

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee of the Full Board
Wednesday, June 15, 2022**

The State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board met at 9:03 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, in the State Board of Education Room #1-104, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Keven Ellis, chair; Lawrence A. Allen, Jr.; Rebecca Bell-Metereau; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Aicha Davis; Patricia Hardy; Will Hickman; Jay Johnson; Pam Little; Tom Maynard; Georgina C. Pérez; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz; Matt Robinson; Audrey Young

Absent: Sue Melton-Malone

Public Testimony

The Committee of the Full Board heard public testimony on agenda items #2 and #3. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

The Committee of the Full Board considered items in the following order: Item number 1, 2, 4, 3, 5.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Commissioner's Comments
(Board agenda page I-86)

Commissioner Mike Morath outlined steps the agency is taking to increase the level of support provided to schools across the state related to school safety. He provided an update on the work of the Teacher Vacancy Task Force in addressing the four key charges: understanding the challenges districts are currently facing related to teacher vacancy, sharing best practices for addressing critical teacher vacancy and shortage areas, developing recommendations for regulatory or other policy changes for TEA, and providing feedback on TEA initiatives designed to help impact vacancies. He shared that four working groups launched on June 2 to address improving educator preparation, strategic staffing models, compensation models, and teacher experience. He reviewed the steps that have been taken by the State Board for Educator Certification to address improving educator preparation. Commissioner Morath provided the latest data on charter schools in Texas and reviewed the process that was followed to determine Generation 27 charter recommendations. He provided an overview of each of the five Generation 27 applicants to be considered by the State Board of Education as part of a separate item in the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Consideration of the Commissioner of Education’s Generation 27 Open-Enrollment Charter School Proposals

(Board agenda page I-87)
[Official agenda item #8]

Invited testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Dr. Stephanie Love
AFFILIATION: Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (Fort Worth)

NAME: Sherron Richard
AFFILIATION: Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (Fort Worth)

NAME: Oscar Ortiz
AFFILIATION: Heritage Classical Academy (Houston)

NAME: Stuart Saunders
AFFILIATION: Heritage Classical Academy (Houston)

NAME: Dr. Christy McGowan
AFFILIATION: ONE Collegiate Charter School (Houston)

NAME: Dr. Michael Milstead
AFFILIATION: ONE Collegiate Charter School (Houston)

NAME: Cassian Choucair
AFFILIATION: Patterns High School of Technology (Austin)

NAME: Paul Perez
AFFILIATION: Patterns High School of Technology (Austin)

NAME: Celestina De La Garza
AFFILIATION: Spelligent San Antonio (San Antonio)

NAME: Michael Forrest Collins
AFFILIATION: Spelligent San Antonio (San Antonio)

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Richard Johnson
AFFILIATION: Texas Public Policy Foundation

NAME: Hannah Burkhauser
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Joshua Hamm
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Serenity Franklin
AFFILIATION: Academy of Visual and Performing Arts

NAME: LuElla Damico
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Jack D’Amico
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Serigne Thiam
AFFILIATION: Academy of Visual and Performing Arts

NAME: Bailey Boatwright
AFFILIATION: Academy of Visual and Performing Arts

NAME: Gregory Harrington
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: James Dickey
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Tracy Fisher
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Lola Areago
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Ann Heuberger
AFFILIATION: Del Valle Independent School District

NAME: Julie Hinaman
AFFILIATION: Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District

NAME: Laura Carlin-Gonzalez
AFFILIATION: Del Valle Independent School District

NAME: Isaiah Johnson
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Sonja Howard
AFFILIATION: Del Valle Independent School District

NAME: Chris Nettles
AFFILIATION: Fort Worth City Council

NAME: Susan Salinas
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Deanna Blaconeri
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Kara Belew
AFFILIATION: Texas Public Charter School Association

NAME: Dinah Menger
AFFILIATION: Fort Worth Independent School District

NAME: Dave Herbener
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Ellen Williams
AFFILIATION: Texas Association of School Administrators

NAME: Sarah Terrell
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Kelsey Kling
AFFILIATION: Texas American Federation of Teachers

NAME: Charles Luke
AFFILIATION: Pastors for Texas Children

NAME: Ruth Kravetz
AFFILIATION: Community Voices for Public Education

NAME: Denise de la Rosa
AFFILIATION: Spelligent

NAME: Aubrey Kistler
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Adonis Schurmann
AFFILIATION: North East Independent School District, Texas State Teachers Association

NAME: Bobby Garcia
AFFILIATION: Manor Independent School District

NAME: Erica Hill
AFFILIATION: Manor Independent School District

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Hickman and seconded by Mr. Maynard to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (Fort Worth). The motion carried with 7 members voting Aye and 6 members voting No as follows:*

<u>Aye:</u>	<i>Ms. Hardy</i>	<i>Mr. Maynard</i>
	<i>Mr. Hickman</i>	<i>Dr. Robinson</i>
	<i>Dr. Johnson</i>	<i>Dr. Young</i>
	<i>Mrs. Little</i>	

<u>No:</u>	<i>Mr. Allen</i>	<i>Ms. Davis</i>
	<i>Dr. Bell-Metereau</i>	<i>Ms. Pérez</i>
	<i>Mr. Cortez</i>	<i>Ms. Perez-Diaz</i>

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez and seconded by Mr. Hickman to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Heritage Classical Academy (Houston). The motion failed with 5 members voting Aye and 8 members voting No as follows:*

<u>Aye:</u>	<i>Ms. Hardy</i>	<i>Mr. Maynard</i>
	<i>Mr. Hickman</i>	<i>Dr. Young</i>
	<i>Mrs. Little</i>	

<u>No:</u>	<i>Mr. Allen</i>	<i>Dr. Johnson</i>
	<i>Dr. Bell-Metereau</i>	<i>Ms. Pérez</i>
	<i>Mr. Cortez</i>	<i>Ms. Perez-Diaz</i>
	<i>Ms. Davis</i>	<i>Dr. Robinson</i>

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Young and seconded by Mr. Maynard to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on ONE Collegiate Charter School (Houston). The motion failed with 0 members voting Aye and 13 members voting No as follows:*

Aye:

<u>No:</u>	<i>Mr. Allen</i>	<i>Mrs. Little</i>
	<i>Dr. Bell-Metereau</i>	<i>Mr. Maynard</i>
	<i>Mr. Cortez</i>	<i>Ms. Pérez</i>
	<i>Ms. Davis</i>	<i>Ms. Perez-Diaz</i>
	<i>Ms. Hardy</i>	<i>Dr. Robinson</i>
	<i>Mr. Hickman</i>	<i>Dr. Young</i>
	<i>Dr. Johnson</i>	

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Robinson and seconded by Ms. Pérez to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Patterns High School of Technology (Austin). The motion failed with 2 members voting Aye and 11 members voting No as follows:*

<u>Aye:</u>	<i>Mr. Hickman</i>	<i>Mr. Maynard</i>
<u>No:</u>	<i>Mr. Allen</i>	<i>Mrs. Little</i>
	<i>Dr. Bell-Metereau</i>	<i>Ms. Pérez</i>
	<i>Mr. Cortez</i>	<i>Ms. Perez-Diaz</i>
	<i>Ms. Davis</i>	<i>Dr. Robinson</i>
	<i>Ms. Hardy</i>	<i>Dr. Young</i>
	<i>Dr. Johnson</i>	

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Pérez and seconded by Ms. Hardy to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Spelligent San Antonio (San Antonio). The motion failed with 1 member voting Aye and 12 members voting No as follows:*

<u>Aye:</u>	<i>Mr. Maynard</i>	
<u>No:</u>	<i>Mr. Allen</i>	<i>Dr. Johnson</i>
	<i>Dr. Bell-Metereau</i>	<i>Mrs. Little</i>
	<i>Mr. Cortez</i>	<i>Ms. Pérez</i>
	<i>Ms. Davis</i>	<i>Ms. Perez-Diaz</i>
	<i>Ms. Hardy</i>	<i>Dr. Robinson</i>
	<i>Mr. Hickman</i>	<i>Dr. Young</i>

3. Update on Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Review
(Board agenda page I-89)
[Official agenda item #9]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Julia Brookins
AFFILIATION: American Historical Association

NAME: Mary Castle
AFFILIATION: Texas Values Action

NAME: Andrew Pierce
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Eliza Epstein
AFFILIATION: Ethnic Studies Network of Texas

NAME: Marci Deal
AFFILIATION: Hurst-Euleless-Bedford Independent School District

NAME: Jeff Lash
AFFILIATION: Self

Monica Martinez, associate commissioner for standards and programs, provided an update on the social studies TEKS review, including the status of the high school, kindergarten-grade 8, and ethnic studies work groups. She explained the work that has been completed to date by each of the work groups. Ms. Martinez also gave an overview of expected next steps for work groups and plans for future board meetings related to the review of the social studies TEKS.

The committee provided the following guidance to the work group completing recommendations for kindergarten-grade 8:

- For K-2, more directly relate the content of the student expectations to the themes at each grade level and ensure that each topic is related to the overarching grade level theme
- For K-2, ensure that student expectations clearly and specifically identify what students should know and are able to do in a grade-appropriate way
- For Grades 1 and 2, consider adding an introductory or foundational knowledge section that introduces the students to the main concepts related to each theme. Subsequent content should relate back to the theme.
- For all grade levels, make the best effort to streamline the content
- For K-2, carefully examine the language used to describe events, specifically the term “involuntary relocation”

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Long-Range Plan for Technology Update (Board agenda page I-92)

Julia Schacherl, strategic projects director, information technology division, presented planned revisions to the 2018-2023 Long-Range Plan for Technology, including updates to three sections of the plan. Revisions would include updates to the 1-to-1 initiative, cybersecurity, and campus and cyber safety. She said that recommendations from the board for schools to ensure Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) compliance and to address options for students who do not have access to high-speed internet have been incorporated into the state and federal support section of the plan.

5. Discussion of Pending Litigation (Board agenda page I-93)

The committee did not discuss pending litigation; therefore, no executive session was held.

Dr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 10:58 p.m.