

Illinois State Board of Education

Illinois Advisory Council on Bilingual Education Minutes

September 29, 2005

Members and Staff Attending

Members Attending: David Barker, Carmen Acevedo, Pat Chamberlain, Maritza Guilamo, Natividad Hernandez, Rebecca Kolda, Maria Korkatsch, Raj Balu for Manuel Medina, Maria Mijares, Ngoc Diep Nguyen, Ed Rafferty, Alonzo Rivas, Melissa Wolf, Josie Yanguas, Kim Zinman.

ISBE Staff: Robin M. Lisboa, Sherry Johnson, Beth Robinson, Boon Lee, Seng Naolhu, Bill Garcia and [Naomi Greene, Carolina Mata Woodruff, and Harriette Herrera] by conference phone

Call to Order

Else Hamayan

Following introductions, chair Else Hamayan welcomed the council and called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. David Barker moved that the minutes from the June 9, 2005 BAC meeting be approved. Maria Korkatsch seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved 15-0 without abstentions.

ISBE DELL

Robin M. Lisboa

Division administrator, Robin M. Lisboa briefed the council on a number of items including: the [Student Identification System \(SIS\)](#), [ACCESS for ELLs](#) Screener, ACCESS for ELLs special education accommodations, planned meetings with IHE on ACCESS for ELLs Standards, ISBE's [Comprehensive Strategic Plan for Elementary and Secondary Education](#), the [Visiting Teacher Exchange Program with Spain](#), [Title III Accountability](#), ISBE's [rules concerning bilingual education](#), and the Illinois Continuum on early childhood education for ELLs. Following ISBE's presentation, the council members volunteered to the actions listed below.

Ngoc Diep, Nguyen, Maritza Guilamo, Carmen Acevedo, and Raj Balu agreed to volunteer to provide ISBE DELL with feedback on Title III accountability.

Alonzo Rivas and Melissa Wolf agreed to provide ISBE DELL with feedback on the rules and proposed changes.

Robin M. Lisboa agreed to develop a timeline for reviewing rules that would allow the BAC ample time to consider proposed changes prior to public comment.

Harriette Herrera agreed to provide talking points to ISBE DELL on early childhood issues by the close of business on 9/29/05.

Membership and Committees

Chair and Council

In council business, Else Hamayan resigned as chair of the advisory council. Kim Zinman moved to accept the resignation. Pat Chamberlain seconded the motion and the council voted 15-0 to accept the chairs' resignation.

Kim Zinman moved to open the floor for nominations for a chair of the BAC. Pat Chamberlain seconded the motion to open the floor for nominations for the chair.

Ngoc Diep Nguyen nominated David Barker to serve as BAC chair. Natividad Hernandez seconded the nomination. Kim Zinman asked the council for additional nominations. No additional nominations were put forth and the council voted 15-0 to close nominations.

Following a brief discussion, Kim Zinman moved that the council accept David Barker as BAC chair. David Barker accepted the nomination and the council voted 15-0 to make David Barker BAC chair effective immediately. No action was taken on vice chair of BAC. MT Garreton will stay on as vice chair of the BAC.

Following the election of chair, the council established [the sub-committees](#) listed below. New members volunteered to serve on existing committees.

Committees	Purpose	Chair
<u>Assessment</u>	Advise superintendent on assessment issues impacting ELL students.	David Barker
<u>Bilingual Special Education</u>	Advise superintendent on best practices for identifying and distinguishing ELL & special education students.	Pat Chamberlain
<u>Certification</u>	Advise superintendent on certification issues impacting teaching and learning of ELL students.	Rene Valenciano
<u>Compliance</u>	Advise superintendent on impact of state rules regarding service to ELL students.	Alonzo Rivas

Early Childhood

Advise superintendent on impact of early childhood programs on ELL populations.

Harriette Herrera

Advocacy

Advise superintendent on best practices of bilingual/ESL programs.

Josie Yanguas

Sub-Committee Reports

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Assessment

David Barker indicated that he would be meeting with ISBE Assessment DA Becky Mc Cabe in two weeks along with ILLEAC committee member Carmen Acevedo.

Bilingual Spec.
Education:

Pat Chamberlain indicated her committee would be looking into Ed-Wyn and data cells tied to the formulation of IDEA regulations.

Compliance

Alonzo Rivas indicated that his committee had not met but would be convening before the next BAC meeting for the purpose of reviewing rules governing bilingual education.

Early
Childhood:

Harriette Herrera indicated that her committee had met twice. Her committee is concerned about the Under-representation of ELL students in Pre-K programs and language development of ELL Children. The full report of the early childhood committee can be found at :

http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/pdfs/iacbe_subcommittee_8-5-05.pdf

Advocacy

(formerly
Education
Information):

Melissa Wolf indicated that her committee had not met. Josie Yanguas briefed the BAC on the use of DIBELS assessment for ELLs. Following a brief discussion, David Barker moved that Else Hamayan write a letter to Associate Superintendent Dr. Ginger Reynolds outlining BAC concerns with DIBELS

assessment. Kim Zinman seconded the motion and the council voted 15-0 without abstentions to express BAC concerns with DIBELs.

Certification

Chair Rene Valenciano was unable to attend the BAC meeting. There was no report.

Announcements:

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- Refugee Children School Impact Grant Conference, Oct 17-18, 2005
<http://www.thecenterweb.org/alrc/pdfs/rcsig2005.pdf>
- New Requirements Workshop and Bilingual Certification Workshops,
http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/htmls/bil_calendar.htm
- Next Advisory Council Meeting on Bilingual Education will be Monday, January 23, 2006, Oakbrook, Illinois, Annual Statewide Conference
<http://www.thecenterweb.org>
- ISBE will host two ACCESS for ELLs Workshops for higher education audiences on January 27, 2006 in Chicago and March 30, 2006 in Springfield, Illinois.
- ISBE DELL will host a meeting for districts participating in the Visiting Teacher Exchange Program with Spain on Saturday, October 15, 2005.

Adjournment

Advisory Council

Else Hamayan moved that the meeting be adjourned. Diep Ngoc Nguyen seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.