

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee of the Full Board
Wednesday June 21, 2023**

The State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board met at 9:02 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 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; Rebecca Bell-Metereau; Evelyn Brooks; Staci Childs; Aicha Davis; L.J. Francis; Patricia Hardy; Will Hickman; Aaron Kinsey; Pam Little; Tom Maynard; Melissa Ortega; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz; Julie Pickren; Audrey Young

Public Testimony

The Committee of the Full Board heard public testimony on agenda items #1, #2, and #3. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Commissioner's Comments
(Board agenda page I-39)

Commissioner Mike Morath reviewed the history of charter schools in Texas and provided a summary of the latest charter school data. He explained current requirements and the application process for new charter schools. Commissioner Morath also provided a summary of each of the Generation 28 charter applicants to be considered by the State Board of Education as part of a separate item in this agenda.

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Alexis Moore
AFFILIATION: Uplift Education

ACTION ITEMS

2. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 100, Charters, Subchapter A, Open-Enrollment Charter Schools, §100.1, Selection Process (First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Board agenda page I-40)
[Official agenda item #6]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Christine Gendron
AFFILIATION: Texas Public Charter Schools Association

NAME: Kelsey Kling
AFFILIATION: Texas American Federation of Teachers (AFT)

Marian Schutte, executive director, authorizing division, presented information on the open-enrollment charter school selection process.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mr. Francis, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 100, Charters, Subchapter A, Open-Enrollment Charter Schools, §100.1, Selection Process.*

(Ms. Davis was absent for the vote.)

3. Consideration of the Commissioner of Education's Generation 28 Open-Enrollment Charter School Proposals

(Board agenda page I-44)
[Official agenda item #7]

Ms. Schutte presented information on the Generation 28 Open-Enrollment Charter School proposals.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Hickman and seconded that the State Board of Education suspend board operating rule §2.6(g) to instead permit each board member 10 minutes of questions and discussion with each charter applicant. The motion failed.*

Invited testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Flor Gutierrez
AFFILIATION: Celebrate Dyslexia School (San Antonio)

NAME: Jasmin Dean
AFFILIATION: Celebrate Dyslexia (San Antonio)

NAME: Stuart Saunders
AFFILIATION: Heritage Classical Academy (Houston)

NAME: Melissa Martin
AFFILIATION: Heritage Classical Academy (Houston)

NAME: Revati Puranik
AFFILIATION: NextGen Innovation Academy (Houston)

NAME: Jyoti Kahlon
AFFILIATION: NextGen Innovation Academy (Houston)

NAME: Allen Anderson
AFFILIATION: The Village Speech and Debate Academy (Fort Worth)

NAME: Chaneka Rich
AFFILIATION: The Village Speech and Debate Academy (Fort Worth)

NAME: Kyra Hardwick
AFFILIATION: Up Excellence Academy (Houston)

NAME: Tamika Griffin
AFFILIATION: Up Excellence Academy (Houston)

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Christine Gendron
AFFILIATION: Texas Public Charter Schools Association

NAME: Matthew McCormick
AFFILIATION: Texas Public Policy Foundation

NAME: Karen Kohler
AFFILIATION: Celebrate Dyslexia

NAME: Heather King
AFFILIATION: The Village Charter School

NAME: Erika Aranguiz
AFFILIATION: Celebrate Dyslexia

NAME: Galiea Garza
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Jezzette Rivera-Solis
AFFILIATION: Celebrate Dyslexia

NAME: Claudia Garcia
AFFILIATION: University of Texas – San Antonio

NAME: Marty Wender
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Jessie Hinojosa
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Teresa Maldonado
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Anna Draker
AFFILIATION: Education Compliance Solutions, LLC

NAME: Reece Collins
AFFILIATION: NextGen Innovation Academy

NAME: Jonah Dean
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Brandy Jackson
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Anson Jackson
AFFILIATION: The Village Speech and Debate Academy

NAME: Eraka Childs
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Mary Grace Landrum
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Carl Matthews
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Leslie Ausucua
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Valentina Ausucua
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Kathryn Henderson
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Tracy Weeden
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Bridget Laroche
AFFILIATION: MyDiag

NAME: Adrian Ausucua
AFFILIATION: NextGen Innovation Academy

NAME: Christine Criscuolo-Higgins
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Laura Waldrum
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Nancy Moreno
AFFILIATION: NextGen Innovation Academy

NAME: Deidra Parker
AFFILIATION: The Village Speech and Debate Academy

NAME: David Saenz
AFFILIATION: Fort Worth Independent School District

NAME: Danny Fracassi
AFFILIATION: Leadership Academy Network

NAME: Kayleonna Hill
AFFILIATION: The Village Speech and Debate Academy

NAME: Krystle Armstrong
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: William Glaw
AFFILIATION: GLO CPAs

NAME: Linda Glaw
AFFILIATION: GLO CPAs

NAME: Laura Fineberg
AFFILIATION: Heritage Classical School

NAME: Richard Johnson
AFFILIATION: Texas Public Policy Foundation

NAME: Joshua Dean
AFFILIATION: Self

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Hardy to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Celebrate Dyslexia School (San Antonio). The motion carried with 13 members voting Aye and 0 members voting No as follows:*

Aye: *Dr. Bell-Metereau Mr. Kinsey*
 Ms. Brooks Mrs. Little
 Ms. Childs Mr. Maynard
 Ms. Davis Dr. Ortega
 Mr. Francis Ms. Pickren
 Ms. Hardy Dr. Young
 Mr. Hickman

(Mrs. Perez-Diaz was absent for the vote.)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Mrs. Hardy to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Heritage Classical Academy (Houston). The motion carried with 8 members voting Aye and 5 members voting No as follows:*

Aye: *Mr. Francis Mrs. Little*
 Ms. Hardy Mr. Maynard
 Mr. Hickman Ms. Pickren
 Mr. Kinsey Dr. Young

No: *Dr. Bell-Metereau Ms. Davis*
 Ms. Brooks Dr. Ortega
 Ms. Childs

(Mrs. Perez-Diaz was absent for the vote.)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Ms. Hardy to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on NextGen Innovation Academy (Houston). The motion failed with 4 members voting Aye and 9 members voting No as follows:*

Aye: *Ms. Childs* *Mr. Kinsey*
 Mr. Hickman *Dr. Ortega*

No: *Dr. Bell-Metereau* *Mrs. Little*
 Ms. Brooks *Mr. Maynard*
 Ms. Davis *Ms. Pickren*
 Mr. Francis *Dr. Young*
 Ms. Hardy

(Mrs. Perez-Diaz was absent for the vote.)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Mr. Francis to recommend that the State Board of Education veto NextGen Innovation Academy (Houston). The motion carried with 9 members voting Aye and 4 members voting No as follows:*

Aye: *Dr. Bell-Metereau* *Mrs. Little*
 Ms. Brooks *Mr. Maynard*
 Ms. Davis *Ms. Pickren*
 Mr. Francis *Dr. Young*
 Ms. Hardy

No: *Ms. Childs* *Mr. Kinsey*
 Mr. Hickman *Dr. Ortega*

(Mrs. Perez-Diaz was absent for the vote.)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Ms. Childs to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on The Village Speech and Debate Academy (Fort Worth). The motion failed with 2 members voting Aye and 11 members voting No as follows:*

Aye: *Ms. Childs* *Dr. Ortega*

No: *Dr. Bell-Metereau* *Mr. Kinsey*
 Ms. Brooks *Mrs. Little*
 Ms. Davis *Mr. Maynard*
 Mr. Francis *Ms. Pickren*
 Ms. Hardy *Dr. Young*
 Mr. Hickman

(Mrs. Perez-Diaz was absent for the vote.)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Mr. Francis to recommend that the State Board of Education veto The Village Speech and Debate Academy (Fort Worth). The motion carried with 11 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No as follows:*

<u>Aye:</u>	<i>Dr. Bell-Metereau</i>	<i>Mr. Kinsey</i>
	<i>Ms. Brooks</i>	<i>Mrs. Little</i>
	<i>Ms. Davis</i>	<i>Mr. Maynard</i>
	<i>Mr. Francis</i>	<i>Ms. Pickren</i>
	<i>Ms. Hardy</i>	<i>Dr. Young</i>
	<i>Mr. Hickman</i>	

<u>No:</u>	<i>Ms. Childs</i>	<i>Dr. Ortega</i>
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(Mrs. Perez-Diaz was absent for the vote.)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Ms. Childs to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on Up Excellence Academy (Houston). The motion failed with 4 members voting Aye and 9 members voting No as follows:*

<u>Aye:</u>	<i>Ms. Childs</i>	<i>Mr. Maynard</i>
	<i>Mr. Hickman</i>	<i>Dr. Ortega</i>

<u>No:</u>	<i>Dr. Bell-Metereau</i>	<i>Mr. Kinsey</i>
	<i>Ms. Brooks</i>	<i>Mrs. Little</i>
	<i>Ms. Davis</i>	<i>Ms. Pickren</i>
	<i>Mr. Francis</i>	<i>Dr. Young</i>
	<i>Ms. Hardy</i>	

(Mrs. Perez-Diaz was absent for the vote.)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Ms. Hardy to recommend that the State Board of Education veto Up Excellence Academy (Houston). The motion carried with 9 members voting Aye and 4 members voting No as follows:*

<u>Aye:</u>	<i>Dr. Bell-Metereau</i>	<i>Mr. Kinsey</i>
	<i>Ms. Brooks</i>	<i>Mrs. Little</i>
	<i>Ms. Davis</i>	<i>Ms. Pickren</i>
	<i>Mr. Francis</i>	<i>Dr. Young</i>
	<i>Ms. Hardy</i>	

<u>No:</u>	<i>Ms. Childs</i>	<i>Mr. Maynard</i>
	<i>Mr. Hickman</i>	<i>Dr. Ortega</i>

(Mrs. Perez-Diaz was absent for the vote.)

Dr. Ellis adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.