making in Industry and Government, and Advanced Mathematical Decision Making in Finance for public review and comment.
26. **SIA - Georgia Local School Board Governance Standards and Model Ethics Policy** Granted permission to post the Georgia Local School Board Standards and model ethics policy for Local School Board Governance for public review and comment.
27. **TS – Grant – Title IID ARRA Competitive Grant Amendment - 21st Century Stem Labs** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to a maximum of four (4) remaining eligible Local Education Agencies at a cost not to exceed \$2,764,430.00 in Federal Funds for 21st Century science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) labs.
28. **TS – FY11 Grant – Regional Education Service Agencies (RESA) Contract for Educational Technology Center (ETC) Services** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a grant with all 16 RESAs at a cost not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 in State Funds for assisting the Department in providing job-embedded instructional technology professional development to support educators in the effective use of technology, standards-based instruction and data-driven decision making to support student achievement.
29. **TS – FY11 Contract – 21st Century Skills Assessment** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with learning.com at a cost not to exceed \$617,208.00 in Federal Funds for learning.com’s 21st Century Skills Assessment for use in meeting the NCLB required annual 8th grade technology literacy assessment.
30. **TS – FY11 Contract – Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing at a cost not to exceed \$286,430.00 in Federal Funds for licensed usage, maintenance, and support of the Learning Village platform for participating Title II, D schools.
31. **PEA - State Board Rule 160-5-1-.28 STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND WITHDRAWAL. (Initiation/Repeal)** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act so as to repeal State Board of Education Rule SBOE 160-5-1-.28 STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND WITHDRAWAL.
32. **PEA - State Board Rule 160-5-1-.28 STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND**

WITHDRAWAL. (Initiation) Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act so as to create State Board of Education Rule SBOE 160-5-1-.28 STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND WITHDRAWAL.

33. **PEA – System Waiver – Scheduling for Instruction (Block Scheduling) Waiver for 2010-2011 School Year** Approved a waiver of specified portions of State Board of Education (SBOE) Rule 160-4-2-.16 Scheduling for Instruction to allow Local Education Agencies using an approved Block Schedule to schedule high school students for less than five instructional class periods per day for the 2010-2011 school year.
34. **PEA – System Waiver – GNETS Requirements** Exercised its authority under O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-168(c)(2) to recognize a continuing emergency and critical shortage in state revenue as documented below and authorize Georgia Network for Educational & Therapeutic Support (GNETS) local boards of control for the 2010-2011 school year to depart from the requirement to provide a minimum of 180 days of service as provided in SBOE Rule 160-4-7-.15 Georgia Network for Educational & Therapeutic Support (GNETS) (3)(g)1(i) and be allowed to provide service for a minimum of 180 days or its equivalent.
35. **PEA – Systems Waiver – School Bus Drivers Waiver for 2010-2011 School Year** Approved for the 2010-2011 school year, a waiver of SBOE Rule 160-5-3-.08 School Bus Drivers (2)(e)1 so as to allow local education agencies to depart from a strict interpretation of 180-day school year.
36. **PEA – System Waiver – Alternative Education Program** Approved for the 2010-2011 school year the waiver of SBOE Rule 160-4-8-.12 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM, section (2)(n) and/or (2)(o) to decrease minimum instructional time to award a unit of credit and/or decrease the minimum daily average instructional time as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-168 (c)(2) for the local education agencies (LEAs) on the attached list.
37. **PEA – System Waiver – Minimum Direct Instruction Requirements** Approved for the 2008-2009 and/or 2009-2010 school year, the hardship waivers provided in SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.29 Minimum Direct Classroom Expenditures (3)(b) and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-171(b)(4) as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-244 for the local education agency(LEA) on the attached list.
38. **PEA – System Waiver – Guidance Counselor Requirements** Approved for the 2009-2010 and/or 2010-2011 and/or 2011-2012 school years, the waivers of SBOE Rule 160-4-8-.05 Guidance Counselors and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-182(c) as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-244 for the local education agencies (LEAs) on the attached list.
39. **PEA – System Waiver – Personnel Required** Approved for the 2009-2010 and/or 2010-2011 and/or 2011-2012 school years, the waiver of SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.22 Personnel

Required and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-180 as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-244 for the local education agencies (LEAs) on the attached list.

40. **PEA – Systems Waiver – School Bus Drivers** Approved for the 2009-2010 school year, the waiver of SBOE Rule 160-5-3-.08 School Bus Drivers as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-244 for the local education agencies (LEAs) on the attached list.
41. **PEA – System Waiver – School Year for Teachers** Approved for the 2010-2011 school year the waiver of SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.01 SCHOOL YEAR, section (1)(b), (2)(a) to decrease 190 full-length days for certified staff to less than 176 full-length days for certified staff allowed by SBOE Resolution and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-168 (c)(2).
42. **PEA – Charter Renewal – Baconton Community Charter School** Granted a renewed charter to Baconton Community Charter School, a K-12 start up charter school in Mitchell County School System, for a 5-year term from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2015.
43. **PEA – Charter Renewal – Berrien Academy Performance Learning Center** Granted a renewed charter to Berrien Academy Performance Learning Center, a grade 9-12 start-up charter school in Berrien County School System, for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2015.
44. **PEA – Charter Renewal – Fulton Science Academy Charter High School** Granted a renewed charter to Fulton Science Academy Charter High School, formerly known as TEACH Charter High School, a grade 9-12 start-up charter school in Fulton County Public Schools, for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2015.
45. **PEA – Charter Renewal – Kennesaw Charter Science and Math Academy** Granted a renewed charter to Kennesaw Charter Science and Math Academy, formerly known as Kennesaw Charter School, a K-8 start up charter school in Cobb County, for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2015.
46. **PEA - Charter Renewal - Kingsley Charter School** Granted a renewed charter to Kingsley Charter School, a grade K-5 conversion charter school in DeKalb County Public Schools, for a 5-year term beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2015.
47. **PEA – Charter Renewal – Peachtree Charter Middle School** Granted a renewed charter to Peachtree Charter Middle School, a grade 6-8 conversion charter school in DeKalb County Public Schools, for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2015.
48. **PEA – Charter Renewal – DeKalb Path Academy** Granted a renewed charter to DeKalb

Path Academy, a grade 5-8 start up charter school in DeKalb County School System, for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2015.

49. **PEA – Grant – Federal Charter Schools Implementation Grant - Atlanta Heights**
Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to one eligible charter school at a cost not to exceed \$400,000 in Federal Funds for Charter Schools Program Implementation Grants.
50. **PEA – Charter School Commission Appointments** Appointed the individuals listed below to the Georgia Charter Schools Commission.
51. **June 2010 State Board Minutes** Approved the minutes of the June 10, 2010 State Board Meeting.
52. **June 24, 2010 Called State Board Meeting** Approved the minutes of the June 24, 2010 Called State Board Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTIONS

1. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0684** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Law, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0684, with 9 voting yes and 2 voting no.
2. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0686** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0686, with 8 voting yes and 3 voting no.
3. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0689** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Winter, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0689, with 9 voting yes and 2 voting no.
4. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0706** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0706, with 7 voting yes and 4 voting no.
5. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0720** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0720, with 9 voting yes and 2 voting no.

6. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0722** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0722, with 9 voting yes and 2 voting no.
7. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0724** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Law, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0724, with 10 voting yes and 1 voting no.
8. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0727** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Winter, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0727, with 9 voting yes and 2 voting no.
9. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0728** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0728, with 8 voting yes and 3 voting no.
10. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0732** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0732, with 8 voting yes and 3 voting no.
11. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0736** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0736, with 7 voting yes and 4 voting no.
12. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0742** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0742, with 8 voting yes and 3 voting no.
13. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0743** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0743, with 9 voting yes and 2 voting no.
14. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0749** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Law, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0749, with 8 voting yes and 3 voting no.
15. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0751** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0751, with 7 voting yes and 4 voting no.

16. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0752** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0752, with 6 voting yes and 5 voting no.
17. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0758** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0758, with 9 voting yes and 2 voting no.
18. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0768** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0768, with 8 voting yes and 3 voting no.
19. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0770** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Perez, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0770, with 8 voting yes and 3 voting no.
20. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0781** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0781, with 9 voting yes and 2 voting no.
21. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0786** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0786, with 9 voting yes and 2 voting no.
22. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0806** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) due to Disability for the student identified as Case 10-0806, with 8 voting yes and 3 voting no.
23. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0744** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) due to Hardship for the student identified as Case 10-0744, with 9 voting yes and 2 voting no.
24. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0746** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Winter, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT) due to Hardship for the student identified as Case 10-0746.
25. **Waiver Request – Case 10-0762** - By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High

School Graduation Test (GHS GT) due to Hardship for the student identified as Case 10-0762, with 9 voting yes and 2 voting no.

26. Waiver Request – Case 10-0791 - *By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Bostic, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) due to Hardship for the student identified as Case 10-0791, with 8 voting yes and 3 voting no.*

27. Waiver Request – Case 10-0805 - *By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Winter, an affirmative vote was given to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) due to Hardship for the student identified as Case 10-0805, with 8 voting yes and 3 voting no.*

OTHER BUSINESS ITEM

Vice Chairperson for Appeals Nomination - Georgia State Board of Education. Curriculum Revision: Georgia Performance Standards for Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) Science Courses *By motion of Mr. Hodge, seconded by Dr. Bostic, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the Georgia Performance Standards for eight (8) revised CTAE science courses.*

K-12 Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics

Dr. Murray moved to adopt the K-12 Common Core State Standards in English language arts, mathematics, and literacy in science, history/social studies, and technical subjects. Mr. Perez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

At 12:40 p.m., Mr. Winter moved to adjourn the State Board meeting. Mr. Law seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Next Scheduled Meeting of the State Board

The next State Board Meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2010.

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