

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee on School Initiatives  
Thursday, June 26, 2025**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 8:08 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 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

Non-members Present: Aaron Kinsey; Marisa Perez-Diaz

Order: Items were heard in the following order: 5, 1, 2, 3, 4

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**1. Proposed Revisions to the Framework for School Board Development**

(Board agenda page IV-1)

(Official agenda item #8)

Public testimony was heard. There was no presentation from staff.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Member Hall to recommend that the State Board of Education adopt the proposed revisions to the Framework for School Board Development.*

The motion was defeated, with a vote as follows: For: Members Hall, Francis; Against: Members Pickren, Childs, Clark.

A motion was made to reconsider the vote, by Member Pickren, who had voted on the prevailing side. The motion to reconsider was adopted 3-2.

The motion to adopt the proposed revisions to the Framework for School Board Development was adopted 3-2.

**2. Recommendation for One Reappointment and One Appointment to the Boys and Independent School District Board of Trustees**

(Board agenda page IV-6)

[Consent agenda item #5]

Invited testimony was heard.

Christopher Lucas, Director, Research, Policy, and Information Management, Governance, explained that this item provides an opportunity for the board to consider one reappointment and one appointment to the board of trustees of Boys Ranch Independent School District (ISD). The reappointment is necessary due to the expiration of the term of office of one board member. The appointment is necessary due to the resignation of one board member.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Member Hall and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education, Based on Mr. Richard Nedelkoff's recommendation, approve the reappointment*

*of Mr. James Taylor and approve the appointment of Mr. Leon Hollis to serve two-year terms of office from June 27, 2025, to June 26, 2027, on the Boys Ranch ISD Board of Trustees.*

**3. Review of Adoption of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 250, Administration, Subchapter B, Rulemaking Procedures, §250.20, Petition for Adoption of Rules or Rule Changes**

(Board agenda page IV-18)

[Official agenda item #9]

Kameryn McCain, Director, EPCE Policy and Planning, introduced the item, which would update the SBEC's petition for adoption of rule change procedures to align with statute.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Member Pickren, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education, take no action on the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 250, Administration, Subchapter B, Rulemaking Procedures, §250.20, Petition for Adoption of Rules or Rule Changes.*

The motion was adopted without objection.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**4. Discussion of Ongoing State Board for Educator Certification Activities**

(Board agenda page IV-22)

Jessica McLoughlin, Associate Commissioner, shared updates on current and upcoming State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) activities and proposed SBEC rules and amendments, including details on SBEC meeting dates, and discussion items related to 19 TAC Chapters 235 and 229.

**5. Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 31 Application Updates**

(Board agenda page IV-24)

Marian Schutte, Deputy Associate Commissioner of the Department of Authorizing and Policy presented information on the Generation 31 Open-Enrollment Charter application process including goals, timeline, summary, and application updates. Ms. Schutte answered questions regarding the application process.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 10:00 a.m.