

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee on School Initiatives  
February 1, 2018**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2018, in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Marisa B. Perez-Diaz, vice chair; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Keven Ellis; Marty Rowley

Absent: Barbara Cargill, chair

**Public Testimony**

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

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

(Board agenda page IV-1)  
[Consent agenda item #(7)]

Jeff Cottrill, director of governance and investigations, presented information regarding an appointment to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Ellis, and carried to recommend that based on Mr. Dan Adams's recommendation, the State Board of Education approve the re-appointment of Mr. George Owen and Mr. Mark Strother to serve a term of office, from February 2, 2018 through February 1, 2020, on the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

*(Mr. Rowley recused himself from the vote.)*

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

(Board agenda page IV-9)  
[Consent agenda item #(8)]

Mr. Cottrill presented 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. Ellis, and carried unanimously to recommend that based on Colonel Thomas G. Miner, Jr.'s recommendation, the State Board of Education approve the re-appointment of Mr. William Morrison II and Ms. Vanessa Bowden to serve a term of office, from February 2, 2018 through February 1, 2020, on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

**3. Recommendation for Appointment to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees**

(Board agenda page IV-41)  
[Consent agenda item #(9)]

Mr. Cottrill presented information regarding an appointment to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Ellis, and carried unanimously to recommend that based on Colonel David L. Raugh's recommendation, the State Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Aaron Braxton II to serve a term of office, from February 2, 2018 through February 1, 2020, on the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

**4. Recommendation for Appointment to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees**

(Board agenda page IV-63)  
[Consent agenda item #(10)]

Mr. Cottrill presented information regarding an appointment to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Ellis, and carried unanimously to recommend that based on Colonel Jonathan L. Wright's recommendation, the State Board of Education approve the re-appointment of Mr. Brian Miller to serve a term of office, from February 2, 2018 through February 1, 2020, on the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

**5. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, §61.1, Continuing Education for School Board Members**

(First Reading and Filing Authorization)  
(Board agenda page IV-79)  
[Official agenda item #14]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Dr. Phil Gore  
AFFILIATION: Texas Association of School Boards  
  
NAME: Ms. Susan Whisenant  
AFFILIATION: Texas Association of School Boards

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Rowley, seconded by Dr. Ellis, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, §61.1, Continuing Education for School Board Members as set out in Attachment II as presented by staff in the substitute text.*

6. **Review of Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, Elementary School Certificate Standards, Subchapter C, Middle School Certificate Standards, and Subchapter D, Secondary School Certificate Standards**

(Board agenda page IV-87)

[Official agenda item #15]

Grace Wu, program manager, educator support, and Jessica McLoughlin, program specialist, educator support, presented to the committee information regarding proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 235.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Rowley, seconded by Dr. Ellis, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, Elementary School Certificate Standards, Subchapter C, Middle School Certificate Standards, and Subchapter D, Secondary School Certificate Standards.*

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

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

(Board agenda page IV-103)

[Official agenda item #16]

Marilyn Cook, director of educator certification, presented to the committee information regarding the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 245.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Ellis, 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.*

8. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §249.3, Definitions, Subchapter B, Enforcement Actions and Guidelines, §249.12, Administrative Denial; Appeal, §249.14, Complaint, Required Reporting, and Investigation; Investigative Notice; Filing of Petition, §249.15, Disciplinary Action by State Board for Educator Certification, §249.17, Decision-Making Guidelines, and Subchapter D, Hearing Procedures, §249.35, Disposition Prior to Hearing; Default**

(Board agenda page IV-115)

[Official agenda item #17]

Laura Moriarty, director of legal services, presented to the committee information regarding the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Rowley, and seconded by Dr. Ellis, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §249.3, Definitions, Subchapter B, Enforcement Actions and Guidelines, §249.12, Administrative Denial; Appeal, §249.14, Complaint, Required Reporting, and Investigation; Investigative Notice; Filing of Petition, §249.15, Disciplinary Action by State Board for Educator Certification, §249.17, Decision-Making Guidelines, and Subchapter D, Hearing Procedures, §249.35, Disposition Prior to Hearing; Default.*

**9. Charter School Updates**  
(Board agenda page IV-153)

Heather Mauzé, director of charter school administration, presented to the committee information on the commissioner's Generation Twenty-Three Open-Enrollment Charter School Application, its timeline, and next steps in the application process.

**10. Update on the Long-Range Plan Steering Committee**  
(Board agenda page IV-155)

Debbie Ratcliffe, interim director, State Board of Education Support, informed the committee that a Long-Range Plan for Public Education survey, available in English and Spanish, is now open for public response. To date, six community meetings have been held to gather public input for the plan and four additional meetings are scheduled in February. The Long-Range Plan Steering Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 21.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 10:47 a.m.