

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
Thursday, September 12, 2024**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2024, in Room, #1-111, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Will Hickman, chair; LJ Francis, vice chair; Rebecca Bell-Metereau; Staci Childs; and Julie Pickren

Non-committee members present: Keven Ellis

Public Testimony

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda item #1. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

The Committee on School Initiatives considered items in the following order: Item number 2, 1, 3.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 30 Application Updates
(Board agenda page IV-1)

NAME: Crystal Rios
AFFILIATION: Texas Public Charter School Association

Marian Schutte, Deputy Associate Commissioner, provided updates on the Generation 30 application process. She shared details about the process including application timelines, improvements to the application content, and the new high-performing entities charter application. Related to the high-performing entities application process, she answered questions about calculating Domain 1 Student Achievement A and B ratings using data for out-of-state entities and the differences in the application process between the standard and high-performing entities applications.

ACTION ITEM

2. Discussion Recommendation for One Reappointment to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees
(Board agenda page IV-2)

Christopher Lucas, director of policy, planning, and operations, introduced the item and explained that the term of one member of the board of trustees of Boys Ranch Independent School District (ISD) has expired. Mr. Richard Nedelkoff, president and CEO of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, has recommended that Mr. Mark Strother be reappointed for a two-year term.

Invited testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Mark Strother
AFFILIATION: Boys Ranch ISD Board of Trustees

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Childs, seconded by Dr. Bell-Metereau, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education, based on Mr. Richard Nedelkoff's recommendation, approve the reappointment of Mr. Mark Strother to serve a two-year term of office from September 13, 2024, to September 12, 2026, on the Boys Ranch ISD Board of Trustees.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

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

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 July meeting, including details on SBEC proposal items related to 19 TAC Chapters 229 and 230 and discussion items regarding 19 TAC Chapters 249, 235, 231, 234, and 228. Ms. McLoughlin also provided details about the upcoming SBEC meeting that will be held on September 19-20, 2024

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 10:16 a.m.