

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee on School Initiatives  
February 12, 2015**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2015, 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; Erika Beltran; Martha Dominguez; Ruben Cortez, Jr.

**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\\_30\\_13/](http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Leadership/State_Board_of_Education/SBOE_Meetings/SBOE_Operating_Rules_Amended_1_30_13/) or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

The Committee on School Initiatives received no presentations of public testimony.

**ACTION ITEM**

**1. Election of Chair**

(No Agenda Exhibit)

State Board of Education (SBOE) operating rules call for each committee to elect a chair from among its members. This item provides an opportunity for each of the SBOE standing committees to elect a chair in the event that the SBOE elects to retain the existing committee structure. The chair may appoint a vice chair. If the board changes the committee structure, the committee may elect a member to preside over the February meeting only. Statutory authority for this action is the Texas Education Code, §7.107.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Ms. Beltran, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried by unanimous vote to elect Mr. Rowley as chair of the Committee on School Initiatives (CSI).*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Rowley, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried by unanimous vote to suspend the committee's operating rules in order to vote on the nomination of the vice chair.*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Ms. Beltran, and carried by unanimous vote to appoint Dr. Dominguez as vice chair of the CSI.*

## CONSENT ITEM

### **2. Recommendation for Appointment to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees**

(Board agenda page IV-1)

[Consent agenda item #(8)]

Ron Rowell, director, school governance, presented to the CSI information regarding an appointment 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 by unanimous vote to recommend that the SBOE approve the appointment of Col. Steven Pflanz, MD, to serve a two-year term of office, from February 13, 2015, through February 12, 2017, on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

## ACTION ITEMS

### **3. Review of Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, §228.70, Complaints and Investigations Procedures**

(Board agenda page IV-25)

[Official agenda item #(11)]

Tim Miller, director, educator preparation programs - accountability and program management, and Laura Moriarty, administrative law judge, TEA legal services, presented to the CSI information regarding 19 TAC Chapter 228 involving complaints and investigations procedures related to educator preparation programs.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Dominguez, and carried by unanimous vote to take no action on the proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, §228.70, Complaints and Investigations Procedures.*

### **4. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, §229.4, Determination of Accreditation Status, §229.5, Accreditation Sanctions and Procedures, and §229.6, Continuing Approval**

(Board agenda page IV-35)

[Official agenda item #(12)]

Mr. Miller and Ms. Moriarty presented to the CSI information regarding proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229 involving the determination of accreditation status, accreditation sanctions and procedures, and continuing approval related to educator preparation programs.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Dominguez, and carried by unanimous vote to take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, §229.4, Determination of Accreditation Status, §229.5, Accreditation Sanctions and Procedures, and §229.6, Continuing Approval.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **5. Charter School Updates**

(Board agenda page IV-47)

Heather Mauzé, director, division of charter school administration, updated the committee on important dates regarding the Generation 20 application cycle and the Charter School Summer Summit. Ms. Mauzé made mention to the committee that 2015 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of charter legislation in Texas.

### **6. Update on the Long-Range Plan for Public Education**

(Board agenda page IV-49)

Marty Rowley provided an update on the activities of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Long-Range Plan for Public Education. Mr. Rowley, chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, said the committee, through a Request for Proposals process, would like to hire an outside facilitator to coordinate the development of a long-range plan. The committee will be sending a letter to the Commissioner of Education encouraging him to ask the 20 regional Education Service Centers to assist the board by hosting public forums to gather input for the long-range plan. The committee will also ask the Commissioner to request a \$150,000 appropriations to cover the cost of hiring the facilitator, paying for board travel, printing the new long-range plan, and other associated costs.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 10:17 a.m.