

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee on School Initiatives  
July 16, 2015**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at (9:03 a.m.) on Thursday, July 16, 2015, 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**

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, §229.9, Fees for Educator Preparation Program Approval and Accountability, and Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures, §230.101, Schedule of Fees for Certification Services, and §230.103, E-Pay Supplemental Fee**

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[Official agenda item #15]

Dr. Tim Miller, director, educator preparation programs - accountability and program management, presented to the Committee on School Initiatives information regarding proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapters 229.9, 230.101, and 230.103 to address Sunset Advisory Committee recommendations to increase the equity of fees across different types of certification fee payers.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Dominguez, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried by unanimous vote to take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, §229.9, Fees for Educator Preparation Program Approval and Accountability, and Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures, §230.101, Schedule of Fees for Certification Services, and §230.103, E-Pay Supplemental Fee.*

**2. Review of the Commissioner of Education’s Generation 20 Charter Proposals**

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[Official agenda item #16]

Sally Partridge, associate commissioner for accreditation and school improvement, and Heather Mauzé, director of charter school administration, answered questions regarding Commissioner of Education Michael Williams’ list of proposed charter schools.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mrs. Bahorich and seconded by Mrs. Beltran to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the commissioner’s proposal of A+ Unlimited Potential (Houston), Athlos Academy (Dallas/Fort Worth), Kauffman Leadership Academy (Cleburne), Pioneer Technology and Arts Academy (Dallas/Fort Worth), The Lone Star Language Academy (Plano/Carrollton), Trivium Academy (Collin/Denton County).*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Dominguez and seconded by Mr. Cortez to recommend that the State Board of Education exclude Athlos Academy (Dallas/Fort Worth).*

*The motion failed, with 2 members voting Aye and 3 voting No, as follows:*

- Aye: Mr. Cortez*
- Dr. Dominguez*
- No: Mrs. Bahorich*
- Mrs. Beltran*
- Mr. Rowley*

**VOTE:** *A vote was taken on the motion to recommend that that the State Board of Education take no action on the commissioner’s proposal of A+ Unlimited Potential (Houston), Athlos Academy (Dallas/Fort Worth), Kauffman Leadership Academy (Cleburne), Pioneer Technology and Arts Academy (Dallas/Fort Worth), The Lone Star Language Academy (Plano/Carrollton), Trivium Academy (Collin/Denton County).*

*The motion passed, with 3 members voting Aye and 2 voting No, as follows:*

- Aye: Mrs. Bahorich*
- Mrs. Beltran*
- Mr. Rowley*
- No: Mr. Cortez*
- Dr. Dominguez*

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**3. Charter School Updates**

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Ms. Mauzé provided committee members with an update on the following matters: the Summer Summit, the Charter School Performance Framework Manual, and the Generation 21 application timeline.

## **ACTION ITEM**

### **4. Long-Range Plan for Public Education**

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[Official agenda item #17]

Chairman Rowley informed the board that efforts to find funding for the Long-Range Plan for Public Education were unsuccessful with both the Texas Legislature and the Texas Education Agency. However, he noted that Texas Education Code §7.102(c)(3) allows the board to accept a gift, donation or other contributions on behalf of the public education system. He said he would like to pursue private grants or donations to cover the estimated \$150,000 budget needed for the development and creation of a long-range plan.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mrs. Bahorich and seconded by Mr. Cortez to recommend that the Committee on School Initiatives authorize the chair of the committee, as well as other committee members, to seek possible financial contributions from foundations and other donors interested in supporting the development of the Long-Range Plan for Public Education.*

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 10:49 .a.m.