

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee on School Initiatives  
Thursday, June 27, 2024**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, 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 #10 and #11. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

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

Marian Schutte, Deputy Associate Commissioner of the Department of Authorizing and Policy presented information on the Generation 30 Open-Enrollment Charter application process including goals, timeline, summary, and application updates. Ms. Schutte answered questions regarding the application process. Member Hickman requested additional information regarding charter schools for discussion at a future meeting.

**2. Discussion of the State Board of Education’s Oversight of Special-Purpose School Districts**  
(Board agenda page IV-2)

Christopher Lucas, director of policy, planning, and operations, introduced the item and explained its background. Chris Maska, deputy general counsel, discussed the State Board of Education’s authority over special-purpose districts.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**3. Recommendation for One Reappointment and One Appointment to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees**  
(Board agenda page IV-3)  
[Consent agenda item #10]

Invited testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Dr. LaToya E. Sizer  
AFFILIATION: Fort Sam Houston ISD Board of Trustees

Mr. Lucas explained that the terms of two members of the board of trustees of Fort Sam Houston Independent School District (ISD) have expired. Brigadier General Driggers recommends the

reappointment of Dr. LaToya E. Sizer and the appointment of Col. Rebecca A. Zinnante to the Fort Sam Houston ISD Board of Trustees.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Ms. Childs and seconded by Dr. Bell-Metereau, to recommend that the State Board of Education, based on Brigadier General Driggers’s recommendation, approve the reappointment of Dr. LaToya E. Sizer and the appointment of Col. Rebecca A. Zinnante to serve terms of office from June 28, 2024, to June 27, 2026, on the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Ms. Pickren and seconded by Mr. Francis to divide the question. The motion failed.*

**VOTE:** *A vote was taken on the original motion. The motion carried.*

4. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, §61.2, Nomination of Trustees for Military Reservation School Districts and Boys Ranch Independent School District**  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)  
(Board agenda page IV-12)  
[Consent agenda item #11]

Mr. Lucas introduced the item, discussed its history, and explained that the agency did not receive any public comments during the May 17 through June 17, 2024, public comment period.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Francis, seconded by Ms. Childs, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education, approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, §61.2, Nomination of Trustees for Military Reservation School Districts and Boys Ranch Independent School District; and make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, §61.2, Nomination of Trustees for Military Reservation School Districts and Boys Ranch Independent School District, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing with the Texas Register.*

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

5. **Discussion of Ongoing State Board for Educator Certification Activities**  
(Board agenda page IV-18)

Jessica McLoughlin, Associate Commissioner, shared updates on current and upcoming State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) activities and proposed SBEC rules and amendments, including details on SBEC discussion items related to 19 TAC Chapters 249, 229, 235, 230, and discussion regarding options of the development of a Texas TPA.

6. **Review of Adoption of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates**  
(Board agenda page IV-20)

Jessica McLoughlin, Associate Commissioner, presented this item and explained that the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates would make changes to the rules that would align to the updates recently adopted in Chapters 228 and 230 and would update the pre-admission content tests to better align with certifications.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 10:46 a.m.