

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
September 18, 2014**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:07 a.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2014, in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas.

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

Non-Committee Member Present: Thomas Ratliff

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://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=25769804094> or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda items #1, #2, and #3. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Review of Proposed Revisions to TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates

(Board agenda page IV-1)

[Official agenda item #13]

Ryan Franklin, interim associate commissioner, educator leadership and quality, and 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 Chapter 227 involving provisions for admission to educator preparation programs and the preliminary evaluation of certification eligibility. Von Byer, general counsel, legal services, and Laura Moriarty, administrative law judge, legal services, were available for questions.

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Mr. Thomas Ratliff
AFFILIATION: State Board of Education

NAME: Mr. J. P. Lund
AFFILIATION: Texas Teachers Association

NAME: Mr. Monty Exter
 AFFILIATION: The Association of Texas Professional Educators

NAME: Mr. John Fitzpatrick
 AFFILIATION: Education Texas and Communities Foundation of Texas

NAME: Dr. Rosemary Robbins
 AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Dr. Sandra West
 AFFILIATION: Science Teachers Association of Texas

NAME: Dr. Denise Kern
 AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Ms. Rae Queen
 AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Dr. Diann Huber
 AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Chris Duke
 AFFILIATION: Texans for Education Reform

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mrs. Cargill to recommend that the State Board of Education reject the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provision for Educator Preparation Candidates. The motion carried, with 3 members voting Aye and 2 voting No, as follows:*

Aye: Mr. Rowley
 Mrs. Cargill
 Mrs. Bahorich

No: Mrs. Knight
 Mr. Cortez

2. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs

(Board agenda page IV-13)
 [Official agenda item #14]

Mr. Franklin, Dr. Miller, and Tim Regal, policy advisor, educator leadership and quality, presented to the Committee on School Initiatives information regarding proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 228 involving the requirements for educator preparation programs. Mr. Byer and Ms. Moriaty were available for questions.

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Robert Floyd
AFFILIATION: Texas Music Educators Association

NAME: Dr. Diann Huber
AFFILIATION: Individual

MOTION AND VOTE: *By unanimous consent, the Committee on School Initiatives recommended that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs.*

3. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, §§229.2-229.8

(Board agenda page IV-33)

[Official agenda item #15]

Mr. Franklin and Dr. Miller presented to the Committee on School Initiatives information regarding proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229 involving the accountability system for educator preparation programs.

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Dr. Sandra West
AFFILIATION: Science Teachers Association of Texas

MOTION AND VOTE: *By unanimous consent, the Committee on School Initiatives recommended that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, §§229.2-229.8.*

4. Review of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter B, Enforcement Actions and Guidelines, §249.17, Decision-Making Guidelines

(Board agenda page IV- 73)

[Official agenda item #16]

Mr. Byer and Ms. Moriarty presented to the Committee on School Initiatives information regarding proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 249 involving enforcement actions and decision-making guidelines for disciplinary proceedings, sanctions, and contested cases.

MOTION AND VOTE: *By unanimous consent, the Committee on School Initiatives recommended that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter B, Enforcement Actions and Guidelines, §249.17, Decision-Making Guidelines.*

5. Review of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 250, Administration, Subchapter B, Rulemaking Procedures, §250.20, Petition for Adoption of Rules or Rule Changes

(Board agenda page IV-83)

[Official agenda item #17]

Mr. Byer and Ms. Moriarty presented to the Committee on School Initiatives information regarding proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 250 involving rulemaking procedures related to a petition for adoption of rules or rule changes.

MOTION AND VOTE: *By unanimous consent, the Committee on School Initiatives recommended that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 250, Administration, Subchapter B, Rulemaking Procedures, §250.20, Petition for Adoption of Rules or Rule Changes.*

6. Consideration of Development of a Long-Range Plan for Public Education

(Board agenda page IV-89)

[Official agenda item #18]

Given the State Board of Education's statutory duty to create a long-range plan for public education, Mr. Rowley proposed that the board create an ad-hoc committee to determine the viability of developing a long-range plan that assessed education trends, future issues, and driving forces at work in Texas education. Mr. Rowley suggested that the committee be appointed by the board chair or the board itself.

The committee members suggested that the board appoint members to the ad-hoc committee in November.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Mr. Rowley, and carried by unanimous consent to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the appointment of an ad-hoc committee to determine the viability and utility of developing a long-range plan for public education.*

7. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 100, Charters, Subchapter A, Open-Enrollment Charter Schools

(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

(Board agenda page IV-91)

[Official agenda item #19]

Heather Mauzé, director, charter school administration, presented to the Committee on School Initiatives information regarding the public comment received on the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 100, Charters, Subchapter A, Open-Enrollment Charter Schools, as well as proposed revisions to the rule text, for consideration.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried by unanimous consent to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 100, Charters, Subchapter A, Open-Enrollment Charter Schools.*

8. Review of the Commissioner of Education Generation 19 Charter Proposals

(Board agenda page IV-105)

[Official agenda item #20]

Ms. Mauzé, answered questions regarding Commissioner of Education Michael Williams' list of proposed charter schools.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Cargill, seconded by Mrs. Knight, and carried by unanimous consent to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the commissioner's proposal of Beta Academy.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Cargill and seconded by Mr. Rowley to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the commissioner's proposal of High Point Academy. The motion carried, with 4 members voting Aye and 1 abstaining, as follows:*

*Aye: Mrs. Bahorich
Mrs. Cargill
Mr. Cortez
Mr. Rowley
Abstention: Mrs. Knight*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley, seconded by Mr. Cargill, and carried by unanimous consent to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the commissioner's proposal of The Excel Center.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried by unanimous consent to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the commissioner's proposal of Ki Charter Academy.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Cargill, seconded by Mrs. Knight, and carried by unanimous consent to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the commissioner's proposal of Trinity Environmental Academy.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

9. Charter School Updates (Board agenda page IV-109)

Ms. Mauzé provided updates to the Committee on School Initiatives relative to charter activity since the last board meeting. Ms. Mauzé responded to committee members' questions.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 3:41p.m.