

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
April 15, 2021**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2021, in Room, #1-111, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Matt Robinson, chair; Aicha Davis, vice chair; Ruben Cortez, Jr; Will Hickman; Jay Johnson

Non-Committee Members Present: Georgina C. Pérez; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz

Public Testimony

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda items #4 and #5. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

The Committee on School Initiatives considered items in the following order: Item number 4, 5, 6, 1, 2, 3

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Recommendation for Reappointments to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees**
(Board agenda page IV-1)

Christopher Lucas, director of policy, planning, and operations, explained that two terms on the board of trustees for Randolph Field Independent School District are expiring. The commanding officer, Colonel James H. Masoner, has requested that Mr. Patrick Luna and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Duffy be reappointed to two-year terms.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Johnson, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the reappointment of Mr. Patrick Luna and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Duffy to serve terms of office from April 16, 2021, to April 16, 2023, on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

(Mr. Hickman was absent for the vote.)

2. **Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter B, Special Purpose School Districts, §61.111, Applicability of State Law to Boys Ranch Independent School District**
(Board agenda page IV-13)

Mr. Lucas explained the need to provide Boys Ranch Independent School District with flexibility in scheduling the first day and last day of their school year.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Davis, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter B, Special Purpose School Districts, §61.111, Applicability of State Law to Boys Ranch Independent School District; and*

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of proposed new 19 TAC, Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter B, Special Purpose School Districts, §61.111 Applicability of State Law to Boys Ranch Independent School District, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.

(Mr. Hickman was absent for the vote.)

3. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions, §30.1, Petition for Adoption of Rule Changes**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page IV-17)

Cristina De La Fuente-Valadez, director of rulemaking, reviewed the proposed amendment to 19 TAC §30.1, Petition for Adoption of Rule Changes. Ms. De La Fuente-Valadez explained that a change is recommended at second reading and final adoption that would allow a petitioner to provide an email address on the petition form, which would facilitate timely communication throughout the process. Ms. De La Fuente-Valadez informed the committee that a public comment was received on the proposal; however, the comment was outside the scope of the proposed rule.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Davis, seconded by Dr. Robinson, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions, §30.1, Petition for Adoption of Rule Changes; and*

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions, §30.1, Petition for Adoption of Rule Changes, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 26 Application Updates (Board agenda page IV-23)

Heather Mauzé, director, charter school authorizing and administration division, presented information on the Generation 26 Open-Enrollment Charter Application cycle, its timeline, and next steps in the application process.

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Ellen Williams
AFFILIATION: Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards

5. Open-Enrollment Charter School Overview (Board agenda page IV-24)

Ms. Mauzé briefed members of the committee on work of the charter division staff as it relates to the state-authorized charter school portfolio. Ms. Mauzé answered questions regarding the charter school division.

Public testimony was provided virtually by the following individuals:

NAME: Susan Moses
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Cristina Correa
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Onjaleke Brown
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Mary Lutka
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Timothy Mattison
AFFILIATION: Texas Public Charter Schools Association

NAME: Gregory Harrington
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Dawn Robinette
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Cynthia Ramos
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Judy Moore
AFFILIATION: Self

ACTION ITEM

6. **Review of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §230.1, Definitions**
(Board agenda page IV-25)

Jessica McLoughlin, director of educator standards, testing, and preparation, explained that proposed 19 TAC §230.1, Definitions, would update the definition of a *pilot exam* to indicate that the edTPA performance assessment pilot will be subject to review by the State Board for Educator Certification prior to September 1, 2022, rather than the original date of September 1, 2021.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Ms. Davis, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §230.1, Definitions.*

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 12:18 p.m.