

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee on School Initiatives  
November 17, 2016**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 17, 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**

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The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda items #4, #5, and #6. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**1. Recommendation for Appointments to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees**

(Board agenda page IV-1)  
[Consent agenda item #(6)]

Ron Rowell, director, governance and investigations, presented to the Committee on School Initiatives information regarding appointments to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Dominguez, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the reappointment of Mr. Patrick Luna and the appointment of Maj. Kenitra Fewell to serve a two-year term of office, from November 18, 2016, through November 17, 2018, on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees. (Mrs. Bahorich was absent for the vote.)*

**2. Recommendation for Appointment to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees**

(Board agenda page IV-37)  
[Consent agenda item #(7)]

Mr. Rowley stated that he was recusing himself on this item due to a conflict of interest.

Mr. Rowell presented to the committee information regarding an appointment to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Ms. Beltran, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the reappointment of Mr. Robert Marshall to serve a two-year term of office, from November 18, 2016 through November 17, 2018, on the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees. (Mrs. Bahorich was absent for the vote.)*

**3. Recommendation for Appointments to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees**

(Board agenda page IV-45)  
[Consent agenda item #(8)]

Mr. Rowell presented to the committee information regarding appointments to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Dominguez, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the reappointments of Dr. Kevin Odom and Dr. Laura Munro to serve a two-year term of office, from November 18, 2016 through November 17, 2018, on the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions; Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements; Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued; Subchapter E, Educational Aide Certificate; Subchapter F, Permits; Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures; and Subchapter H, Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States**

(Board agenda page IV-83)  
[Official agenda item #14]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: J. Scott Fikes  
AFFILIATION: Private Individual

NAME: Doug Hamman  
AFFILIATION: Texas Tech University

NAME: David Anthony  
AFFILIATION: Private Individual

NAME: John Fitzpatrick  
AFFILIATION: Educate Texas

Marilyn Cook, director, educator certification and testing, presented to the committee information regarding the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 230.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez and seconded by Dr. Dominguez to recommend that the State Board of Education reject the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions; Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements; Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued; Subchapter E, Educational Aide Certificate; Subchapter F, Permits; Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures; and Subchapter H, Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States. The motion failed with 2 members voting Aye and 3 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye: Mr. Cortez  
Dr. Dominguez

No: Mrs. Bahorich  
Ms. Beltran  
Mr. Rowley

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Ms. Beltran and seconded by Mrs. Bahorich to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions; Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements; Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued; Subchapter E, Educational Aide Certificate; Subchapter F, Permits; Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures; and Subchapter H, Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States. The motion carried with 3 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye: Mrs. Bahorich  
Ms. Beltran  
Mr. Rowley

No: Mr. Cortez  
Dr. Dominguez

**5. Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs**

(Board agenda page IV-135)

[Official agenda item #15]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Kenneth R. Evans  
AFFILIATION: Lamar University

NAME: Robert J. Spina  
AFFILIATION: Lamar University

NAME: Cynthia D. Cummings  
AFFILIATION: Lamar University

NAME: Wes Hickey  
AFFILIATION: Texas Council of Professors of Educational Administration

NAME: Doug Hamman  
AFFILIATION: Texas Tech University

NAME: David Anthony  
AFFILIATION: Private Individual

NAME: John Fitzpatrick  
AFFILIATION: Educate Texas

NAME: Diann Huber  
AFFILIATION: iteachTEXAS

Tim Miller, director, educator preparation and program accountability, presented to the committee information regarding the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 228.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez and seconded by Dr. Dominguez to recommend that the State Board of Education reject the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs. The motion failed with 2 members voting Aye and 3 members voting No, as follows:*

*Aye: Mr. Cortez  
Dr. Dominguez*

*No: Mrs. Bahorich  
Ms. Beltran  
Mr. Rowley*

*It was moved by Mrs. Bahorich and seconded by Ms. Beltran to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs. The motion carried with 3 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No, as follows:*

*Aye: Mrs. Bahorich  
Ms. Beltran  
Mr. Rowley*

*No: Mr. Cortez  
Dr. Dominguez*

**6. Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs**

(Board agenda page IV-195)

[Official agenda item #16]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Glenda Ballard  
AFFILIATION: Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education

NAME: Christina Ellis  
AFFILIATION: Sam Houston State University

NAME: Stacey Edmonson  
AFFILIATION: Texas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (TACTE)

NAME: Sandra Stewart  
AFFILIATION: Sam Houston State University

NAME: David Anthony  
AFFILIATION: Private Individual

NAME: John Fitzpatrick  
AFFILIATION: Educate Texas

Dr. Miller presented to the committee information regarding the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 229.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mrs. Bahorich and seconded by Ms. Beltran to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs. The motion carried with 3 members voting Aye and 1 member voting No, as follows:*

Aye: Mrs. Bahorich  
Ms. Beltran  
Mr. Rowley

No: Dr. Dominguez

*(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)*

7. **Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter D, Electives, Disciplinary Courses, Local Credit Courses, and Innovative Courses, Grades 6-12 Assignments, Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments, and Subchapter F, Special Education-Related Services Personnel Assignments**

(Board agenda page IV-253)

[Official agenda item #17]

Ms. Cook presented to the committee information regarding the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Dominguez, seconded by Mrs. Bahorich, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter D, Electives, Disciplinary Courses, Local Credit Courses, and Innovative Courses, Grades 6-12 Assignments, Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments, and Subchapter F, Special Education-Related Services Personnel Assignments. (Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)*

8. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates**

(Board agenda page IV-263)  
[Official agenda item #18]

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

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

9. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 247, Educators' Code of Ethics**

(Board agenda page IV-275)  
[Official agenda item #19]

Ryan Franklin, associate commissioner, educator leadership and quality, presented to the committee information regarding the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 247.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Dominguez, seconded by Mrs. Bahorich, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 247, Educators' Code of Ethics. (Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)*

10. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter B, Enforcement Actions and Guidelines, §249.14, Complaint, Required Reporting, and Investigation; Investigative Notice; Filing of Petition; and §249.17, Decision-Making Guidelines**

(Board agenda page IV-285)  
[Official agenda item #20]

Mr. Franklin presented to the committee information regarding the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Ms. Beltran, seconded by Mrs. Bahorich, and carried unanimously 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 B, Enforcement Actions and Guidelines, §249.14, Complaint, Required Reporting, and Investigation; Investigative Notice; Filing of Petition; and §249.17, Decision-Making Guidelines. (Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)*

## **CONSENT ITEM**

### **11. Approval of 2017-2021 Rule Review Plan for State Board of Education Rules**

(Board agenda page IV-307)

[Consent agenda item #(9)]

Cristina De La Fuente-Valadez, director of rulemaking, informed the committee that this item presents for approval the next four-year rule review cycle for reviewing State Board of Education (SBOE) rules as required by Texas Government Code, §2001.039. Ms. De La Fuente-Valadez added that this next four-year rule review cycle would cover the review period of September 2017-August 2021.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Ms. Beltran, seconded by Mrs. Bahorich, and carried unanimously to recommend that the SBOE approve the proposed 2017-2021 Rule Review Plan for State Board of Education Rules. (Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)*

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

### **12. Review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions**

(Board agenda page IV-315)

Ms. De La Fuente-Valadez, director of rulemaking, presented this item. Ms. De La Fuente-Valadez informed the committee that the adoption of the review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Subchapter A, would be presented for action at the next SBOE meeting, as well as an item presenting an amendment for first reading and filing authorization to implement House Bill 763, 84th Texas Legislature, 2015, which added a definition for “interested person.”

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 2:23 p.m.