

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
April 16, 2015**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015, in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. All members of the committee were present, as follows:

Presiding: Marty Rowley, chair; Martha M. Dominguez, vice chair; Donna Bahorich; Erika Beltran; Ruben Cortez, Jr.

Public Testimony

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The Committee on School Initiatives received no presentations of public testimony.

CONSENT ITEM

1. Recommendation for Appointments to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees

(Board agenda page IV-1)
[Consent agenda item #(6)]

Debbie Ratcliff, director, media relations, presented to the Committee on School Initiatives (CSI) information regarding the appointments to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Dominguez, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education (SBOE) approve the reappointment of Mr. Kenneth Teel, and the appointment of Ms. Lisa G. Blake to serve a two-year term of office, from April 17, 2015, through April 16, 2017, on the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

ACTION ITEMS

2. Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments

(Board agenda page IV-9)
[Official agenda item #13]

Ryan Franklin, associate commissioner, educator leadership and quality, presented to the CSI information regarding proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231 involving clarification of the appropriate credential for placement in a particular teaching assignment and ensuring alignment with changes to public school curriculum.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Dominguez, and carried by unanimous vote to take no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments.*

3. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates, §§233.3, 233.4, 233.5, and 233.14

(Board agenda page IV-25)

[Official agenda item #14]

Mr. Franklin presented to the CSI information regarding proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 233 involving the addition of deadlines for completion and submission requirements for specific Grades 8-12 certificates in the subject areas of English Language Arts and Reading, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, Technology Applications and Computer Science, and Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area).

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Dominguez, seconded by Mrs. Bahorich, and carried by unanimous vote to take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates, §§233.3, 233.4, 233.5, and 233.14.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Charter School Updates

(Board agenda page IV-37)

Arnoldo Alaniz, assistant director, division of charter school administration, updated the CSI on the current status of the Generation 20 application reviews, provided the dates of the upcoming interviews, and answered general questions.

5. Update on the Long-Range Plan for Public Education

(Board agenda page IV-39)

Mr. Rowley, chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Long-Range Plan for Public Education, provided an update on the actions of the Ad Hoc Committee, noting its request for \$150,000.00 to be used to hire an outside facilitator and develop the long-range plan. Mr. Rowley said he will be meeting with the commissioner and a key legislator later today to discuss this funding request. Now that the Ad Hoc committee has developed a process for creating a long-range plan, Mr. Rowley said the committee is now ready to hand off the project to the CSI, which has the official duty to create a long-range plan.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 9:49 a.m.