

March 29, 2013 Special Board Meeting
Cut Scores
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
Olympia, Washington

MEETING MINUTES

Members Attending: Ms. Connie Fletcher (via telephone), Mr. Bob Hughes (via telephone), Ms. Judy Jennings, Mr. Kevin Lavery (via telephone), Mr. Tre' Maxie (via telephone), Ms. Cindy McMullen (via telephone), Ms. Phyllis Bunker Frank (via telephone), Ms. Isabel Munoz-Colon (via telephone), Ms. Deborah Wilds (via telephone) (9)

Members Excused: Chair Jeff Vincent, Ms. Kris Mayer, Ms. Mary Jean Ryan, Mr. Randy Dorn (4)

Staff Attending: Mr. Ben Rarick, Ms. Sarah Rich, Ms. Denise Ross, Ms. Linda Drake, Ms. Colleen Warren (5)

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Judy Jennings.

Standard Setting for Year 1 and Year 2 Mathematics Collections of Evidence

Dr. Robin Munson, Assistant Superintendent, OSPI

Ms. Cinda Parton, Assessment and Development, OSPI

Dr. Tom Hirsch, Assessment and Evaluation Services, OSPI

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) presented cut scores to be used for the Mathematics Year 1 and Mathematics Year 2 Collections of Evidence.

RCW 28A.655.066 adds additional requirements for graduation. Washington high school students graduating in 2013 and 2014 will need to pass one mathematics End of Course Exam (EOC). The class of 2015 and beyond will need to pass two mathematics EOCs.

As EOCs become part of graduation requirements, legislatively approved alternatives to the EOCs will be implemented to provide options for student (RCW 28A.655.061 and RCW 28A.655.065). The Collection of Evidence (COE) is an approved alternative to state assessments. It is an evaluation of a set of work samples based on classroom work prepared by the student with instructional support from a teacher. The COE must be comparable to the EOC in terms of content and rigor.

The State Board of Education (SBE) is required under RCW 28A.305.130(4)(b) to identify the scores high school students must achieve to meet standard in statewide

student assessments. SBE sets performance standards and levels in consultation with OSPI.

The process for the standard setting employed a 'Body of Work' method, similar to the Washington Alternate Assessment System (WAAS) Portfolio standard setting and cut scores that the SBE approved in August, 2012. In addition, the standard setting used Ordered Item Book and Performance Level Descriptors for the EOCs to link the content and level of rigor of the COE to the EOCs.

Standard setting took place March 25-27, with two standard-setting panels, one for Year 1 and one for Year 2. The panel recommendations were reviewed by an articulation panel that finalized the recommended cut scores.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Business Items

Motion

Motion was made to adopt, as recommended by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, a score of 24 to meet standard on the Mathematics Year 1 Collection of Evidence; and a score of 14 to meet standard on the Mathematics Year 2 Collection of Evidence.

Motion: seconded.

Motion: unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. by Judy Jennings.