

**Report of the State Board of Education
Ad Hoc Committee on the
Long-Range Plan for Public Education
March 30, 2015**

The State Board of Education Ad Hoc Committee on the Long-Range Plan for Public Education met at 8:09 a.m. on Monday, March 30, 2015, in the State Board of Education Room, #1-104, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. The following members of the committee were present:

Presiding: Marty Rowley, Chair; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Martha M. Dominguez; Pat Hardy; Geraldine “Tincy” Miller; Marisa B. Perez; Thomas Ratliff

Absent: Donna Bahorich; Tom Maynard

Public Testimony

Work session and ad hoc committee meetings are exempt from oral public testimony.

ACTION ITEM

1. Process for Developing a Long-Range Plan for Public Education and Authorization to Issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an Outside Facilitator

The Ad Hoc Committee on the Long-Range Plan for Public Education is charged with the feasibility of developing a new long-range plan for education. The Committee met in February and approved the development of a request for qualifications (RFQ) for an outside facilitator and asked the commissioner of education to seek a legislative appropriation to fund the development of a long-range plan for education. Statutory authority for this action is the Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.102(c).

Mr. Rowley opened the meeting by presenting the draft Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit proposals from companies, nonprofit organizations, higher education institutions, individuals and regional education service centers to provide facilitation services for the development of a Long-Range Plan (LRP) for Texas Education on behalf of the State Board of Education (SBOE).

Mr. Rowley directed committee members to the proposed timeline in the RFQ that was based on funding to develop a Long-Range Plan being approved by the 84th Legislature. He stated that staff with the Texas Education Agency pointed out that most RFQs are not published unless there is a firm commitment that funding will be available.

Mr. Ratliff suggested that if the funding is not approved by the time the SBOE meets in April, the committee should consider pushing back the timeline by 30 days. Committee members agreed this was a reasonable suggestion and acknowledged that the timeline would stand as proposed for now, but could be adjusted during the April 2015 SBOE meeting, based on funding availability.

The proposed timeline, subject to any future changes, is:

DATE	EVENT
Monday, April 20, 2015	Publication of Request for Qualifications in the Electronic State Business Daily at http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us/
Monday, May 11, 2015	Notice of Intent to submit a proposal is due in the TEA Purchasing, Contracts and Agency Services (PCAS) Division Office by the specified date & time
Friday, May 22, 2015	Last day to submit written questions about the RFQ to Purchasing, Contracts and Agency Services (PACS) Division, no later than 5:00 P.M., CT
Tuesday, May 26, 2015	Publication of Questions and Answers in the Electronic State Business Daily at http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us/
Tuesday, June 9, 2015	Proposal is due in the TEA PCAS Division before 2:00 P.M., CT
June 15 – July 17, 2015	Evaluation process, oral presentations, and /or negotiations begin
July 15-17, 2015	Selection of Proposer
Monday, August 3, 2015	Beginning date of contract and commencement of work
Monday, August 31, 2016	Ending date of contract and final product submitted to the TEA with final billing

It should be noted that all of these dates except the final completion date may vary slightly as conditions require.

The committee then discussed the basic requirements of the RFQ and the three basic components of the Long-Range Plan (LRP) that the facilitator will be responsible for developing and how that should be accomplished. The three components of the LRP include:

- defining and clearly articulating the internal vision of the SBOE regarding its role in fulfilling the mission of Texas public education;
- engaging interested stakeholders in Texas public education in order to identify the core values that will guide Texas education into the future and to identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges of Texas public education over the next five to seven years; and
- compiling the information into a meaningful and understandable format for inclusion in the LRP.

The committee next decided to recommend that the submitted proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by the members of the SBOE’s Committee on School Initiatives, TEA staff knowledgeable in the content area, and may also include reviewers from outside the agency with expertise in the area.

After the evaluation of the proposals, the members of the Committee on School Initiatives will make the final recommendation to the full SBOE. The final vote on the selection of the facilitator is tentatively scheduled for the SBOE’s July meeting.

The committee agreed to next meet on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 4 p.m. to finalize its recommendations on the proposed RFQ to present to the Committee on School Initiatives at its April 2015 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.