Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
July 21, 2011

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 8:33 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2011, in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. All members of the committee were present, as follows:

Presiding: Ken Mercer, chair; Charlie Garza, vice chair; Mavis B. Knight; Gail Lowe; Michael Soto

Non-Committee Members Present: Lawrence Allen, George Clayton, Marsha Farney

Public Testimony

This item provides an opportunity for the public to present testimony at the time the related item comes up for committee discussion or action. The procedures for registering and taking public testimony at State Board of Education committee meetings and general board meetings are provided at **http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3958** or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda item # 4. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. **Recommendation for Appointment to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees**
   (Board agenda page IV-1)
   [Consent agenda item #(5)]

   MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mrs. Knight, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Jimmy D. Cornelius to serve a two-year term of office, from July 22, 2011 through July 21, 2013, on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees. Mr. Garza was absent for the vote.*

2. **Recommendation for Appointments to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees**
   (Board agenda page IV-15)
   [Consent agenda item #(6)]

   MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Soto and seconded by Mrs. Knight to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the reappointments of Ms. Deborah Seabron and Mr. Keith Tony and the appointment of Colonel Randall Anderson to each serve a two-year term of office, from July 22, 2011 through July 21, 2013, on the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees. The motion carried 4-0. (Dr. Soto abstained from the vote.)*

3. **Recommendation for Appointments to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees**
(Board agenda page IV-59)
[Consent agenda item #(7)]

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the reappointments of Mr. George Owen and Mrs. Suzanne Wright to each serve a two-year term of office, from July 22, 2011 through July 21, 2013, on the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

ACTION ITEMS

4. **Proposed Guidelines and Application for Open-Enrollment Charters**
(Board agenda page IV-69)
[Official agenda item #12]

Public testimony was provided by the following:

Name: Deborah Parrish
Affiliation: None

Name: Dr. Don Howard
Affiliation: None

Mary Perry, Director of the Division of Charter School Administration, discussed the changes made to the open-enrollment request for application approved in July 2010 to create the Seventeenth Generation Open-Enrollment Charter Guidelines and Application.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Garza, seconded by Mrs. Knight, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the Seventeenth Generation Open-Enrollment Charter Guidelines and Application.*

5. **Adoption of Governance Reporting Form for Open-Enrollment Charter Schools**
(Board agenda page IV-71)
[Official agenda item #13]

Ms. Perry discussed the changes made to the governance reporting form approved in July 2010 to create the 2011-2012 Annual Governance Reporting Form for Open-Enrollment Charter Schools.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Garza, seconded by Dr. Soto, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education adopt the 2011-2012 Governance Reporting Form for Open-Enrollment Charter Schools.*

6. **Proposed Guidelines and Application for Public College or University Charters**
(Board agenda page IV-73)
[Official agenda item #14]

Ms. Perry stated that the changes made to the proposed College or University Charter Guidelines and Application mirror the changes made to the Seventeenth Generation Open-Enrollment Charter Guidelines and Application, as applicable. She discussed the changes that were specific to the College or University Charter Guidelines and Application.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Garza, seconded by Dr. Soto, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the College or University Charter Guidelines and Application.*

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 9:56 a.m.