

**Minutes of the District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC)
January 8, 2025**

The District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) of the North East Independent School District met on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 via TEAMS

The following DEIC members were present:

Rebecca Esquivel	Rob Shapiro	Gen Sugalski	Julie Blackstone
Melissa Hernandez	Tina Finley	Kristi Gilbert	Nicole Reich
Melissa Garcia	Marco Garza	Gina Stukkie	Ida Nunez
Amy Kamata	Joan Lovin	Jeff Fair	Kelli Nungesser
Rocio Ocon-Garrido	Tricia Alcocer-Cavazos	Jessica Acosta	Melissa Barnes
Mark Tafolla	Monica Rodriguez		

Presenters:

- BranDe Merriman, Director, Performance and Planning
- Dr. Esmeralda Munoz, Executive Director, Learning Support Services
- Dr. April Muzquiz, Executive Director, Curriculum and Instruction
- Ravae Shaeffer, Executive Director, Curriculum and Instruction

I. Meeting Called to Order

Rob Shapiro, Chair, called the DEIC to order at 4:31 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chair, Rob Shapiro, asked that the minutes from December 4, 2024, be reviewed by DEIC members present.

Mr. Shapiro asked the committee if they had a motion for approval. Ida Nunez moved to approve the minutes. Mark Tafolla seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted unanimously as presented.

III. Texas Accountability Performance Report, Scorecard Update, and New HB3 Goals

The Chair introduced the presenters for this meeting as BranDe Merriman, Ravae Schaeffer, Dr. April Muzquiz and Dr. Esmeralda Munoz.

BranDe started the presentation covering the 2024 Texas Accountability Performance Report (TAPR). She told members that they were going to be sharing a scorecard update based on the District's Balanced Scorecard, HB3 progress monitoring and setting new goals.

The TAPR has 8 different sections, and each was covered. TEA assigns each district a status, either accredited, accredited warrant, accredited probation, or non-accredited revoked. The status is based on multiple ratings. Comparisons in scoring between the State, Region and our District were shown along with attendance and graduation percentages. Sites were shared for members to view if wanted.

Mrs. Shaeffer and Dr. Muzquiz discussed the North East ISD District Scorecard Update. Links within the scorecard were pointed out and discussed as to what they contain. Key Actions of the scorecard are curriculum, instruction and assessment. STAAR percentages and goals were presented with a 5 year growth plan and long-term outcomes.

Dr. Munoz presented on College, Career and Military Readiness (CCMR), along with life readiness as part of the scorecard. Questions were answered throughout the presentation. As a part of CCMR we're looking at the opportunity for our students who are in high school to become enrolled in at least one potential college credit-bearing class. Industry based certifications available in the district were highlighted. 5 year growth plans and long-term outcomes were shown.

House Bill 3 was touched on and discussed how it is tied together with the District Scorecard and CCMR.

Dr. Muzquiz presented on Yearly Target Goals with different groups. CCMR is tied into this by having a goal to have more of our students enrolled in one or more advanced academic courses or CTE courses for high school credit in the middle school level. Early childhood goals were also discussed.

All items that have been presented will go to the Board for review and approval. Mr. Shapiro asked if there was a motion to approve the presentation and recommendations. Jessica Acosta gave the motion. Melissa Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Jeff Fair abstained from the vote.

Adjourn

Chairperson Shapiro requested a motion to adjourn. Melissa Hernandez gave the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Jessica Acosta seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 2, 2025 in the RAMEC building, suite 614