

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
Thursday, June 24, 2021**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2021, 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

Public Testimony

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

ACTION ITEMS

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

(Board agenda page IV-1)

Christopher Lucas, director, policy, planning, and operations, explained that one term on the board of trustees for Boys Ranch Independent School District (ISD) is expiring. The president and CEO, Mr. Dan Adams, has recommended that Ms. Jacque Brach be reappointed to a two-year term.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Johnson, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the reappointment of Ms. Jacque Branch to serve a two-year term of office from June 25, 2021, to June 25, 2023, on the Boys Ranch ISD Board of Trustees.*

2. Recommendation for Reappointment to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees

(Board agenda page IV-7)

Mr. Lucas explained that one term on the board of trustees for Fort Sam Houston ISD is expiring. Col. Shane R. Cuéllar, commander of the 502d Force Support Group, United States Army, has recommended that Ms. Lisa M. Brown be reappointed to a two-year term.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Dr. Johnson, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the reappointment of Ms. Lisa M. Brown to serve a term of office from June 25, 2021, through June 25, 2023, on the Fort Sam Houston ISD Board of Trustees.*

3. Recommendation for Appointments to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page IV-14)

Mr. Lucas explained that two terms on the board of trustees for Lackland ISD are expiring and one trustee has retired. Col. Steven A. Strain, commander of the 502d Installation Support Group, United States Air Force, has recommended that Mr. John Sheehan and Mr. John K. Jackson be appointed to two-year terms and that Mrs. Jere M. Pace be reappointed to a two-year term.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Davis, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the appointments of Mr. John Sheehan and Mr. John K. Jackson and the reappointment of Mrs. Jere M. Pace, to serve terms of office from June 25, 2021, through June 25, 2023, on the Lackland ISD Board of Trustees.*

4. Approval of 2021–2025 Rule Review Plan for State Board of Education Rules
(Board agenda page IV-34)

Cristina De La Fuente-Valadez, director of rulemaking, informed the committee that Texas Government Code, §2001.039, requires that state agency rules, including State Board of Education rules, be reviewed every four years. She 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. Ms. De La Fuente-Valadez noted that the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills are exempt by state law from the rule review requirement and, therefore, are not included in the proposed plan. In response to questions, Ms. De La Fuente-Valadez pointed out that the standard rulemaking process used to adopt rules is a separate and distinct process from the rule review process.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hickman, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the proposed 2021-2025 Rule Review Plan for State Board of Education Rules.*

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 9:22 a.m.