

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
Thursday, November 20, 2025**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 20, 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

Items were heard in the following order: 5, 4, 6, 3, 1, 2,

Member Childs offered prayer.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Review of Adoption of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, Subchapter A, Accountability System for Education Preparation Program Procedures, Subchapter B, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Accreditation Statuses, Subchapter C, Accreditation Sanctions, and Subchapter F, Required Fees**
(Board agenda page IV-1)

Mark Olofson, Director, Educator Data, Research, and Strategy reported that Chapter 229 establishes the performance standards and procedures for educator preparation program (EPP) accountability. The proposed amendments would provide for adjustments to the Accountability System for Educator Preparation (ASEP) Manual; would clarify and streamline language and definitions; would provide an updated approach for the implementation of the student growth indicator; would provide additional flexibility for small programs; would clarify closure procedures; and would include technical updates.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Member Pickren to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, Subchapter A, Accountability System for Education Preparation Program Procedures, Subchapter B, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Accreditation Statuses, Subchapter C, Accreditation Sanctions, and Subchapter F, Required Fees.*

The motion was adopted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Discussion of Ongoing State Board for Educator Certification Activities**
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Jessica McLoughlin, Associate Commissioner, shared updates on current and upcoming State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) activities and proposed SBEC rules and amendments. She discussed the timing of SBEC meetings, and an overview of their rule-making process.

She discussed rules related to the Texas Teacher Residency Preparation Route, which were considered by the SBEC in September for first reading, and reported on a number of discussion. SBEC had several discussions in September: SB 571 and SB 12, both of which dealt with educator misconduct,

and the code sections which cover that misconduct. Other discussion topics dealt with various aspects of educator preparation programs, a review of national board certificates, and a continuing redesign of the Continuing Approval Review program.

3. Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 31 Application Updates

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Marian Schutte, Deputy Associate Commissioner, Authorizing and Policy, updated the Committee regarding the Generation 31 Open-Enrollment Charter Application cycle. She shared progress on the timeline and reported that 18 applicants (17 new applicants and 1 existing operator) were in step 1: minimum standard review. She then discussed the Generation 31: High Performing Entities Application, discussing the timeline. The goal of this program is to design and execute a charter application process that authorizes high-quality charter schools that launch as A or B rated schools.

4. Public Hearing on the Curriculum and Materials for Parental Rights Training for School District Trustees

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Members of the public provided testimony.

5. Committee on School Initiatives Parental Rights Work Group and Parental Rights Handbook Updates

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Marian Schutte, Associate Commissioner, Authorizing and Policy updated the Committee regarding the progress of the Parental Rights Work Group and findings to date, including the discussion of the training course syllabus along with updates from agency staff on the development of the Parental Rights Handbook. She specifically explained the Parental Rights Form, which is required to be used by school districts in providing information about specific parental rights and options detailed in the bill. She then explained that SB204 requires TEA to create and maintain a handbook that explains all rights of a parent regarding the education of the parent's child, and also that the bill required parental rights training for trustees.

Member Pickren provided an update from the Parental Rights Workgroup, explaining their charge, the membership of the workgroup and their work to this point. She explained the workgroup's perspective, their values to the students. She stated that besides compliance with the law, this training will protect all students, especially those with special needs; promote the parent-teacher relationship; provide trustees knowledge; and reduce problems and complaints, while increasing collaboration between schools and their key stakeholders: the parents. She then discussed specifics of the proposed training and timing

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

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Christopher Lucas, Director, Research and Policy, Office of Governance introduced the item. The proposed amendments would reflect changes made by Senate Bill (SB) 204, 89th Texas Legislature,

Regular Session, 2025, to the State Board of Education's (SBOE's) duty to provide training courses for independent school district trustees.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 11:40 a.m.