

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
Thursday, June 22, 2023**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:03 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2023, in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Will Hickman, chair; Rebecca Bell-Metereau; Staci Childs; L.J. Francis;

Absent: Julie Pickren

Public Testimony

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda item #1. Information regarding the individual who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

ACTION ITEM

1. Recommendation for One Reappointment to the Boys Ranch Independent School District

Board of Trustees

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[Consent agenda item #(4)]

Christopher Lucas, director, policy, planning, and operations, explained that the term of one member of the board of trustees of Boys Ranch Independent School District (ISD) is expiring. Mr. Richard Nedelkoff, president and chief executive officer of Boys Ranch ISD, has recommended that Ms. Jacque Branch be reappointed for a two-year term.

Invited testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Jacque Branch

AFFILIATION: Boys Ranch ISD Board of Trustees

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Bell-Metereau, seconded by Ms. Childs, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education, based on Mr. Richard Nedelkoff's recommendation, approve the appointment of Ms. Jacque Branch to serve a two-year term of office, from June 23, 2023, to June 22, 2025, on the Boys Ranch ISD Board of Trustees.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2. Discussion of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, §157.41, Certification Criteria for Independent Hearing Examiners**
(Board agenda page IV-6)

Christopher Maska, director, hearings and appeals, presented possible changes to the criteria for independent hearing examiners. The committee requested that proposed amendments be presented for consideration for first reading at the September SBOE meeting.

- 3. Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 29 Application Updates**
(Board agenda page IV-10)

Marian Schutte, executive director, authorizing division, presented information on the Generation 29 open-enrollment charter application process including goals, timeline, summary, and submission information.

- 4. Discussion of Ongoing State Board for Educator Certification Activities**
(Board agenda page IV-11)

Emily Garcia, associate commissioner, educator preparation, certification, and enforcement, shared updates on current and upcoming State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) activities and proposed SBEC rules and amendments.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 10:07 a.m.