

# Assessment of Essential Skills Review Panel

## DRAFT - Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2019

**Friday, May 17, 2019**

**Panel Members Present:** Garrett Apland, John Bouchard, Ralph Brown, Lori Cullen Brown, Robin DeLoach, Shaun Gross, Ellen Irish, Krista Nieraeth, Sarah Cunningham, Marilyn Williams

**Panel Members Absent:** Doug Nelson, Michelle Cummings, Marie Shimer, Laurie Ross, Jill Sumerlin, Jay Mathison, Larry Susuki, Melissa Glover

**Facilitating:** Tony Bertrand

**ODE Attendance:** Lacey Rhoades, Steve Slater, Cristen McLean, Ben Wolcott

### Welcome and Agenda Overview

Tony Bertrand called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and reviewed the agenda with the Assessment of Essential Skills Review Panel (AESRP) members.

#### I. 9:00 - 9:15 Introductions, Attendance, Agenda Review, Public Participation, and Meeting Norms

Tony Bertrand addressed the Assessment of Essential Skills Review Panel (AESRP) members around public meeting statute and guidance for AESRP meetings. The Public Meetings Law guarantees the public the right to attend governing body meetings, but does not include the right to participate by public testimony; ORS 192.630(1). Meeting norms reviewed with AESRP members.

#### II. 9:15 - 9:20 Review of Minutes

Tony Bertrand shared the January 11, 2019, AESRP Minutes with panel members. John Bouchard motioned to approve the minutes from January 11, 2019. Ralph Brown seconded the motion. The majority were in favor with 10 voting to approve minutes; 0 opposed; 8 abstain/absent.

Motion passed.

#### III. 9:20 - 9:30 Updates

##### a. EL Policy

Ben Wolcott presented updates to the AESRP panel. The State Board of Education adopted ODE's policy recommendation to remove state-imposed restrictions on which English Learners could participate in participating in the use of work samples in the student's primary home language. This allows all EL students to complete a work sample in English or in the student's home language, regardless of the length of time to the student had been in a school within the State of Oregon. This change in policy would immediately go into effect and communicated to district testing coordinators across the State of Oregon. In addition, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) would communicate this information in its weekly Assessment and Accountability Newsletter. Updated guidance around this policy will be added to the 2019 – 2020 Essential Skills Manual.

Therefore, AESRP would no longer be needed to make a decision about a passing score on the ELPA for satisfying the "Sufficient Language Skills" requirement on Essential Skills for English Learners.

**b. Official Writing Scoring Guide**

Tony Bertrand provided AESRP members with an update on the status of Gender Language footnote addition to the Official Writing Scoring Guide. The State Board of Education approved the adoption of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Position Statement on Gender Language. This includes guidance for educators around the use of gender-neutral language in student writing. This will be updated in the Official Writing Scoring Guide with a hyperlink to reference the NCTE's position statement. This adoption allows students to use gender-neutral language in a work sample submission without being negatively impacted in the scoring of their writing submission.

**IV. 9:30 – 9:45 Action Item: Other Standardized Assessment Option (Next Generation Accuplacer)**

Tony Bertrand presented the Next Generation Accuplacer as a potential standardized assessment option for Essential Skills. ODE is proceeding onto Step 3 (ODE will begin reviewing the technical qualities of the assessment and data available for establishing an achievement standard). Currently, ODE has scheduled work regarding content and standards alignment, as well as reviewing technical documents for a possible linking study for recommendations on any future cut-score. ODE has requested and is pending the required documents from The College Board to begin an initial evaluation. AESRP panel had 0 objections to this action item; all panelists approved for ODE to move forward into Step 3.

**V. 9:45 – 9:50 Follow-up Questions, Meeting Dates, and Adjourn**

**a. Follow-up Questions**

There were no follow-up questions.

**b. Meeting Dates 2019-2020**

Tony Bertrand clarified that the potential dates for the Fall 2019 AESRP Meeting will be sent out via Doodle Poll to the panelists.

**c. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M.