

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
September 12, 2019**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2019, in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Barbara Cargill, chair; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz, vice chair; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Keven Ellis; Matt Robinson

Non-Committee Members Present: Georgina C. Pérez, Aicha Davis

Public Testimony

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda items #5 and #7. 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: Items 5, 6, 4, 2, 3, 7, and 1.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 25 Application Updates

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Joe Siedlecki, associate commissioner, charters and innovations, and Arnoldo Alaniz, assistant director, charter school administration, presented information on procedures and processes pertaining to the commissioner's Generation Twenty-Five Open-Enrollment Charter School Application.

CONSENT ITEM

2. Recommendation for Appointment to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees

(Board agenda page IV-2)

[Consent agenda item #(9)]

Debbie Ratcliffe, executive director, State Board of Education support, explained that there is one vacancy on the board of trustees of the Boys Ranch Independent School District due to the resignation of Mr. Ken Teel. The president and chief executive officer of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch has requested that Mr. James Taylor be appointed to fill the vacancy.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Ms. Perez-Diaz, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. James Taylor to serve a two-year term of office, from September 13, 2019 to September 13, 2021, on the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

ACTION ITEMS

3. **Proposed Amendment 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, §157.41, Certification Criteria for Independent Hearing Examiners**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

(Board agenda page IV-12)

[Official agenda item #13]

Christopher Maska, director, hearings and appeals, explained that a clean-up amendment to Subchapter D was suggested to make the rule match the statute.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Perez-Diaz, 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 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, §157.41, Certification Criteria for Independent Hearing Examiners; and*

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, §157.41, Certification Criteria for Independent Hearing Examiners, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted by the Texas Register.

4. **Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter C, Grades 6-8 Assignments, Subchapter D, Electives, Disciplinary Courses, Local Credit Courses, and Innovative Courses, Grades 6-12 Assignments, Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments, and Subchapter H, Assignments for Teachers Certified Before 1966**

(Board agenda page IV-19)

[Official agenda item #14]

Marilyn Cook, director, educator certification, explained that the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231 would incorporate courses approved by the State Board of Education, update the list of credentials appropriate for placement into an assignment, would make technical edits, and delete an outdated subchapter.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Perez-Diaz, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments.*

5. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §230.1, Definitions, Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators, §230.21, Educator Assessment, Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued, §230.36, Intern Certificates, and §230.37, Probationary Certificates, and Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures, §230.101, Schedule of Fees for Certification Services**

(Board agenda page IV-40)

[Official agenda item #15]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Milton Perez

AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Gina Anderson

AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Jean Streepey

AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Stacey Edmonson

AFFILIATION: Texas Association of Colleges of Teacher Education

NAME: Elizabeth Ward

AFFILIATION: Texas Directors of Field Experience and Texas Association of Teacher Educators

NAME: RaeJean Noschese

AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: David Anthony

AFFILIATION: Self

Grace Wu, director, educator standards, testing, and preparation, explained that the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230 would update the figure specifying the required tests for issuance of the standard certificate; create new requirements for issuance of intern and probationary certificates for the proposed new intensive pre-service option, as concurrently proposed in Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs; update the list of certification testing fees to include the performance-based assessment, edTPA, and content certification (subject-matter only) examinations; provide technical edits; and remove redundancies.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Perez-Diaz, seconded by Dr. Ellis, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §230.1, Definitions, Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators, §230.21, Educator Assessment, Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued, §230.36, Intern Certificates, and §230.37, Probationary Certificates, and Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures, §230.101, Schedule of Fees for Certification Services.*

6. **Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs**

(Board agenda page IV-88)
[Official agenda item #16]

Tam Jones, director, educator preparation, explained that the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 228 would establish requirements for an optional intensive pre-service preparation and certification pathway, educator preparation program (EPP) name changes, and a candidate seeking certification in two categories to have clinical teaching in both. A technical edit would correct an accreditation status reference.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Perez-Diaz, seconded by Dr. Robinson, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

7. **Discussion of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship**

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NAME: Susan Whisenant
AFFILIATION: Texas Association of School Boards

Drew Howard, senior director, school governance and leadership support, explained the possible changes to be made in the board training rules in 19 TAC §61.1, Continuing Education for School Board Members. The three components of possible training to be integrated into board training include cybersecurity, human trafficking, and child abuse.

Jason Hewitt, senior director, special investigations, monitors, and conservators, discussed possible changes to 19 TAC §61.2, Nomination of Trustees for Military Reservation School Districts and Boys Ranch Independent School District, to address the threshold of nominees for an appointment.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 12:59 p.m.