

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
Thursday, January 30, 2025**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2025, in Room, #2.013, of the Barbara Jordan Building, 1601 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: LJ Francis, chair; Julie Pickren, vice chair; Staci Childs; Tiffany Clark and Brandon Hall

Public Testimony

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda items 3, 4, 5, and 8. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

ACTION ITEM

1. Election of Chair
(Board agenda page IV-1)

NOMINATION: Mrs. Pickren nominated Mr. Francis for Chair of the Committee on School Initiatives.

Mr. Francis was elected Chair of the Committee on School Initiatives.

Mrs. Pickren was appointed to serve as Vice-Chair.

DISCUSSION ITEM

2. Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 30 Application Updates
(Board agenda page IV-2)

Marian Schutte, Deputy Associate Commissioner, provided updates on the Generation 30 application process. She shared detailed information about the standard procedure, including application submissions, timelines for application remedies, external reviews, and advancement notifications. Additionally, she offered a comprehensive update on the High-Performing Entity application process, particularly regarding the number of applications received, the timeline for the Commissioner's recommendation, and the State Board's consideration. She also addressed general questions about accountability, stakeholder engagement, commissioner authority, and the review process.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Recommendation for One Reappointment to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees
(Board agenda page IV-3)
[Official agenda item #15]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Tim Nation
AFFILIATION: Boys Ranch ISD Board of Trustees

Christopher Lucas, director of research, policy, and information management, introduced the item and provided background on the process for appointing special-purpose district trustees. Mr. Lucas explained that the term of one member of the board of trustees of Boys Ranch Independent School District (ISD) is expiring. Mr. Richard Nedelkoff, president and CEO of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, has recommended that Mr. Tim Nation be reappointed for a two-year term.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Pickren, seconded by Dr. Clark, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education, based on Mr. Richard Nedelkoff's recommendation, approve the reappointment of Mr. Tim Nation to serve a two-year term of office from January 31, 2025, to January 30, 2027, on the Boys Ranch ISD Board of Trustees.*

4. Recommendation for One Reappointment and One Appointment to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees

(Board agenda page IV-7)

[Official agenda item #16]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Mr. Brian Miller
AFFILIATION: Lackland ISD Board of Trustees

Mr. Lucas explained that the terms of two members of the board of trustees of Lackland Independent School District (ISD) are expiring. Brigadier General Randy P. Oakland has recommended the appointment of Mr. Thomas Koch and the reappointment of Mr. Brian Miller to serve terms of office from January 31, 2025, to January 30, 2027.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Pickren, seconded by Mr. Hall, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education, based on Brigadier General Oakland's recommendation, approve the appointment of Mr. Thomas Koch and the reappointment of Mr. Brian Miller to serve terms of office from January 31, 2025, to January 30, 2027, on the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

5. Recommendation for One Appointment to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees

(Board agenda page IV-15)

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Merrie Fox
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Robert C. Bornhauser
AFFILIATION: Self

Mr. Lucas explained that the term of one member of the board of trustees of Randolph Field Independent School District (ISD) has expired. Brigadier General Oakland recommends the

appointment of Mr. Robert C. Bornhauser to serve a term of office from January 31, 2025, to January 30, 2027, on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Pickren, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education, based on Brigadier General Oakland's recommendation, approve the appointment of Mr. Robert C. Bornhauser to serve a term of office from January 31, 2025, to January 30, 2027, on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

6. Discussion of Ongoing State Board for Educator Certification Activities (Board agenda page IV-21)

Jessica McLoughlin, Associate Commissioner of Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement, shared an overview of the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rulemaking process and shared updates on SBEC activities during their December meeting, including the adoption of amendments to Chapter 228 and Chapter 234. Ms. McLoughlin also described the proposed amendments to Chapter 249, Chapter 235ABCD, and Chapter 231F, as voted on by the SBEC at their December meeting, as well as the SBEC discussion item regarding Ch 235G. Ms. McLoughlin also detailed the approval in December of Educator Preparation Programs that were up for their five year review, and the approval of fifteen Educator Preparation Programs to offer the new teacher residency programs.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions (Board agenda page IV-23)

Cristina De La Fuente-Valadez, director of rulemaking, presented this item and informed the committee that state law requires the four-year review of rules adopted in the *Texas Administrative Code*. Ms. De La Fuente-Valadez reported that no public comments were received on the rule review of the State Board of Education's procedures for petitioning a rule change in 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions. In response to questions, Ms. De La Fuente-Valadez clarified the rule review process.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Pickren, seconded by Mr. Hall, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education adopt the review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions.*

8. Review of Adoption of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, Subchapter A, General Guidance, Subchapter D, Required Educator Coursework and Training, Subchapter E, Educator Candidate Clinical Experiences, and Subchapter F, Support for Candidates During Required Clinical Experiences

(Board agenda page IV-27)

[Official agenda item #13]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

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NAME: Kelsey Kling
AFFILIATION: Texas American Federation of Teachers

Marilyn Cook, Senior Director of Educator Preparation and Certification, presented the Adoption of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, Subchapter A, General Guidance, Subchapter D, Required Educator Coursework and Training, Subchapter E, Educator Candidate Clinical Experiences, and Subchapter F, Support for Candidates During Required Clinical Experiences.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Ms. Childs, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, Subchapter A, General Guidance, Subchapter D, Required Educator Coursework and Training, Subchapter E, Educator Candidate Clinical Experiences, and Subchapter F, Support for Candidates During Required Clinical Experiences.*

9. **Review of Adoption of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 234, Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans**
(Board agenda page IV-39)
[Official agenda item #14]

Trenton Law, Director of Educator Credentialing, presented the Adoption of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 234, Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Ms. Pickren, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 234, Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans.*

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 10:53 am.

