

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee on School Initiatives  
Thursday, June 16, 2022**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2022, in Room #1-111, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Matt Robinson, chair; Aicha Davis, vice chair; Ruben Cortez, Jr; Will Hickman; Jay Johnson

Non-Committee Members Present: Rebecca Bell-Metereau

**Public Testimony**

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda item #2. 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 3, 2, 1, 5, 4.

**ACTION ITEM**

1. **Adoption of Rule Review of 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, and Subchapter B, Special Purpose School Districts**  
(Board agenda page IV-1)  
[Official agenda item #12]

Christopher Lucas, director, policy, planning, and operations, explained that Texas Government Code, §2001.039, requires that state agency rules, including State Board of Education rules, be reviewed every four years. He added that the rule review requirement in state law is designed to ensure that the reason for initially adopting or readopting a rule continues to exist. Mr. Lucas informed the committee that the agency did not receive any comments during the public comment period.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Robinson, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education adopt the review of 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, and Subchapter B, Special Purpose School Districts, and to place the item on the State Board of Education's consent agenda.*

*(Ms. Davis was absent for the vote.)*

## DISCUSSION ITEM

### **2. Open-Enrollment Charter School Generation 28 Application Updates** (Board agenda page IV-14)

Marian Schutte, director, charter school authorizing division, presented information on the Generation 28 Open-Enrollment Charter Application cycle, content, improvements, and timeline.

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Kara Belew  
AFFILIATION: Texas Public Charter School Association

NAME: Carrie Griffith  
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Ellen Williams  
AFFILIATION: Texas Association of School Administrators

## ACTION ITEMS

### **3. Review of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators, §230.21, Educator Assessment** (Board agenda page IV-15) [Official agenda item #13]

Jessica McLoughlin, director, educator standards, testing, and preparation, explained that the proposed amendment would specify the timeline by which a passing score on a certification exam can be used for certification purposes; would update the figure specifying the required pedagogy certification exams for issuance of the probationary or standard certificate; and would remove certificate categories that are no longer operational.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education reject the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators, §230.21, Educator Assessment.*

### **4. Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter B, Prekindergarten–Grade 6 Assignments; Subchapter C, Grades 6–8 Assignments; and Subchapter E, Grades 9–12 Assignments** (Board agenda page IV-44) [Official agenda item #14]

Marilyn Cook, director, educator certification, explained that the proposed revisions would incorporate courses approved by the State Board of Education (SBOE), would add certificate areas to the list of credentials appropriate for placement into an assignment, and would incorporate technical edits where needed to improve readability and align citations.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Robinson, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter B, Prekindergarten–Grade 6 Assignments; Subchapter C, Grades 6–8 Assignments; and Subchapter E, Grades 9–12 Assignments.*

*(Ms. Davis was absent for the vote.)*

**5. Review of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 250, Administration, Subchapter B, Rulemaking Procedures, §250.20, Petition for Adoption of Rules or Rule Changes**

(Board agenda page IV-107)

[Official agenda item #15]

Christie Pogue, director of State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) policy development and support, explained that the proposed amendment would update the SBEC’s petition procedures to allow for increased ease in submitting a petition for rulemaking for the SBEC’s consideration.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Robinson, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 250, Administration, Subchapter B, Rulemaking Procedures, §250.20, Petition for Adoption of Rules or Rule Changes.*

*(Ms. Davis was absent for the vote.)*

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 11:11 a.m.