

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

STUDY COMMITTEE ON DYSLEXIA SCREENING

Minutes of the Meeting

November 5, 2019

11:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room 109

Members Present:

Senator Paul Boyer, Chair
Senator Lela Alston
Thomas Doebler
Stacy Fretheim
Meriah Houser

Representative Thomas "T.J." Shope Jr., Co-Chair
Representative Jennifer Pawlik
Sean Ross
Dr. Jan Vesely

Members Excused:

Senator Sylvia Allen
Becky Keller

Representative Frank Carroll
Dr. Jennifer Kirkpatrick

Staff:

Jeffrey Ong, Senate Research Analyst
Julia Paulus, Senate Research Assistant Analyst
Chase Houser, House Research Analyst

Chairman Boyer called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. and attendance was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Boyer stated that if there are no corrections, without objection, the Dyslexia Screening Study Committee minutes dated October 30, 2019 will stand approved as distributed.

Senator Boyer announced the topics to be discussed at today's meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF INITIAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Dyslexia Screening, Intervention and Delivery of Supports**
- **Resource Materials for Screening and Evaluation Assessments, Structured Literacy Instruction, Intervention Systems and Professional Development**
- **Teacher Certification and Professional Development**
- **Legislative Changes**

The Committee discussed and shared their comments on the consideration of initial Committee recommendations.

Senator Boyer provided comments regarding legislative changes and asked the Committee if there was anything else that needs to change.

Mr. Ross answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Boyer offered comments and asked if there was anything else that needs to be discussed about funding.

The Committee discussed and shared their comments about the funding consideration.

Senator Boyer offered comments and asked if there was anything else aside from the topics being discussed above on implementation that the Committee would recommend.

The Committee discussed and shared their comments on providing at least one personnel per school that has the layer of training and ability to deliver the appropriate instruction for identified students.

Senator Boyer read an email from Arizona State University, University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University to inform the Committee of the courses on identifying children with Dyslexia.

Mr. Ross offered comments.

Senator Boyer announced that he will send out a draft recommendation list to the Committee members and asked the Committee members to submit any potential changes on the recommendations to discuss at the next meeting.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Senator Boyer called for public testimony. However, no one came forward.

At 12:03 p.m. Chairman Boyer adjourned the meeting to the sound of the gavel.

At 12:03 p.m. Chairman Boyer reconvened the meeting for public testimony.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY – (continued)

Renea Kennedy, Director of Teaching and Learning at Mesa Public Schools, representing herself, testified and outlined her recommendations to help students diagnosed with dyslexia.

Attached is a list noting the individual who registered her position on the agenda items (Attachment A).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Secretary

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