

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
April 4, 2019**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2019, in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Barbara Cargill, chair; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz, vice chair; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Keven Ellis; Matt Robinson

Public Testimony

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

Items for the Committee on School Initiatives were considered in the following order: Items #3, #1, #2, and #4.

ACTION ITEM

1. **Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter A, General Provisions for Hearings Before the State Board of Education, and Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners**
(Adoption of Review)
(Board agenda page IV-1)
[Official agenda item #16]

Christopher Maska, director, division of hearings and appeals, presented information regarding the adoption of the rule review.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Perez-Diaz, seconded by Dr. Robinson, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education adopt the review of 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter A, General Provisions for Hearings Before the State Board of Education, and Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, and placement of this item on the April 5, 2019, consent agenda.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

2. **Discussion of Proposed Amendment 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, §157.41, Certification Criteria for Independent Hearing Examiners**
(Board agenda page IV-7)

Mr. Maska presented information regarding proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, and explained that a clean-up amendment will be proposed for Subchapter D so that the language of the rule mirrors the statute.

3. Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 24 Application Updates
(Board agenda page IV-12)

Heather Mauzé, director, charter school administration, presented information on the Generation Twenty-Four Open-Enrollment Charter Application cycle, its timeline, and next steps in the application process, including the dates of the capacity interviews. Ms. Mauzé answered questions regarding the application process and accepted input offered by committee members for the draft Generation Twenty-Five Open-Enrollment Charter School Application.

CONSENT ITEM

4. Recommendation for Appointments to the Boys Ranch School Independent School District Board of Trustees
(Board agenda page IV-13)
[Consent agenda item # (12)]

Jason Hewitt, director, monitors, conservators, and investigations explained that there are two vacancies on the board of trustees at Boys Ranch Independent School District due to the expiration of the terms of office for board members Ms. Jacque Branch and Mr. Ken Teel. The chief executive officer (CEO) of Boys Ranch ISD recommended reappointment of Ms. Branch and Mr. Teel.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Ms. Perez-Diaz, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the reappointment of Jacque Branch and Ken Teel to serve a term of office, from April 21, 2019, through April 20, 2021, on the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 9:35 a.m.