

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee on School Initiatives  
Thursday, April 7, 2022**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:06 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2022, in Room, #1-111, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Matt Robinson, chair; Aicha Davis, vice chair; Ruben Cortez, Jr; Will Hickman; Jay Johnson

**Public Testimony**

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda items #5 and #6. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Recommendation for One Reappointment to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees**

(Board agenda page IV-1)  
[Consent agenda item #(6)]

Christopher Lucas, director, policy, planning, and operations, explained that the term of one member of the board of trustees of Boys Ranch Independent School District (ISD) is expiring. Mark Strother, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Boys Ranch ISD, has recommended that Mr. George Owen be reappointed for a two-year term.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Johnson, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education, based on Mr. Mark Strother's recommendation, approve the reappointment of Mr. George Owen to serve a two-year term of office from April 8, 2022, to April 7, 2024, on the Boys Ranch ISD Board of Trustees.*

**2. Recommendation for One Reappointment and One Appointment to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees**

(Board agenda page IV-7)  
[Consent agenda item #(7)]

Mr. Lucas explained that the term of one member of the board of trustees of Fort Sam Houston ISD is expiring and one member of the board of trustees is retiring. Colonel Shane R. Cuéllar, the base commander of Fort Sam Houston, has recommended that Mr. Richard G. Kling III be reappointed and Ms. LaToya E. Sizer be appointed for two-year terms.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Johnson, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education, based on Colonel Shane R. Cuéllar's recommendation, approve the reappointment of Mr. Richard G. Kling III and the appointment of Ms. LaToya E. Sizer to serve two-year terms of office from April 8, 2022, to April 7, 2024, on the Fort Sam Houston ISD Board of Trustees.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

- 3. Rule Review of 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, and Subchapter B, Special Purpose School Districts**  
(Board agenda page IV-22)

Mr. Lucas informed the committee that Texas Government Code, §2001.039, requires that state agency rules, including State Board of Education rules, be reviewed every four years, adding that the rule review requirement in state law is designed to ensure that the reason for initially adopting or readopting a rule continues to exist. He explained that the adoption of the rule review is scheduled for the upcoming June 2022 meeting and that the agency is not recommending any changes.

## **ACTION ITEM**

- 4. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, §61.3, School Safety Training for School Board Members**  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)  
(Board agenda page IV-35)  
[Consent agenda item #(8)]

Mr. Lucas explained that the agency had received no public comments on the proposed rule and that no changes are recommended since first reading.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Robinson, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, §61.3, School Safety Training for School Board Members; and*

*Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, §61.3, School Safety Training for School Board Members, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 5. Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 27 Application Updates**  
(Board agenda page IV-39)

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Kara Belew  
AFFILIATION: Texas Public Charter School Association

Marian Schutte, director, charter school authorizing and administration division, presented information on the Generation 27 Open-Enrollment Charter Application cycle, content, improvements, and timeline. Ms. Schutte answered questions regarding the application process.

**6. Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 28 Application Updates**  
(Board agenda page IV-40)

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Kara Belew  
AFFILIATION: Texas Public Charter School Association

Ms. Schutte presented information on the Generation 28 Open-Enrollment Charter Application cycle, content, improvements, and timeline. She answered questions regarding the application process.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**7. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, §228.2, Definitions, §228.10, Approval Process, §228.30, Educator Preparation Curriculum, and §228.35, Preparation Program Coursework and/or Training**  
(Board agenda page IV-41)  
[Official agenda item #17]

Jessica McLoughlin, director, educator standards, testing, and preparation, explained that the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, §228.2, Definitions, §228.10, Approval Process, §228.30, Educator Preparation Curriculum, and §228.35, Preparation Program Coursework and/or Training, would allow educator preparation programs (EPPs) the flexibility to conduct certain required formal observations virtually; would provide for training requirements for all educators with regard to students with disabilities and virtual instruction and virtual learning; and would allow service members, spouses, and veterans to get credit toward educator certification requirements for clinical and professional experience.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Davis, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, §228.2, Definitions, §228.10, Approval Process, §228.30, Educator Preparation Curriculum, and §228.35, Preparation Program Coursework and/or Training.*

**8. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter H, Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States**  
(Board agenda page IV-80)  
[Official agenda item #18]

Marilyn Cook, director, educator certification, explained that 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter H, Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States, serves as a foundation for the practices and procedures related to issuance of Texas certification to individuals licensed in other states. She further explained that the proposed amendments would provide clarification and updates to requirements for individuals licensed in other states to obtain a standard Texas educator certificate.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Dr. Johnson, and carried unanimously 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 H, Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States.*

**9. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 245, Certification of Educators from Other Countries**

(Board agenda page IV-86)

[Official agenda item #19]

Ms. Cook explained that the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 245, Certification of Educators from Other Countries, would update the requirements for certification of educators from other countries.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Dr. Robinson, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 245, Certification of Educators from Other Countries.*

*(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)*

**10. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 232, General Certification Provisions, Subchapter A, Certificate Renewal and Continuing Professional Education Requirements**

(Board agenda page IV-93)

[Official agenda item #20]

Christie Pogue, director, State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) policy development and support, explained that the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 232, General Certification Provisions, Subchapter A, Certificate Renewal and Continuing Professional Education Requirements, would implement the statutory requirements of Senate Bills (SB) 199, 1267, and 2066, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021. She explained that the proposed amendments would require that all educators receive continuing professional education (CPE) training in educating students with disabilities; would update the CPE training requirements for classroom teachers, principals, and school counselors; and would provide for the SBEC to determine the training guidelines for CPE credit regarding the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). The proposed amendments would also allow for a school district to request a hardship exemption for an educator who has an invalid certificate due to not having the required CPE hours for certificate renewal; would require educators to receive dyslexia training for certificate renewal; and would add CPE activities to the list of topics for which educators can receive credit for certificate renewal.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Dr. Johnson, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 232, General Certification Provisions, Subchapter A, Certificate Renewal and Continuing Professional Education Requirements.*

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 10:02 a.m.