I. SBOE approved new graduation requirements on a 14-1 vote pursuant to HB 5 establishing the Foundation High School Program. These graduation requirements will become effective 20 days from filing with Texas Register.

- Dr. Dominguez (El Paso) voted against the graduation requirements because Algebra II is not a required course for all students.
- Highlights of the requirements are:
  o Students are required to choose an endorsement at the end of the 8th grade but do have the option to change it before they start their junior year.
  o Credit requirements remain unchanged. Students are required to receive 22 credits to graduate under the foundation program and 26 credits to graduate with an Endorsement (STEM, Business and Industry, Public Service, Arts and Humanities, and Multidisciplinary)
  o Changes the number of Math credits in the STEM endorsement from four to three but keep algebra II as a required course for this endorsement
  o Changes number of Social Studies credits from four to five
  o Allows for certain computer science courses to meet the requirement for two credits in a foreign language
  o Adds four English credits from course listing to Arts and Humanities
  o Speech will continue to be a required course for current 9th graders who opt to graduate under current high school programs (Minimum, Recommended, or Distinguished)
  o Advanced Journalism/Yearbook III and Advanced Journalism/Newspaper III have been added to course eligible for English/Language Arts credit
  o Allows for ½ credit in Communication Applications to be combined with ½ credit from another course
  o School Districts have the option to define advanced courses and develop a coherent sequence
  o Inserts Health Sciences courses into the Public Service endorsement

II. Approved the posting for public comment
- The curriculum requirements, including courses school districts have to offer; and
- Revisions to the TEKS for Languages Other Than English (LOTE)
- Requirement for students in grades 7-12 to complete a course in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) before graduating from high school

III. 431 CSCOPE lessons have been review by the SBOE ad-hoc committee on CSCOPE and are available for review at www.cscopereviews.com. CSCOPE is now being marketed as Teacher Resources.

IV. Approved the advertisement of bids of instructional materials, including textbooks aligned with controversial Social Studies curriculum adopted in 2010

V. Approves guidelines for to expand the Permanent School Fund (PSF) Bond Guarantee to benefit open-enrollment charter schools.

VI. Looking forward:
- Addition of Mexican-American Studies as a recommended course (can currently be offered as a Special Topic by the school district)
- Review of the scope and enormity of the TEKS
- Interviews for Generation 19 charter school applications will be held 21 – 23 July 2014