

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
April 18, 2013**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2013, 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; Barbara Cargill; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Mavis B. Knight

Non-Committee Members Present: Lawrence Allen; David Bradley; Martha Dominguez; Pat Hardy; Sue Melton; Ken Mercer; Marisa Perez

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://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2147497741> or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

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

CONSENT ITEM

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

(Board agenda page IV-1)
[Consent agenda item #(8)]

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education (SBOE) approve the appointment of Mr. Kenneth L. Teel to serve a two-year term of office, from April 19, 2013, through April 18, 2015, on the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion on Information Regarding Charter Authorization

(Board agenda page IV-7)

William Haft, vice president for Authorizer Development with the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) provided information to the committee regarding charter school authorizing policies practices and policies.

3. Update on the Generation 17 Open-Enrollment Charter Application Cycle
(Board agenda page IV-9)

Heather Mauzé, director of the Division of Charter School Administration, provided information to the committee regarding the status of the Generation 17 charters authorized by the SBOE at its November 2012 meeting.

4. Update on the Generation 18 Open-Enrollment Charter Application Cycle
(Board agenda page IV-11)

Heather Mauzé provided information to the committee regarding the status of the Generation 18 charter application.

5. Review of Texas Open-Enrollment Charter Schools
(Board agenda page IV-13)

Heather Mauzé provided background information to the committee regarding open-enrollment charter schools in Texas.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 12:04 p.m.