

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
November 9, 2017**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2017, in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Members of the committee were present, as follows:

Present: Barbara Cargill, chair; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz, vice chair; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Keven Ellis; Marty Rowley

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_1-31-17/ or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda items #2, #3, #4, and #6. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

CONSENT ITEM

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

(Board agenda page IV-1)
[Consent agenda item #(10)]

Ron Rowell, director, governance and investigations, presented information regarding an appointment to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley, seconded by Ms. Perez-Diaz, and carried unanimously to recommend that based on Colonel Thomas G. Miner, Jr.'s recommendation, the State Board of Education approve the re-appointment of Mr. Jimmy Cornelius to serve a term of office, from November 10, 2017 through November 9, 2019, on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

2. Discussion of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, §61.1, Continuing Education for School Board Members

(Board agenda page IV-121)

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Dr. Phil Gore
AFFILIATION: Texas Association of School Boards

A.J. Crabill, deputy commissioner, governance, presented information regarding possible changes to 19 TAC §61.1, which include a required three-hour training for school board trustees every two years. He also addressed questions about the training curriculum and authorized training providers.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, §157.41, Certification Criteria for Independent Hearing Examiners

(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

(Board agenda page IV-21)

[Official agenda item #12]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Julie Leahy
AFFILIATION: Texas Classroom Teachers Association

NAME: Amanda Moore
AFFILIATION: Texas State Teachers Association

NAME: Patti Quinzi
AFFILIATION: Texas American Federation of Teachers

Von Byer, TEA general counsel, and Merle Dover, staff attorney, legal services, presented information regarding the proposed amendment to 19 TAC §157.41.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Perez-Diaz, seconded by Mr. Rowley, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board, approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, §157.41, Certification Criteria for Independent Hearing Examiners, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.*

4. Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter C, Grades 6-8 Assignments, and Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments

(Board agenda page IV-29)

[Official agenda item #13]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Jeannie Summers
AFFILIATION: Nacogdoches ISD/FCSTAT

NAME: Dr. Karen Alexander
AFFILIATION: Texas Tech University, Family and Consumer Sciences Education

NAME: Clarissa Marchalk
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Joyce Armstrong
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Gay Nell McGinnis
AFFILIATION: Self

Marilyn Cook, director, educator certification and testing, presented information regarding the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Perez-Diaz, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried 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 C, Grades 6-8 Assignments, and Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments.*

5. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 234, Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans**
(Board agenda page IV-77)
[Official agenda item #14]

Ms. Cook presented information regarding the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 234.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Ms. Perez-Diaz, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 234, Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans.*

6. **Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 239, Student Services Certificates, Subchapter A, School Counselor Certificate, and Subchapter C, Educational Diagnostician Certificate**
(Board agenda page IV-89)
[Official agenda item #15]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Robby McGowen
AFFILIATION: Region 4 Education Service Center

NAME: Carrie Ann Proctor
AFFILIATION: Texas Counseling Association

NAME: Jan Friese
AFFILIATION: Texas Counseling Association

NAME: Elias Zambrano
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Amy Campbell
AFFILIATION: Texas Association of School Boards

NAME: Barbara O. Amaya
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Dr. Casey McCreary
AFFILIATION: Texas Association of School Administrators

NAME: Mark Terry
AFFILIATION: Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association

NAME: Kimberly Ridgley
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Randy Willis
AFFILIATION: TREA/TACS

Ms. Cook presented information regarding the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 239.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Perez-Diaz, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed revisions 19 TAC Chapter 239, Student Services Certificates, Subchapter A, School Counselor Certificate, and Subchapter C, Educational Diagnostician Certificate.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

7. Update on the Long-Range Plan Steering Committee (Board agenda page IV-129)

Debbie Ratcliffe, interim director of State Board of Education Support, explained that the Long-Range Plan Steering Committee is focusing its work on four large topic areas: student engagement and empowerment; educator preparation, recruitment and retention; equity and access; and family engagement and empowerment. In response to questions from committee members, she explained the process used to select those four topics and explained that presentations to the steering committee were broadcast using Facebook Live during Monday's meeting. Nine community conversations are being planned around the state.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 12:52 p.m.