

State Assessment Review Committee (SARC) Meeting Minutes

Illinois State Board of Education

GoToMeeting Video Conference
Friday, March 12, 2021
2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Attendees via GoToMeeting Video Conference

SARC Members Present:

1. Raymond Albin — Libertyville High School
2. Paula Barajas — Chicago Public Schools
3. Dr. Marcus Belin — Huntley High School
4. Scott Bloomquist — Boone/Winnebago County Regional Office of Education
5. Dr. Sean Clayton — ISBE Director of Assessment
6. Annette Hartlieb — Regional Office of Education 3
7. Antoinette Jones — Northern Illinois University
8. Dr. Daniel Krause — Willowbrook High School
9. Peter Leonard — Chicago Public Schools
10. Rodolfo Lozano Jr. — The Fellowship Initiative
11. Michael Murguia — Berwyn North School District 98
12. Tiffany Mathis — Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Illinois
13. Zondra Moore — East St. Louis School District 189
14. Ann Laura Narro — Southwest Organizing Project
15. Barbara Nettles — Prairie Hills School District 144
16. Jose Rodriguez — Chicago Public Schools
17. Kiwana Sanders — Cook County School District 130
18. Ryan Schilb — St. Charles Community School District 303

SARC Members Absent:

1. Kathleen Dugan — Bensenville District 2
2. Dr. Steven Isoye — Niles Township High School District 219
3. Yoon Pak — University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

ISBE Support Staff:

1. Dr. Brenda Dixon — Research and Evaluation Officer
2. Victoria Henderson — IAR Principal Consultant
3. Barbara Hobrock — Legislative Affairs and Waivers Coordinator
4. Sarah Leonard — IAR Content Specialist

- I. **Opening Welcome (2:31-2:32)**
Dr. Sean Clayton called the meeting to order at 2:31 and welcomed the committee members.
- II. **Roll Call & Introductions (2:32-2:45)**
Roll call was taken and a quorum is present.
- III. **Election Chair Appointment (2:45-2:54)**
-Roll Call Vote-
Ms. Nettles made motion for Dr. Sean Clayton to be the chair for the State Assessment Review Committee. Dr. Belin seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.
- IV. **Review & Discuss Rules of Procedures (2:54-2:58)**
Barbara Hobrock, Legislative Affairs and Waivers Coordinator, gave a presentation to explain the Rules & Procedures of the committee, including the membership expectation to complete the mandated trainings and certifications within a 30-day period.
- V. **Adopt Rules of Procedure (2:58-2:59)**
-Roll Call Vote-
Dr. Belin made the motion to adopt the Rules & Procedures that were presented, and Ms. Mathis seconded the motion. A quorum was met, and the motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote.
- VI. **Election of Vice-Chair (2:59-3:06)**
-Roll Call Vote-
Mr. Lozano made motion to be the Vice-Chair of the State Assessment Review Committee. Ms. Barajas seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.
- VII. **Approval of the July 19th Minutes (3:06-3:09)**
-Roll Call Vote-
A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Bloomquist and seconded by Ms. Mathis. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.
- VIII. **ISBE Presentation (3:09-3:14)**
Dr. Clayton presented information about the upcoming assessment administration and the accountability waiver from the U. S. Department of Education. USDE offered **flexibility** in the administration of our statewide assessments. Three critical areas should be considered:
- Offer a shortened version of our statewide assessments
 - Offer a remote test administration, where feasible
 - Extend the testing window
- In response, ISBE has made the final decisions:
- Omitted the essay portion of the SAT for both the spring and fall test administration
 - Eliminate the ELA/L field test unit; schools will have a much shorter 3rd unit
 - Schools may also have the option of testing on Saturdays, if needed
 - And finally, ISBE has eliminated the PSAT 8/9 & 10 for spring 21
 - Schools and districts had the option to test in the Spring or Fall

The members followed up with questions and concerns. Dr. Dixon and Dr. Clayton answered questions and explained how ISBE was going to address the unique circumstances that the pandemic has posed for this testing administration.

Dr. Clayton encouraged members to put additional questions into the Chat Box. Those questions would be put into a FAQ document and then sent/posted for all of the members to view at a later time.

IX. Next Steps/New Business (3:33-3:40)

Dr. Clayton resumed the agenda items and the group discussed having quarterly meetings vs. monthly meetings. Mr. Bloomquist suggested that we schedule more meetings than needed so that it could be already be placed on everyone's schedule. It is a lot easier to cancel meetings that we don't need rather than to call an emergency meeting or reschedule. The members also decided that later in the day would be best for everyone's schedule.

Ms. Nettles wanted to clarify the purpose of the group. Dr. Clayton explained that a collected body was needed to offer thoughts and recommendations on assessment data points, instruction, student achievement outcomes, and other improvements that can best serve the students of Illinois.

More correspondence would be sent out in the next week or so about the next meeting day/time.

X. Public Comment (3:40-3:43)

No public comments.

More discussion by the members about looking forward to upcoming information regarding next steps and future agenda items. Ms. Hobrock reminded the members about the rules and procedures that members must follow.

XI. Adjournment (3:43)

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Belin and seconded by Mr. Schilb. The motion passed and Dr. Clayton adjourned the meeting at 3:43.