

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
Thursday, November 21, 2024**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2024, in Room, #1-111, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Will Hickman, chair; LJ Francis, vice chair; Rebecca Bell-Metereau; Staci Childs; and Julie Pickren

Public Testimony

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 30 Application Updates
(Board agenda page IV-1)

Marian Schutte, Deputy Associate Commissioner, provided updates on the Generation 30 application process. She shared details about the process, including the standard application timeline, mandatory information sessions, optional applicant support seminars, monthly office hours, capacity interviews, and the timeline for the Commissioner’s proposed awards. She also addressed general questions about the application process, including capacity interview requirements, differences between application processes, frequency of approvals, and submission windows.

2. Discussion of Ongoing State Board for Educator Certification Activities
(Board agenda page IV-2)

Jessica McLoughlin, Associate Commissioner of Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement, shared an overview of the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rulemaking process and shared updates on SBEC activities during their September meeting, including details on SBEC adoption items related to 19 TAC Chapters 229 and 230 B. Ms. McLoughlin also discussed SBEC proposal items related to 19 TAC Chapters 234 and 228 that will come before the SBEC as adoption items on December 6, 2024. Ms. McLoughlin also highlighted some of the key points of previous SBEC discussion items regarding Chapters 249, 235 ABCD, 231 F, and discussion regarding the development of a Texas TPA. Ms. McLoughlin also provided details about the upcoming SBEC meeting that will be held on December 6, 2024.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Review of Adoption Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs
(Board agenda page IV-4)
[Official agenda item #15]

Dr. Mark Olofson, Director of Educator Data, Research, and Strategy, presented the Adoption of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs (ASEP) as adopted by the SBEC at their meeting in September. Dr. Olofson provided details about the proposed updates to the ASEP.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Childs, seconded by Mr. Francis, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs.*

4. **Review of Adoption Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, §230.11, General Requirements**
(Board agenda page IV-67)
[Official agenda item #16]

Invited testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Jamie Vinsek
AFFILIATION: Lamar CISD

NAME: Elizabeth Blake
AFFILIATION: Lamar CISD

Trenton Law, Director of Educator Credentialing, presented the Adoption of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, as adopted by the SBEC at their meeting in September. Mr. Law provided details about the proposed updates to Chapter 230.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Childs to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements. A second was made by Ms. Bell-Metereau and the motion passed.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

5. **Rev Discussion of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions**
(Board agenda page IV-74)

Cristina De La Fuente-Valadez, director of rulemaking, provide an update to the committee on a rule review request.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 10:34 a.m.