

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
Thursday, February 2, 2023**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:24 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2023, 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; Rebecca Bell-Metereau; Staci Childs; L.J. Francis; Julie Pickren

Public Testimony

The Committee on School Initiatives received no presentations of public testimony.

1. Election of Chair

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NOMINATION: Dr. Bell-Metereau nominated Mr. Hickman for chair of the Committee on School Initiatives for a two-year term.

Mr. Hickman was elected chair of the Committee on School Initiatives.

ACTION ITEM

2. Recommendation for One Appointment to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees

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[Consent agenda item #(8)]

Christopher Lucas, director, policy, planning, and operations, governance, explained that one member of the board of trustees of Boys Ranch Independent School District (ISD) has resigned. Mr. Richard Nedelkoff, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Boys Ranch ISD, has recommended that Mr. Tim Nation be appointed for a two-year term.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Bell-Metereau, seconded by Ms. Pickren, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education, based on Mr. Richard Nedelkoff's recommendation, approve the appointment of Mr. Tim Nation to serve a two-year term of office, from February 3, 2023, to February 2, 2025, on the Boys Ranch ISD Board of Trustees.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Review of 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners

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4. Discussion of Ongoing State Board for Educator Certification Activities

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Emily Garcia, associate commissioner for educator preparation certification and enforcement, shared updates on current and upcoming State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) activities and proposed SBEC rules and amendments.

5. Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 28 Application Updates

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Marian Schutte, executive director, authorizing division, presented information on the Generation 28 Open-Enrollment Charter Application process including goals, timeline, summary, and submission information. Ms. Schutte answered questions regarding the application process.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 10:14 p.m.