



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MAY 2004 AGENDA

SUBJECT English Learner Advisory Committee: Revision of Term of Office and Appointment of Members.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information
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RECOMMENDATION

Approve the proposed revision to the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) term of office and appoint members of the English Learner Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

On December 9, 1999, the State Board of Education (State Board) established the English Learner Advisory Committee. The role of the ELAC is to provide the State Board with information, guidance, and advice on issues related to English learners.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

The term of office for the ELAC members were initially set for three years. Each State Board member recommended an individual to serve on the ELAC, with the Board President appointing the committee chair. The full Board voted to appoint the members and to fill vacancies as they arose. Because the term of office of the initial ELAC members were not staggered, the terms of all ELAC members expired in December 2003. There are now 11 vacancies to fill.

State Board staff recommends that the State Board revise the appointment process to allow for staggered term of office. For purposes of establishing staggered terms, State Board staff suggests that in 2004 only, six ELAC members be appointed to three-year terms and five members be appointed to two-year terms. The chair of the committee would be appointed to one of the three-year terms. The term of office for full-term appointments made in 2006 and beyond would be three years.

The attached proposal for revision to the original ELAC term of office allows for continuity on the committee and ensures smoother transitions when terms expire.

FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)

The ELAC meets at the direction of the State Board, no more than three times a year. The ELAC members are not paid, but are reimbursed for travel expenses. Historically, travel expenses have been minimal.

ATTACHMENT

[Attachment 1](#): Proposal for Revision of English Learner Advisory Committee Term of Office (1 Page)

Information on the recommended applicants, if any, will be provided at the May 2004 meeting.

Proposal for Revision of the English Learner Advisory Committee Term of Office

When the State Board of Education established the English Learner Advisory Committee on December 9, 1999, the Board also established a process for appointment of members and the term of office. The following language is the current appointment process:

Membership: Each member of the State Board of Education will recommend one member. The president of the Board will appoint the chair. The full Board will vote to appoint members and to fill vacancies. Staff will be provided by the Board Office.

Term of Office: It is anticipated that the term will be for three years. Missing three meetings will result in being removed.

Under the current appointment process and term of office, there are no staggered terms of office. Thus, in 2003 the terms of office for all ELAC members expired. The current appointment process does not allow for continuity or smooth transition when terms expire. To facilitate the effectiveness of the ELAC, State Board staff recommends revising the current term of office language to establish staggered terms.

For purposes of establishing staggered terms, State Board staff suggests that in 2004 only, six ELAC members be appointed to three-year terms and five members be appointed to two-year terms. The chair of the committee would be appointed to one of the three-year terms. The term of office for full-term appointments made in 2006 and beyond would be three years.

The following proposed revisions to the current policy are recommended:

Membership: Each member of the State Board of Education will recommend one member. The president of the Board will appoint the chair. The full Board will vote to appoint members and to fill vacancies. Staff will be provided by the Board Office.

Term of Office: It is anticipated that the term will be for three years. In 2004 only, six ELAC members will be appointed to three-year terms and five members be appointed to two-year terms. The chair of the committee would be appointed to one of the three-year terms. The term of office for full-term appointments made in 2006 and beyond would be three years. Missing three meetings will result in being removed.