

**Austin Independent School District
Multilingual Education Advisory Committee (MEAC)
Meeting Minutes**

May 2, 2022

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

In-person meeting at Austin ISD Central Office – Rm. 221

Attendance

Travis Barrett – Co-chair
Nu Chanpheng – Co-chair
Laura Chris Green
Blanca Galvez-Perez
Shaun Hopkins
Antonio Silva Salmeron
Shelli Hix

Cody Fernández
Yvette Cárdenas
Suzanne Villalpando
Arlene Carrillo

- The eligibility of co-chairs to serve a consecutive term was discussed. Per board policy, *“members shall serve one two-year term. Members may serve one additional term”*.

Blanca Galvez-Perez made a motion to nominate Shaun Hopkins to serve as the next MEAC Staff Co-

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We do provide support for teachers preparing for the Bilingual Proficiency Test as the certification test has been made harder and has higher requirements. Dual Language teachers must now test twice.

We had a brief discussion regarding hiring for Mandarin and Vietnamese teachers and anticipated numbers of Ukrainian refugee students as well as students' challenges in learning Spanish in middle school.

Nu Chanpheng voiced a concern over need to provide parents with information and resources to support their DL students.

Early Learning is still processing applications so there is no data for DL numbers. Currently only Menchaca and Oak Hill have a lottery for approval of DL applicants due to their limited strands, however Oak Hill is receiving more interest now.

Shaun Hopkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Blanca Galvez-

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