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Below are highlights from the State Board of Education's February 22nd Meeting.

As is fairly typical this time of year, the agenda was shorter than usual and the Highlights reflect that brevity.

Arizona Online Instruction (AOI) Approvals

The Board gave full and final approval to the remaining schools that applied for AOI approval as part of the abridged application window opened last year. The window was opened from May 19th to July 1st last year to provide instructional options to schools and families in light of COVID-19.

62 school districts have been approved to establish new AOIs or expand existing AOIs as part of that process. The Board also approved three districts that applied during the normal Summer/Fall window.

AOI Applications

For districts that would like to establish an AOI for the upcoming school year but missed these applications windows, the Board will consider applications on a case-by-case basis if the district demonstrates that it missed the deadline with cause and that there is demand in the district online instruction through an AOI. Interested districts should email this information to inbox@azsbe.az.gov. Staff will evaluate the inquiries and if they meet the criteria set out by the Board, will provide the application to the district to fill out for evaluation.

Move on When Reading (MOWR) Literacy Plan Approvals

The MOWR team at ADE has evaluated 215 of 221 MOWR Literacy Plans and the Board has subsequently approved those plans at their recommendation. This is one of the fastest turnarounds on submission and evaluation of literacy plans.

2021 Meeting Schedule

The Board's 2021 meeting schedule is set and provided on the Board's [homepage](#). The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2021.

President: Lucas Narducci • *Vice President:* Dr. Daniel Corr
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