

Illinois State Board of Education
Bilingual Advisory Task Force (BATF)
Illinois State Board of Education 9th FL, Room # 9-039
Minutes for May 9, 2016

Co-Chairs present: Dr. Ron Perlman and Dr. Carmen Ayala

Members present: Mr. Robert de Oliveira, Ms. Denise Hamby, Dr. Matt Moreland, Ms. Colleen Doyle Parrott, Ms. Carla Cruise (on phone), Mr. Okab Hassan (on phone) Dr. David Gonzalez Nieto, Ms. Karen Garibay-Mulattieri, Dr. Michael Popp, Mr. Nelson Aguiar

Guest Present: Ms. Julieta R. Pasko, Ms. Karen Tipp and Ms. Penny Richards

ISBE staff present: Ms. Reyna Hernandez, Dr. Tina Paduck and Ms. Sonia Serrano

Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2016

Dr. Carmen Ayala, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.; a quorum was met.

Public Comments:

Julieta R Pasko - Advocates on behalf of parents for Special Education EL issues. During the last 5 years, she has received many calls from parents for help. Julieta states that the Special Education interactions with EL families require credentials of interpreters who are also bilingual and possess specific content knowledge about Special Education and ethical issues. Julieta distributed two separate handouts for ISBE staff to review.

Penny Richards - Speaks on behalf of students with Special Education needs. Penny states that the major concern of these parents is that because they are not proficient in English, when the districts do not provide interpreters, they feel shut out from the information at IEP meetings.

Dr Ron Perlman, Chair, stated that all the documents J Pasko sent to Carmen and Ron were included in the report.

Karen Tripp – She represents the learning communities in Special Education. Karen stated that she has been at IEP meetings where not all the information was shared by the interpreter because they did not want to upset parents. People only interpret the way they want to so not all the information that needs to be shared is shared. One license is not enough; it has to be renewed on a continuous basis.

The Co-Chairs thanked the public comment speakers and proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Robert de Oliveira moved to approve the minutes from May 9th, 2016 and Dr. Michael Popp seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote.

Review and discussion of final report

Co-Chairs asked that everyone provide comments regarding the report. Everyone on the task force provided their comments. They also thanked everyone for their participation and input in providing ideas and comments for the report, which should be finalized by May 13, 2016. Ron and Carmen acknowledged the tremendous support and assistance from the ISBE staff - Sonia Serrano, Tina Paduck, David Nieto, and Reyna Hernandez.

Dr. Perlman and Dr. Ayala each task force member highlighted the areas of the importance to them. Their comments will be incorporated into the Executive Summary will work with ISBE DELL to facilitate the submission process. Committee members were asked to submit their names, titles, and primary affiliation to ISBE DELL staff to ensure accuracy on the final report. ISBE staff will explore the possibility of presenting the final report to Ed Appropriations Committee or some other legislative committees

New Business:

Ms. Karen Garibay-Mulattieri stated that the Latino Policy Forum will be hosting symposiums in June (by invitation only) and is planning a larger symposium on August 5 and has invited several national experts to be present.

Adjournment:

Ms. Denise Hamby moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Dr. Michael Popp. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.