

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
June 13, 2019**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2019, in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Barbara Cargill, chair; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz, vice chair; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Keven Ellis; Matt Robinson

Non-Committee Members Present: Aicha Davis; Pam Little, Sue Melton-Malone; Georgina Pérez; Marty Rowley

Public Testimony

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda item #7. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

The Committee on School Initiatives considered items in the following order: Item number 6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

(Board agenda page IV-1)
[Consent agenda item #(11)]

Jeff Cottrill, deputy commissioner, governance and accountability, explained that there is one vacancy on the board of trustees of the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District due to an expiration of a term of office. He explained that Colonel, United States Air Force, Samuel E. Fiol provided three nominees for the vacancy and has recommended the appointment of Ms. Lisa M. Brown to fill the expiring term. She would be a new member on that board.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Perez-Diaz, seconded by Dr. Ellis, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Lisa M. Brown to serve a term of office from June 13, 2019 through June 13, 2021, on the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

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

(Board agenda page IV-18)
[Consent agenda item #(12)]

Dr. Cottrill explained that Colonel, United States Air Force, Scott J. Thompson, Commander of the 502d Installation Support Group, notified the commissioner of four vacancies on the Lackland Independent School District board of trustees resulting from the expiration of terms of office.

Col. Thompson provided three nominees for each vacancy and has recommended the re-appointment of Mr. Clifford Dietert and Dr. Laura Munro and the appointment of MSgt. Brian Case and Ms. Jere Pace.

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 the re-appointment of Mr. Clifford Dietert and Dr. Laura Munro and the appointment of MSgt. Brian Case and Ms. Jere Pace to serve a term of office from June 13, 2019 through June 13, 2021, on the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

3. Recommendation for Appointment to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees

(Board agenda page IV-35)
[Consent agenda item #(13)]

Dr. Cottrill explained that there is one appointment needed for the board of trustees of the Randolph Field Independent School District resulting from the expiration of the term of office for one board member. Colonel, United States Air Force, Jeffrey F. Carter, Commander of the 502d Security Forces Group, provided three nominees for the vacancy and has recommended the reappointment of Mr. Patrick Luna to fill the expiring term.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Ellis, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the reappointment of Mr. Patrick Luna to serve a term of office from June 13, 2019 through June 13, 2021, on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

ACTION ITEMS

4. Review of Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter F, Supplemental Certificate Standards

(Board agenda page IV-51)
[Official agenda item #17]

Grace Wu, director, educator standards, testing, and preparation, explained that the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 235 would specify the certification standards for the English as a Second Language (ESL) Supplemental Certificate.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Ellis and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter F, Supplemental Certificate Standards.*

5. Review of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal, Subchapter B, Principal Certificate, §241.41, General Provisions

(Board agenda page IV-59)
[Official agenda item #18]

Tam Jones, director, educator preparation, explained that the proposed amendment to 19 TAC §241.41 would provide a deadline for candidates to qualify and apply for the current principal certification and to take the corresponding certification examination, after which time the Principal as Instructional Leader certificate will become the only principal certification available to candidates.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved 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 241, Certification as Principal, Subchapter B, Principal Certificate, §241.41, General Provisions.*

6. Proposed Amendment 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, §157.41, Certification Criteria for Independent Hearing Examiners

(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

(Board agenda page IV-64)

[Official agenda item #19]

Christopher Maska, director, hearing and appeals, explained that a clean-up amendment to Subchapter D was suggested to make the rule match the statute.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Perez-Diaz, seconded by Dr. Robinson, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, §157.41, Certification Criteria for Independent Hearing Examiners.*

(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)

7. Consideration of the Commissioner of Education’s Generation 24 Open-Enrollment Charter School Proposals

(Board agenda page IV-70)

[Official agenda item #20]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Mark Hall
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Peyton Walcott
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: MerryLynn Gerstenschlager
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Mary Olison
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Darryl Henson
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Nicole Conley
AFFILIATION: Austin ISD

NAME: Alice Linahan
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Amy Gallardo-Garcia
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Peter Price
AFFILIATION: Austin ISD

NAME: Marvelia De La Rosa
AFFILIATION: Burnet Middle School

NAME: Veronica Sharp
AFFILIATION: Brown Elementary

NAME: Ty Davidson
AFFILIATION: Dobie Middle School

NAME: Summer Beech
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Ranya Warrick
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Charles Woods
AFFILIATION: Alief ISD

NAME: Patty Quinzi
AFFILIATION: Texas American Federation of Teachers

NAME: Milton Fields
AFFILIATION: Judson ISD

NAME: Suzanne Kenoyer
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Mary Dubart-Toppen
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Ceci Davis
AFFILIATION: Judson ISD

NAME: William Atkins
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Linda Cruz
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Rebecca Robinson
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Nellie Cantu
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Marco Garcia
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Veronica Sopher
AFFILIATION: Fort Bend ISD

NAME: Steven Bassett
AFFILIATION: Fort Bend ISD

NAME: Gregory Harrington
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Jimmy Vinnerlid
AFFILIATION: Individual

NAME: Darlene Mass
AFFILIATION: Individual

Heather Mauzé, director, charter school administration, presented the commissioner’s list of proposed Generation 24, Subchapter D Open-Enrollment Charter Schools scheduled to open in school year 2020-2021 and answered questions.

Dr. Robinson requested that each charter application on the commissioner’s proposed list be considered separately by the committee.

MOTION: *It was moved by Dr. Ellis and seconded by Mrs. Cargill to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Elevate Collegiate Charter School (Houston) scheduled to open in the 2020-2021 school year.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez and seconded by Dr. Robinson to amend the motion by striking “take no action on” and inserting “veto.” The motion carried with 3 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye: Mr. Cortez
Ms. Perez-Diaz
Dr. Robinson

No: Mrs. Cargill
Dr. Ellis

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the motion to recommend that the State Board of Education veto Elevate Collegiate Charter School (Houston) scheduled to open in the 2020-2021 school year. The motion carried with 3 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye: Mr. Cortez
Ms. Perez-Diaz
Dr. Robinson

No: Mrs. Cargill
Dr. Ellis

MOTION: *It was moved by Dr. Ellis and seconded by Mrs. Cargill to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Houston Classical Charter School (Houston) scheduled to open in the 2020-2021 school year.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried to amend the motion by striking “take no action on” and inserting “veto.” The motion carried with 3 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye: Mr. Cortez
Ms. Perez-Diaz
Dr. Robinson

No: Mrs. Cargill
Dr. Ellis

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the motion to recommend that the State Board of Education veto Houston Classical Charter School (Houston) scheduled to open in the 2020-2021 school year. The motion carried with 3 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye: Mr. Cortez
Ms. Perez-Diaz
Dr. Robinson

No: Mrs. Cargill
Dr. Ellis

MOTION: *It was moved by Dr. Ellis and seconded by Mrs. Cargill to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Royal Public Schools (Austin, Houston) scheduled to open in the 2020-2021 school year.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Perez-Diaz, and carried to amend the motion by striking “take no action on” and inserting “veto.” The motion carried with 3 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye: Mr. Cortez
Ms. Perez-Diaz
Dr. Robinson

No: Mrs. Cargill
Dr. Ellis

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the motion to recommend that the State Board of Education veto Royal Public Schools (Austin, Houston) scheduled to open in the 2020-2021 school year. The motion carried. The motion carried with 3 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye: Mr. Cortez
Ms. Perez-Diaz
Dr. Robinson

No: Mrs. Cargill
Dr. Ellis

MOTION: *It was moved by Dr. Ellis and seconded by Mrs. Cargill to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on San Antonio Preparatory Charter School (San Antonio) scheduled to open in the 2020-2021 school year.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried to amend the motion by striking “take no action on” and inserting “veto.” The motion carried with 3 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye: Mr. Cortez
Ms. Perez-Diaz
Dr. Robinson

No: Mrs. Cargill
Dr. Ellis

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the motion to recommend that the State Board of Education veto San Antonio Preparatory Charter School (San Antonio) scheduled to open in the 2020-2021 school year. The motion carried. The motion carried with 3 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye: Mr. Cortez
Ms. Perez-Diaz
Dr. Robinson

No: Mrs. Cargill
Dr. Ellis

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Ellis, seconded by Dr. Robinson, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on The Gathering Place (San Antonio) scheduled to open in the 2020-2021 school year. The motion carried with 4 members voting Aye and 1 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye: Mrs. Cargill
Dr. Ellis
Ms. Perez-Diaz
Dr. Robinson

No: Mr. Cortez

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 1:16 p.m.