

**State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
June 25, 2026**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 8:08 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2026, in Room 2.013 of the Barbara Jordan Building, 1601 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas.

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

Absent: Staci Childs

Items were considered in the following order: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 2

Member Pickren offered prayer.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Recommendation for Two Reappointments and One Appointment to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees

(Board agenda page IV-1)

Christopher Lucas, Director, Research and Policy, Office of Governance, and Steve Lecholop, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Governance, presented the recommendation of Brigadier General Randy P. Oakland, United States Air Force, for the reappointments of Ms. Andrea D. Nicholas and Col. Rebecca A. Zinnante and the appointment of Msg. Jason L. Strickland to the Fort Sam Houston ISD Board of Trustees. Two trustees had terms expiring and one trustee retired.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Pickren that the Committee recommend that the State Board of Education:

Based on Brigadier General Oakland's recommendation, approve the reappointments of Ms. Andrea D. Nicholas and Col. Rebecca A. Zinnante and the appointment of Msg. Jason L. Strickland to serve terms of office from June 26, 2026, to June 25, 2028, on the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees.

The motion was adopted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 32 Application Updates

(Board agenda page IV-13)

Marian Schutte, Associate Commissioner, Authorizing and Policy, provided updates regarding the Generation 32 Open-Enrollment Charter Application cycle. Ms. Schutte

reviewed the timeline and criteria for charter authorization under the Generation 32 process.

Ms. Schuttee noted that improvements were made to the document format, updated financial workbook calculations, added and clarified assurances for applicants, and strengthened review criteria.

3. Discussion of Ongoing State Board for Educator Certification Activities
(Board agenda page IV-14)

Jessica McLoughlin, Associate Commissioner, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement, updated the Committee on current and upcoming State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) activities and proposed SBEC rules and amendments. She reviewed the SBEC statutory charge and mission and the rulemaking process. She noted upcoming SBEC meetings and rule proposals pending review.

4. Update by the Texas Education Agency Office of the Inspector General for Educator Misconduct
(Board agenda page IV-16)

Levi Fuller, Inspector General for Educator Misconduct, and David Rodriguez, Executive Director of Investigations, provided an introduction and update on the initiatives of the Texas Education Agency Office of the Inspector General, including the Educator Misconduct Reporting Dashboard and the operation of Senate Bill 571.

Mr. Fuller noted that his office is a new initiative of the Commissioner to address concerns about educator misconduct. He noted that their focus was on transparency, making the public aware of the office and its initiatives; accountability, holding educators accountable for their actions; and proactivity, working to protect students in a proactive manner.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Review of Adoption of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 247, Educators' Code of Ethics, and 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases
(Board agenda page IV-17)

Levi Fuller, Inspector General of Misconduct, and David Rodriguez, Executive Director, Educator Investigations, presented the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 247, Educators' Code of Ethics, and Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and

Contested Cases, to implement Senate Bill 571 and Senate Bill 12 from the 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Pickren that the Committee recommend that the State Board of Education:

Take no action on the proposed revisions 19 TAC Chapter 247, Educators' Code of Ethics, and 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases.

The motion was adopted without objection.

6. Review of Adoption of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates, Subchapter A, Admission to Educator Preparation Programs

(Board agenda page IV-40)

Jessica McLoughlin, Associate Commissioner, presented the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates, Subchapter A, Admission to Educator Preparation Programs, to align admission requirements with proposed revisions to Chapters 228 and 230 and to implement House Bill 2 from the 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Pickren that the Committee recommend that the State Board of Education:

Take no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates, Subchapter A, Admission to Educator Preparation Programs.

The motion was adopted.

7. Review of Adoption of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, Subchapter A, General Guidance, Subchapter B, Approval of Educator Preparation Programs, Subchapter C, Administration and Governance of Educator Preparation Programs, 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-55)

Ms. McLoughlin, presented the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, implementing new educator

preparation routes established by House Bill 2, including the Preparing and Retaining Educators Through Partnership (PREP) routes.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Hall that the Committee recommend that the State Board of Education:

Take no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, Subchapter A, General Guidance, Subchapter B, Approval of Educator Preparation Programs, Subchapter C, Administration and Governance of Educator Preparation Programs, Subchapter D, Required Educator Coursework and Training, Subchapter E, Educator Candidate Clinical Experiences, and Subchapter F, Support for Candidates During Required Clinical Experiences.

The motion was adopted.

8. Review of Adoption of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued, Subchapter E, Educational Aide Certificate, and Subchapter H, Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States

(Board agenda page IV-119)

Ms. McLaughlin presented the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, to implement provisions from House Bill 2 and House Bill 1178, 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, including updates to intern certificates, educational aide certificates, and out-of-state educator certification requirements.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Hall that the Committee recommend that the State Board of Education:

Take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued, Subchapter E, Educational Aide Certificate, and Subchapter H, Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States.

The motion was adopted.

9. Approval of Revisions to Required School Safety Training for School District Trustees

(Board agenda page IV-134)

Christopher Lucas, Director, Policy, Planning, and Operations, Governance, presented the proposed revisions to the school safety training curriculum for school district trustees, incorporating informational updates following the 89th Texas Legislature, 2025.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Pickren that the Committee recommend that the State Board of Education:

Approve the revisions to the school safety training curriculum proposed by the Texas School Safety Center.

The motion was adopted.

10. Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, and Subchapter B, Special Purpose School Districts
(Board agenda page IV-330)

Mr. Lucas presented the four-year rule review of 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, addressing continuing education for school board members, trustee nominations for military reservation school districts and Boys Ranch ISD, school safety training, and the applicability of state law to special-purpose school districts.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Pickren that the Committee recommend that the State Board of Education:

Adopt the review of 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, and Subchapter B, Special Purpose School Districts.

The motion was adopted.

Chairman Francis adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.