

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee of the Full Board
Wednesday, June 23, 2021**

The State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board met at 9:07 a.m. on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, in the State Board of Education Room, #1-104, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Keven Ellis, chair; Lawrence A. Allen, Jr.; Rebecca Bell-Metereau; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Aicha Davis; Patricia Hardy; Will Hickman; Jay Johnson; Pam Little; Tom Maynard; Sue Melton-Malone; Georgina C. Pérez; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz (virtual); Matt Robinson; Audrey Young

Public Testimony

The Committee of the Full Board heard invited testimony on agenda item #2. Information regarding the individuals who presented testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Commissioner’s Comments
(Board agenda page I-35)

Commissioner Mike Morath provided an overview of key education-related legislation that passed during the 87th Legislative Session, including bills intended to address learning loss resulting from disruptions related to the pandemic. He explained that the accelerated instruction framework in state statute was significantly strengthened. He addressed the dyslexia handbook that is under consideration by the board and indicated that he believes the proposal is an improvement. Finally, Commissioner Morath provided a high-level overview of each of the charter school applicants that the agency recommends for approval.

ACTION ITEM

2. Consideration of the Commissioner of Education’s Generation 26 Open-Enrollment Charter School Proposals
(Board agenda page I-36)

Invited testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Akeem Brown
AFFILIATION: Essence Preparatory Charter School

NAME: Brian Dillard
AFFILIATION: Essence Preparatory Charter School

NAME: Oscar Ortiz
 AFFILIATION: Heritage Classical Academy

NAME: Stuart Saunders
 AFFILIATION: Heritage Classical Academy

NAME: Marvin Pierre
 AFFILIATION: The Justice Hub

NAME: Russell Ramsey
 AFFILIATION: The Justice Hub

NAME: Brittney Jean-Louis
 AFFILIATION: Red Brick Academy Charter School

NAME: Joel Munoz
 AFFILIATION: Red Brick Academy Charter School

NAME: SaJade Miller
 AFFILIATION: Rocketship Public Schools

NAME: Peter Philpot
 AFFILIATION: Rocketship Public Schools

NAME: Anthony Gordon
 AFFILIATION: S.H. James Preparatory Academy

NAME: Milton Harris
 AFFILIATION: S.H. James Preparatory Academy

NAME: Elizabeth Goldsmith
 AFFILIATION: Thrive Center for Success

NAME: Ronny Knox
 AFFILIATION: Thrive Center for Success

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Essence Preparatory Charter School (San Antonio). The motion carried with 12 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No as follows:*

<u>Aye:</u>	<i>Mr. Allen</i>	<i>Mrs. Little</i>
	<i>Dr. Bell-Metereau</i>	<i>Mr. Maynard</i>
	<i>Ms. Davis</i>	<i>Mrs. Melton-Malone</i>
	<i>Ms. Hardy</i>	<i>Ms. Perez-Diaz</i>
	<i>Mr. Hickman</i>	<i>Dr. Robinson</i>
	<i>Dr. Johnson</i>	<i>Dr. Young</i>
 <u>No:</u>	 <i>Mr. Cortez</i>	 <i>Ms. Pérez</i>

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Heritage Classical Academy (Houston). The motion failed with 5 members voting Aye and 9 members voting No as follows:*

<u>Aye:</u>	Ms. Hardy	Mr. Maynard
	Mr. Hickman	Mrs. Melton-Malone
	Mrs. Little	

<u>No:</u>	Mr. Allen	Ms. Pérez
	Dr. Bell-Metereau	Ms. Perez-Diaz
	Mr. Cortez	Dr. Robinson
	Ms. Davis	Dr. Young
	Dr. Johnson	

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Mr. Cortez to recommend that the State Board of Education veto Heritage Classical Academy (Houston). The motion carried with 9 members voting Aye and 5 members voting No as follows:*

<u>Aye:</u>	Mr. Allen	Ms. Pérez
	Dr. Bell-Metereau	Ms. Perez-Diaz
	Mr. Cortez	Dr. Robinson
	Ms. Davis	Dr. Young
	Dr. Johnson	

<u>No:</u>	Ms. Hardy	Mr. Maynard
	Mr. Hickman	Mrs. Melton-Malone
	Mrs. Little	

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on The Justice Hub (Houston). The motion failed with 2 members voting Aye and 12 members voting No as follows:*

<u>Aye:</u>	Mr. Hickman	Mrs. Little
<u>No:</u>	Mr. Allen	Mr. Maynard
	Dr. Bell-Metereau	Mrs. Melton-Malone
	Mr. Cortez	Ms. Pérez
	Ms. Davis	Ms. Perez-Diaz
	Ms. Hardy	Dr. Robinson
	Dr. Johnson	Dr. Young

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Mr. Cortez to recommend that the State Board of Education veto The Justice Hub (Houston). The motion carried with 12 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No as follows:*

Aye: Mr. Allen Mr. Maynard
 Dr. Bell-Metereau Mrs. Melton-Malone
 Mr. Cortez Ms. Pérez
 Ms. Davis Ms. Perez-Diaz
 Ms. Hardy Dr. Robinson
 Dr. Johnson Dr. Young

No: Mr. Hickman Mrs. Little

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Red Brick Academy Charter School (Houston). The motion failed with 1 member voting Aye and 13 members voting No as follows:*

Aye: Mr. Maynard

No: Mr. Allen Mrs. Little
 Dr. Bell-Metereau Mrs. Melton-Malone
 Mr. Cortez Ms. Pérez
 Ms. Davis Ms. Perez-Diaz
 Ms. Hardy Dr. Robinson
 Mr. Hickman Dr. Young
 Dr. Johnson

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Ms. Pérez to recommend that the State Board of Education veto Red Brick Academy Charter School (Houston). The motion carried with 13 members voting Aye and 1 member voting No as follows:*

Aye: Mr. Allen Mrs. Little
 Dr. Bell-Metereau Mrs. Melton-Malone
 Mr. Cortez Ms. Pérez
 Ms. Davis Ms. Perez-Diaz
 Ms. Hardy Dr. Robinson
 Mr. Hickman Dr. Young
 Dr. Johnson

No: Mr. Maynard

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Mr. Maynard to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Rocketship Public Schools (Ft. Worth). The motion carried with 8 members voting Aye and 7 members voting No as follows:*

<u>Aye:</u>	<i>Mr. Allen</i>	<i>Dr. Johnson</i>
	<i>Dr. Ellis</i>	<i>Mr. Maynard</i>
	<i>Ms. Hardy</i>	<i>Mrs. Melton-Malone</i>
	<i>Mr. Hickman</i>	<i>Ms. Perez-Diaz</i>

<u>No:</u>	<i>Dr. Bell-Metereau</i>	<i>Ms. Pérez</i>
	<i>Mr. Cortez</i>	<i>Dr. Robinson</i>
	<i>Ms. Davis</i>	<i>Dr. Young</i>
	<i>Mrs. Little</i>	

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Dr. Johnson to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on S.H. James Preparatory Academy (San Antonio). The motion failed with 6 members voting Aye and 8 members voting No as follows:*

<u>Aye:</u>	<i>Mr. Allen</i>	<i>Mrs. Little</i>
	<i>Ms. Hardy</i>	<i>Mr. Maynard</i>
	<i>Mr. Hickman</i>	<i>Ms. Perez-Diaz</i>

<u>No:</u>	<i>Dr. Bell-Metereau</i>	<i>Mrs. Melton-Malone</i>
	<i>Mr. Cortez</i>	<i>Ms. Pérez</i>
	<i>Ms. Davis</i>	<i>Dr. Robinson</i>
	<i>Dr. Johnson</i>	<i>Dr. Young</i>

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Ms. Hardy to recommend that the State Board of Education veto S.H. James Preparatory Academy (San Antonio). The motion carried with 8 members voting Aye and 6 members voting No as follows:*

<u>Aye:</u>	<i>Dr. Bell-Metereau</i>	<i>Mrs. Melton-Malone</i>
	<i>Mr. Cortez</i>	<i>Ms. Pérez</i>
	<i>Ms. Davis</i>	<i>Dr. Robinson</i>
	<i>Dr. Johnson</i>	<i>Dr. Young</i>

<u>No:</u>	<i>Mr. Allen</i>	<i>Mrs. Little</i>
	<i>Ms. Hardy</i>	<i>Mr. Maynard</i>
	<i>Mr. Hickman</i>	<i>Ms. Perez-Diaz</i>

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Dr. Young to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Thrive Center for Success (Magnolia). The motion carried with 14 members voting Aye and 1 member voting No as follows:*

<i><u>Aye:</u></i>	<i>Mr. Allen</i>	<i>Dr. Johnson</i>
	<i>Dr. Bell-Metereau</i>	<i>Mrs. Little</i>
	<i>Mr. Cortez</i>	<i>Mr. Maynard</i>
	<i>Ms. Davis</i>	<i>Mrs. Melton-Malone</i>
	<i>Dr. Ellis</i>	<i>Ms. Perez-Diaz</i>
	<i>Ms. Hardy</i>	<i>Dr. Robinson</i>
	<i>Mr. Hickman</i>	<i>Dr. Young</i>

No: Ms. Pérez

DISCUSSION ITEM

3. Legislative Update
(Board agenda page I-38)

The committee postponed consideration of this item to Friday, June 25, 2021.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Update on Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Review
(Board agenda page I-39)

The committee postponed consideration of this item to Friday, June 25, 2021.

5. Discussion on Pending Litigation
(Board agenda page I-42)

The committee did not discuss pending litigation; therefore, no executive session was held.

Dr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.