Report of the State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives April 18, 2012

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 10:02 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 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

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 #3. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Recommendation for Appointment to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees

(Board agenda page IV-1)

[Consent agenda item #(8)]

<u>MOTION AND VOTE</u>: It was moved by Dr. Soto, seconded by Mr. Garza, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the SBOE approve the appointment of Mr. Clifford Dietert to serve a two-year term of office, from April 20, 2012 through April 19, 2014, on the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees.

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

(Board agenda page IV-21)

[Consent agenda item #(9)]

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Dr. Soto, seconded by Mr. Garza, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the SBOE approve the reappointment of Ms. Anita Jeanne Warren and the appointment of Dr. Eustace Lewis to each serve a two-year term of office, from April 20, 2012 through April 19, 2014, on the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Review of Open-Enrollment Charter School Applications Removed from Consideration for Incompleteness

(Board agenda page IV-61)

Public testimony was provided by the following:

Name: Margaret G. Lara

Affiliation: Cedar Ridge Preschool (Agape)

Name: Angela Gittens

Affiliation: KAT Small Planet Montessori Preschool, Inc.

Name: Jerel Booker Affiliation: 5 Thoughts, Inc.

Name: Melissa Brock

Affiliation: El Paso Country Day School

Name: Edward Conger

Affiliation: International Leadership of Texas

Name: Frank Corte, Jr.

Affiliation: International Leadership of Texas

Name: David Williams

Affiliation: Village Tech Schools

Name: Cynthia Nunn

Affiliation: Dreamland Academy

Name: Connie Ballard

Affiliation: Academy for Technological Advancement

Name: Joseph Hoffer

Affiliation: Arise Public Schools

Name: Walt Landers

Affiliation: Arise Public Schools

Name: Latisha Andrews

Affiliation: Wide Awake Ministries (Beta)

Name: Karen Balli

Affiliation: Gardens of Learning

Name: Azucena Muñoz Affiliation: Gardens of Learning Name: Ronald Ravenell

Affiliation: Roundball Education, Inc.

Name: Maria Poden

Affiliation: Quad-Cities Career and Technology Academy

Name: O.D. Vega

Affiliation: Quad-Cities Career and Technology Academy

Name: Joseph Hoffer

Affiliation: Athlos Education Foundation

Name: Jacqueline Lovelace

Affiliation: Athlos Education Foundation

Name: George Vaults

Affiliation: Barack Obama Math & Science Learning Academy

Name: William Fisher
Affiliation: BTX Schools, Inc.

Name: Nick Fleege

Affiliation: BTX Schools, Inc.

Name: Joseph Hoffer Affiliation: BTX Schools, Inc.

Name: Peter Bezanson

Affiliation: Great Hearts Academy

Name: Joseph Hoffer

Affiliation: Great Hearts Academy

Name: Maureen Singleton

Affiliation: Texas High School for Career and Post-Secondary Success

Name: Joseph Hoffer Affiliation: Polaris/K16Ready

<u>MOTION AND VOTE</u>: It was moved by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, and approved by unanimous consent to direct staff to send the application for ACE (A Choice for Excellence) Charter School forward for external review and evaluation.

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mrs. Knight, and approved by unanimous consent to direct staff to send the application for Agape Metroplex Academy forward for external review and evaluation.

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, and approved by unanimous consent to direct staff to send the application for Expo Charter Academy forward for external review and evaluation.

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Mr. Garza, and carried by a 4-0 vote to direct staff to send the application for Roots and Wings Montessori Preparatory Academy forward for external review and evaluation. (Dr. Soto abstained.)

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Mr. Garza, seconded by Mrs. Knight, and carried by a 3-1 vote to direct staff to send the application for Center for Teaching and Learning forward for external review and evaluation. Mrs. Lowe opposed. (Mr. Mercer abstained.)

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Dr. Soto, and approved by unanimous consent to direct staff to send the application for Central Technology Preparatory forward for external review and evaluation.

<u>MOTION AND VOTE</u>: It was moved by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Mr. Garza, and approved by unanimous consent to direct staff to send the application for El Paso Country Day Charter School forward for external review and evaluation.

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Mr. Garza, and approved by a 4-0 vote to direct staff to send the application for International Leadership of Texas forward for external review and evaluation. (Mr. Mercer abstained.)

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Mr. Garza, and approved by unanimous consent to direct staff to send the application for Village Tech Schools forward for external review and evaluation.

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Mr. Garza, and approved by unanimous consent to direct staff to send the application for Dreamland Academy forward for external review and evaluation.

<u>MOTION AND VOTE</u>: It was moved by Dr. Soto, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, and carried by a 4-0 vote to direct staff to send the application for Arise Public Schools forward for external review and evaluation. Mr. Garza was absent for the vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Dr. Soto, and carried by a 4-0 vote to direct staff to send the application for Beta Academy forward for external review and evaluation. Mr. Garza was absent for the vote.

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mrs. Knight, and carried by a 3-1 vote to direct staff to send the application for Bridge to Tomorrow forward for external review and evaluation. Dr. Soto opposed. (Mr. Garza abstained.)

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, and carried by a 3-2 vote to direct staff to send the application for iWin Preparatory forward for external review and evaluation. Mr. Garza and Dr. Soto opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Dr. Soto, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, and carried by a 5-0 vote to direct staff to send the application for Athlos Academy forward for external review and evaluation.

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Dr. Soto, seconded by Mrs. Knight, and carried by a 4-1 vote to direct staff to send the application for BASIS San Antonio forward for external review and evaluation. Mr. Garza opposed.

The committee recessed at 2:28 p.m. and reconvened at 5:25 p.m.

<u>MOTION AND VOTE</u>: It was moved by Dr. Soto, seconded by Mrs. Knight, and approved by unanimous consent to direct staff to send the application for Great Hearts Academy – San Antonio forward for external review and evaluation.

<u>MOTION AND VOTE</u>: It was moved by Dr. Soto, seconded by Mrs. Knight, and carried by a 4-1 vote to direct staff to send the application for POLARIS Public School forward for external review and evaluation. Mr. Garza opposed.

4. Action on Authorized Generation 16 Charter – The Pro-Vision Academy

(Board agenda page IV-63) [Official agenda item #10]

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Mr

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Mr. Garza, seconded by Dr. Soto, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the SBOE rescind its contingent authorization for a charter to be operated by Pro Vision Educational Services, Inc., and the placement of this item on the consent agenda for the State Board of Education meeting of April 20, 2012.

CONSENT ITEM

5. Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 100, <u>Charters</u>, Subchapter A, <u>Open-Enrollment Charter Schools</u>, and Subchapter B, <u>Home-Rule School District Charters</u>

(Adoption of Review)

(Board agenda page IV-65)

[Consent agenda item #(10)]

MOTION AND VOTE: It was recommended by unanimous consent that the SBOE adopt the review of Chapter 100, Charters, Subchapter A, Open-Enrollment Charter Schools, and Subchapter B, Home-Rule School District Charters.

DISCUSSION ITEM

6. Discussion of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 100, <u>Charters</u>, Subchapter A, <u>Open-Enrollment Charter Schools</u>

(Board agenda page IV-79)

Mary Perry, the director of the Division of Charter School Administration, briefed the board on the changes to 19 TAC Chapter 100, <u>Charters</u>, that are proposed for discussion and stated that the proposed amendments would come back to the SBOE for first reading and filing authorization at the meeting in July. She stated that additional changes could be proposed at that time.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 7:34 p.m.