

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
November 20-21, 2013**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 8:10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 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: Donna Bahorich, chair; Marty Rowley, vice chair; Barbara Cargill; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Mavis B. Knight

Items for the Committee on School Initiatives were considered in the following order: Items #1, #2, #3, and #6.

The committee recessed at 9:59 a.m. to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2013, in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building.

The committee reconvened at 8:36 a.m. in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building with the following members present:

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

Items for the Committee on School Initiatives were considered in the following order:
Items #6, #4, #5, and #2.

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 #2, and #6. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter A, General Provisions, and Subchapter B, Enforcement Actions and Guidelines**
(Board agenda page IV-1)
[Official agenda item #13]

Mark Baxter, senior policy director for educator leadership and quality, presented to the Committee on School Initiatives information regarding proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Subchapters A and B.

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 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter A, General Provisions, and Subchapter B, Enforcement Actions and Guidelines.*

2. Review of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates, §233.14, Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area)

(Board agenda page IV-9)

[Official agenda item #14]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

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

NAME: Dr. Sandra West on behalf of Dr. Kenneth Heydrick
AFFILIATION: Texas Science Education Leadership Association (TSELA)

Mark Baxter, senior policy director for educator leadership and quality, presented to the Committee on School Initiatives information regarding the proposed amendment to 19 TAC §233.14.

MOTION AND VOTE: *By unanimous consent, the Committee on School Initiatives deferred action on the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates, §233.13, Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area), to the general board meeting of the State Board of Education on Friday, November 22, 2013.*

On Thursday, November 21, 2013, David Anderson, general counsel, clarified that the legislation to which the proposed rule action conforms specifically states that the State Board for Educator Certification may not require a bachelor's degree and must require at least an associate's degree.

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 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates, §233.14, Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area).*

3. Review of Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, §230.15, Certification of Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans, and Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 232, General Certification Provisions, Subchapter A, Certificate Renewal and Continuing Professional Education Requirements, §232.27, Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements for Military Service Members

(Board agenda page IV-17)

[Official agenda item #15]

Mark Baxter, senior policy director for educator leadership and quality, presented to the Committee on School Initiatives information regarding proposed new 19 TAC §230.15 and 19 TAC §232.27.

MOTION AND VOTE: *By unanimous consent, the Committee on School Initiatives recommended that the State Board of Education take no action on proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, §230.15, Certification of Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans, and proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 232, General Certification Provisions, Subchapter A, Certificate Renewal and Continuing Professional Education Requirements, §232.27, Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements for Military Service Members.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Proposed Guidelines and Application for Open-Enrollment Charters (Board agenda page IV-31)

Heather Mauzé, director of the division of charter school administration, updated the Committee on School Initiatives of the status of the Generation 19 Open-Enrollment Application.

5. Discussion on Information Regarding Open-Enrollment Charter Schools by the Committee on School Initiatives (Board agenda page IV-33)

Mrs. Bahorich informed members of her upcoming meeting with the commissioner of education's designee on the subject of the charter interview process. She invited committee members to provide their input.

ACTION ITEM

6. Review of the Commissioner of Education's Generation 18 Charter Proposals (Board agenda page IV-27) [Official agenda item #16]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Marisa Perez
AFFILIATION: State Board of Education, District 3

NAME: Matthew Randazzo
AFFILIATION: Choose to Succeed

NAME: Nick Fleege
AFFILIATION: Learning Schools of Texas

NAME: Karen Miller
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Victoria Rico
AFFILIATION: Brackenridge Foundation

NAME: Patty Quinzi
AFFILIATION: Texas-American Federation of Teachers

NAME: Brian Taylor
AFFILIATION: Great Hearts Academies

NAME: Peter Bezanson
AFFILIATION: Great Hearts Texas

NAME: Jason Joseph
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Ann Sutherland
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Mary Upham
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Manuel Ortiz
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Karen Miller
AFFILIATION: Individual

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley, seconded by Mrs. Knight, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the approval of El Paso Leadership Academy. (Mrs. Cargill was absent for the vote.)*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Mr. Rowley, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the approval of Montessori For All, Inc. (Mrs. Cargill was absent for the vote).*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Knight and seconded by Mr. Cortez to recommend that the State Board of Education move to take action to veto Carpe Diem Schools-San Antonio. The motion failed, with 3 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye: Mr. Cortez
Mrs. Knight

No: Mrs. Bahorich
Mrs. Cargill
Mr. Rowley

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mrs. Cargill to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Carpe Diem Schools-San Antonio. The motion carried, with 3 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye: Mrs. Bahorich
Mrs. Cargill
Mr. Rowley

No: Mr. Cortez
Mrs. Knight

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mrs. Cargill to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Great Hearts Academies Dallas. The motion carried, with 3 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye: Mrs. Bahorich
Mrs. Cargill
Mr. Rowley

No: Mr. Cortez
Mrs. Knight

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 9:15 a.m. on November 21, 2013.