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

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 10:08 a.m. on Wednesday, July 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

Non-Committee Members Present: Thomas Ratliff

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=2147497741** or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda items #5 and #7. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of those items.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, §228.2, Definitions, and §228.35, Preparation Program Coursework and/or Training**
   (Board agenda page IV-1)
   [Official agenda item #17]

   MOTION AND VOTE: *By unanimous consent, the Committee on School Initiatives recommended that the State Board of Education take no action on the Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, §228.2, Definitions, and §228.35, Preparation Program Coursework and/or Training.*

2. **Review of Proposed Repeal of and New 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification**
   (Board agenda page IV-11)
   [Official agenda item #18]

   MOTION AND VOTE: *By unanimous consent, the Committee on School Initiatives recommended that the State Board of Education take no action on the Review of Proposed Repeal of and New 19 Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification.*

3. **Review of Proposed Repeal of and New 19 TAC Chapter 232, General Certification Provisions**
(Board agenda page IV-81)
[Official agenda item #19]

MOTION AND VOTE: *By unanimous consent, the Committee on School Initiatives recommended that the State Board of Education take no action on the Review of Proposed Repeal of and New 19 TAC Chapter 232, General Certification Provisions.*

4. **Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates**
(Board agenda page IV-123)
[Official agenda item #20]

MOTION AND VOTE: *By unanimous consent, the Committee on School Initiatives recommended that the State Board of Education take no action on the Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates.*

5. **Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 100, Charters, Subchapter A, Open-Enrollment Charter Schools**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Board agenda page IV-145)
[Official agenda item #21]

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Chris Busse
AFFILIATION: Texas Charter School Association

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Soto, seconded by Mr. Garza, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 100, Charters, Subchapter A, Open-Enrollment Charter Schools, §100.1, Application and Selection Procedures and Criteria, §100.101, Annual Report on Open-Enrollment Charter Governance, and §100.105, Application to Public Senior College or University Charters and Public Junior College Charters.*

6. **Adoption of Governance Reporting Form for Open-Enrollment Charter Schools**
(Board agenda page IV-155)
[Official agenda item #22]

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Soto, seconded by Mr. Garza, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education adopt the 2012-2013 Annual Governance Reporting Form for Open-Enrollment Charter Schools.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

7. **Update on the Current Charter Application Cycle and the Upcoming Charter Requests for Applications**
(Board agenda page IV-161)

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Jerel Booker
AFFILIATION: 5 Thoughts, Inc.

NAME: Blanca Lesmes
AFFILIATION: Gift Economy In Action, Inc.

NAME: Lisa Furler
AFFILIATION: Gift Economy In Action, Inc.

NAME: Dr. Sofia Valdez
AFFILIATION: Gardens of Learning, RGV

Mary Perry, with the Texas Education Agency Division of Charter School Administration, informed the committee that 14 of the 25 Generation 17 applications sent for external review received the required average score to be interviewed by the committee. A discussion of possible interview dates followed, and the committee directed staff to check on room availability. Ms. Perry informed the committee that the Generation 18 guidelines and application would come to the committee and the SBOE as action items in November.

ACTION ITEM

8. **Proposed Amendments to School Board Member Training – Framework for School Board Development**
(Board agenda page IV-157)
[Official agenda item #23]

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Soto and seconded by Mrs. Knight to amend the document School Board Member Training – Framework for School Board Development by inserting the phrase "uses the vision to assess the importance of individual issues that come before the board and" between the words "board" and "demonstrates" in the fifth bullet of Section I. Vision. The motion carried 3-1-1, with Mrs. Lowe opposing and Mr. Mercer abstaining.*

MOTION: *It was moved by Dr. Soto and seconded by Mr. Garza to amend the document School Board Member Training – Framework for School Board Development by replacing the phrase "not on the management of the district" after the word "evaluation" in the third bullet of Section II. Structure, with the phrase "and restricts its involvement in management to the corporate responsibility of oversight."*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Garza and seconded by Mr. Mercer to amend Dr. Soto's motion by striking the word "corporate" from the proposed language. The motion carried 3-2, with Mrs. Knight and Dr. Soto opposing.*

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the motion to amend the document School Board Member Training – Framework for School Board Development, third bullet of Section II. Structure, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.*

MOTION: *It was moved by Dr. Soto and seconded by Mrs. Knight to amend the document School Board Member Training – Framework for School Board Development by inserting the sentence "The board ensures that its members understand and respect the need to function as a corporate body in governing and overseeing the management of the district." as the first bullet of Section V. Unity.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Garza and seconded by Mrs. Knight to amend Dr. Soto's motion by striking the words "corporate body" from the proposed language in the first bullet of Section V. Unity, and inserting the word "team" in its place. The motion carried 4-0-1. Mr. Mercer abstained.*

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the motion to amend the document School Board Member Training – Framework for School Board Development, by inserting the sentence "The board ensures that its members understand and respect the need to function as a corporate body in governing and overseeing the management of the district." as the first bullet of Section V. Unity. The motion carried unanimously.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Dr. Soto, and carried by unanimous vote to amend the document School Board Member Training – Framework for School Board Development by inserting the word "parents" between the words "students" and "employees" in the second bullet of Section IV. Advocacy.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Dr. Soto, and carried by unanimous vote to amend the document School Board Member Training – Framework for School Board Development by inserting the word "parents" between the words "students" and "employees" in the sixth bullet of Section V. Unity.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Soto, seconded by Mr. Garza, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt as amended the document School Board Member Training – Framework for School Board Development.*

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 1:58 p.m.