

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee on School Initiatives  
January 31, 2019**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, January 31, 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 Pérez

**Public Testimony**

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda item 2. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

**ACTION ITEM**

1. **Election of Chair**  
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**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Ellis, seconded by Dr. Robinson, and carried unanimously to elect Mrs. Cargill as chair of the Committee on School Initiatives.*

Mrs. Cargill appointed Ms. Perez-Diaz as vice chair.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

2. **Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 24 Application Updates/Generation 25 Draft Application Discussion**  
(Board agenda page IV-2)

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

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

NAME: Patty Quinzi  
AFFILIATION: Texas-American Federation of Texas

NAME: Lisa Dawn-Fisher  
AFFILIATION: Texas State Teachers Association

## CONSENT ITEM

Heather Mauzé, director, charter school administration, presented information on the Generation Twenty-Four Open-Enrollment Charter Application cycle, its timeline, and next steps in the application process. Ms. Mauzé answered questions regarding the application and accepted input offered by committee members for the draft Generation Twenty-Five Open-Enrollment Charter School Application.

### **3. Recommendation for Appointment to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees**

(Board agenda page IV-4)

[Consent agenda item #(5)]

Jeff Cottrill, deputy commissioner of standards and engagement, explained that as the result of an expiring term of an individual who serves on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board, Colonel Jeffrey Carter recommended the reappointment of Lieutenant Colonel Peter Duffy.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Perez-Diaz, and carried unanimously to recommend that, based on Colonel Jeffrey F. Carter's recommendation, the State Board of Education approve the reappointment of Lieutenant Colonel Peter Duffy to serve a term of office from February 1, 2019, through February 1, 2021, on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

## ACTION ITEMS

### **4. Review of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, §229.4, Determination of Accreditation Status**

(Board agenda page IV-25)

[Official agenda item #10]

Mark Olofson, director, educator data and program accountability, explained that the proposed amendment to 19 TAC §229.4 would adjust the performance standard for the accountability indicator for principal appraisals, clarify performance standards, and remove outdated provisions.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Ms. Perez-Diaz, seconded by Dr. Ellis, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, §229.4, Determination of Accreditation Status.*

5. **Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter A, General Provisions, and Subchapter D, Secondary School Certificate Standards**

(Board agenda page IV-34)

[Official agenda item #11]

Grace Wu, director, standards, testing, and preparation, explained that the proposed revisions would add the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)-based certification standards; add reference to the new certification standards for the Trade and Industrial Workforce Training: Grades 6-12 certificate to implement the statutory requirements of House Bill (HB) 3349, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017; and clarify the effective date of Subchapter D.

**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 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter A, General Provisions, and Subchapter D, Secondary School Certificate Standards.*

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

6. **Review of 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter A, General Provisions for Hearings Before the State Board of Education, and Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners**

(Board agenda page IV-41)

Christopher Maska, director, division of hearing and appeals, presented information regarding the rule review of 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter A, General Provisions for Hearings Before the State Board of Education, and Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners. An amendment was suggested for Subchapter D to align it with current statute.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 11:07 a.m.