

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
January 31, 2013**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 11:20 a.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2013, in Room #1-104 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. All members of the committee were present, as follows:

Presiding: Donna Bahorich; Barbara Cargill; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Mavis B. Knight; Marty Rowley

Public Testimony

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

ACTION ITEM

1. Election of Chair

(No Agenda Exhibit)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley, seconded by Mrs. Cargill, and carried unanimously to elect Mrs. Bahorich as chair of the Committee on School Initiatives. Mrs. Bahorich appointed Mr. Rowley as vice chair of the committee.*

The committee recessed at 11:24 a.m. and reconvened at 1:26 p.m. in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. The following members were present:

Presiding: Donna Bahorich, chair; Marty Rowley, vice chair; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Mavis B. Knight

Absent: Barbara Cargill

CONSENT ITEM

2. Adoption of the Review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions

(Adoption of Review)

(Board agenda page IV-1)

[Consent agenda item #(6)]

Cristina De La Fuente-Valadez, director of rulemaking, presented this item. In response to committee member questions, Ms. De La Fuente-Valadez provided a brief overview of the State Board of Education rule petition process.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Mr. Rowley, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the SBOE adopt the review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

3. Update on the Status of Charters Recently Awarded and Attendance at the Generation 18 Applicant Information Session (Board agenda page IV-7)

Heather Mauzé, director of the Division of Charter School Administration, provided information on the status of the charters authorized by the SBOE at its November 2012 meeting, and the number of attendees at the required applicant information sessions, held on January 8 and 16, 2013, for potential Generation 18 charter applicants.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 2:03 p.m.