

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
Thursday, November 17, 2022**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:07 a.m. on Thursday, November 17, 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; Ruben Cortez, Jr; Will Hickman; Jay Johnson

Absent: Aicha Davis, vice chair

Non-committee members present: Lawrence Allen, Jr.; Marisa Perez-Diaz

Public Testimony

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

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 28 Application Updates
(Board agenda page IV-1)

Kelvey Oeser, deputy commissioner, educator and system support, presented information on the Generation 28 Open-Enrollment Charter Application cycle. She stated that applications were due November 11, 2022. Twenty-five applications were received that are currently being reviewed for completeness and eligibility. Applicants will then enter the external review period through April.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs
(Board agenda page IV-2)
[Official agenda item #11]

Mark Olofson, director, educator data, research, and strategy, explained that the proposed amendments establish the performance standards and procedures for educator preparation program (EPP) accountability. He further explained that the proposed amendments would provide for adjustments to the 2021–2022 *Accountability System for Educator Preparation (ASEP) Manual*; would implement Senate Bill (SB) 2066, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021; would clarify assessments used for accountability; would update procedures for EPP commendations; would provide the SBEC additional flexibility when sanctioning programs; and would clarify what data is used for the determination of accreditation statuses.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, 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 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs.*

3. Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal

(Board agenda page IV-67)

[Official agenda item #12]

Jessica McLoughlin, director, talent pathways, explained that the proposed revisions would implement House Bill (HB) 159, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, to update the educator standards for the Principal as Instructional Leader certificate to reflect the qualifications of certification as a principal. The proposed revisions would also repeal outdated Subchapter B, Principal Certificate, and include technical edits where needed.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Johnson, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

4. Discussion of Ongoing State Board for Educator Certification Activities

(Board agenda page IV-82)

Emily Garcia, associate commissioner, educator preparation, certification, and enforcement, shared updates on current and upcoming State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) activities and proposed SBEC rules and amendments.

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Andrea Chevalier

AFFILIATION: Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 10:01 a.m.