

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
April 7, 2016**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2016, in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. All members of the committee were present, as follows:

Presiding: Marty Rowley, chair; Martha M. Dominguez, vice chair; Donna Bahorich; Erika Beltran; Ruben Cortez, Jr.

Public Testimony

This item provides an opportunity for the public to present testimony at the time the related item comes up for committee discussion or action. The procedures for registering and taking public testimony at State Board of Education committee meetings and general board meetings are provided at [http://tea.texas.gov/About/TEA/Leadership/State Board of Education/SBOE Meetings/SBOE Operating Rules Amended 4-17-15/](http://tea.texas.gov/About/TEA/Leadership/State_Board_of_Education/SBOE_Meetings/SBOE_Operating_Rules_Amended_4-17-15/) or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda item #7. Information regarding the individual who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Recommendation for Appointments to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees

(Board agenda page IV-1)
[Consent agenda item #(7)]

Debbie Ratcliffe, director of media relations, presented to the Committee on School Initiatives on behalf of Ron Rowell, information regarding appointments to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Dominguez, seconded by Ms. Beltran, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the re-appointments of Ms. Anita J. Warren and Mr. Eustace S. Lewis to each serve a two-year term of office, from April 8, 2016 through April 7, 2018, on the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

2. Recommendation for Appointment to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees

(Board agenda page IV-35)
[Consent agenda item #(8)]

Ms. Ratcliffe presented to the committee information regarding an appointment to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Beltran, seconded by Dr. Dominguez, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the re-appointment of SMSgt Michael Garcia to serve a two-year term of office, from April 8, 2016, through April 7, 2018, on the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

ACTION ITEMS

3. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter B, Prekindergarten-Grade 6 Assignments, Subchapter C, Grades 6-8 Assignments, Subchapter D, Electives, Disciplinary Courses, Local Credit Courses, and Innovative Courses, Grades 6-12 Assignments, and Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments**

(Board agenda page IV-47)

[Official agenda item #18]

Marilyn Cook, director, educator certification, presented to the committee information regarding the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 231.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Dominguez, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried by unanimous vote to postpone this item until the end of the committee meeting.*

Monica Martinez, associate commissioner for standards and programs, assisted Ms. Cook with committee member questions related to proposed certification amendments in Chapter 231.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Mrs. Bahorich, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter B, Prekindergarten-Grade 6 Assignments, Subchapter C, Grades 6-8 Assignments, Subchapter D, Electives, Disciplinary Courses, Local Credit Courses, and Innovative Courses, Grades 6-12 Assignments, and Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments.*

4. **Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates**

(Board agenda page IV-61)

[Official agenda item #19]

Ms. Cook presented to the committee information regarding the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 233.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Dominguez, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates.*

5. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §249.5, Purpose; Policy Governing Disciplinary Proceedings; Subchapter B, Enforcement Actions and Guidelines, §249.15, Disciplinary Action by State Board for Educator Certification, and §249.17, Decision-Making Guidelines; and Subchapter D, Hearing Procedures, §249.35, Disposition Prior to Hearing; Default**

(Board agenda page IV-79)

[Official agenda item #20]

Laura Moriarty, director, legal services for educator leadership and quality, presented to the committee information regarding the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Ms. Beltran, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §249.5, Purpose; Policy Governing Disciplinary Proceedings; Subchapter B, Enforcement Actions and Guidelines, §249.15, Disciplinary Action by State Board for Educator Certification, and §249.17, Decision-Making Guidelines; and Subchapter D, Hearing Procedures, §249.35, Disposition Prior to Hearing; Default.*

6. **Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 100, Charters, Subchapter A, Open-Enrollment Charter Schools, and Subchapter B, Home-Rule School District Charters**

(Adoption of Review)

(Board agenda page IV-103)

[Official agenda item #21]

Heather Mauzé, director, charter school administration, presented to the committee information regarding the adoption of the review of 19 TAC Chapter 100, Subchapters A and B.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Ms. Beltran, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education adopt the review of 19 TAC Chapter 100, Charters, Subchapter A, Open-Enrollment Charter Schools, and Subchapter B, Home-Rule School District Charters.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. **Charter School Updates**

(Board agenda page IV-111)

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Kerrie Patterson-Brown
AFFILIATION: Legacy Traditional Schools Education Foundation

Ms. Mauzé presented to the committee information on the commissioner's Generation Twenty-One Open-Enrollment Charter School Application and its timeline.

At this point, Dr. Dominguez asked the committee to take up the postponed agenda item #3, Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter B, Prekindergarten-Grade 6 Assignments, Subchapter C, Grades 6-8 Assignments, Subchapter D, Electives, Disciplinary Courses, Local Credit Courses, and Innovative Courses, Grades 6-12 Assignments, and Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments. Action taken on the item is included under Item #3.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 10:39 a.m.