Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
November 14, 2012

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 10:04 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 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 item # 6. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. **Recommendation for Appointments to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees**
   (Board agenda page IV-1)
   [Consent agenda item #(7)]

   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 (SBOE) approve the reappointment of Dr. Laura Munro and the appointments of Mr. Kevin Odom and SMSgt Joseph San Nicolas to each serve a two-year term of office, from November 16, 2012, through November 15, 2014, on the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

2. **Recommendation for Appointment to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees**
   (Board agenda page IV-39)
   [Consent agenda item #(8)]

   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 Mrs. Glenda Solomon to serve a two-year term of office, from November 16, 2012, through November 15, 2014, on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

3. **Approval of 2013-2017 Rule Review Plan for State Board of Education Rules**
(Board agenda page IV-49)
[Consent agenda item #(9)]

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Dr. Soto, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the SBOE approve the 2013-2017 Rule Review Plan for State Board of Education Rules.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

4. **Review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions**
(Board agenda page IV-75)

Ms. Cristina De La Fuente-Valadez, director of rulemaking, presented this item. Ms. De La Fuente-Valadez informed the committee that the adoption of the review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Subchapter A, would be presented for action at the January 2013 meeting. Ms. De La Fuente-Valadez added that any public comments received on the review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Subchapter A, would also be presented in January. In response to an inquiry from Mrs. Knight, Ms. De La Fuente-Valadez provided a brief overview of the State Board of Education rule petition process.

ACTION ITEMS

5. **Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 100, Charters, Subchapter A, Open-Enrollment Charter Schools**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page IV-59)
[Official agenda item #10]

MOTION: *It was moved by Mr. Garza and seconded by Dr. Soto to recommend that the SBOE approve for second reading and final adoption 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, Applications to Public Senior College or University Charters and Public Junior College Charters.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Soto, seconded by Mr. Mercer, and carried by unanimous vote to add language in §100.1, Application and Selection Procedures and Criteria, referenced as §100.1(b), in the attached document.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Soto, seconded by Mrs. Knight, and carried by unanimous vote to add language in §100.1, Application and Selection Procedures and Criteria, referenced as §100.1(g), in the attached document.*

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the motion to recommend that the SBOE approve for second reading and final adoption 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, Applications to Public Senior College or University Charters and Public Junior College Charters, as amended. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.*

6. Proposed Selection of Open-Enrollment Charter Schools
(Board agenda page IV-69)
[Official agenda item #11]

Public testimony was offered by the following:

NAME: Michael Morell
AFFILIATION: Alamo Heights Independent School District

NAME: Laura Cobb
AFFILIATION: Bridge to Tomorrow

NAME: Eddie Conger
AFFILIATION: International Leadership of Texas

NAME: Nora E. Berry
AFFILIATION: POLARIS Public School

NAME: Maria Flores
AFFILIATION: POLARIS Public School

NAME: Ramiro Canales
AFFILIATION: Texas Association of School Administrators

NAME: Bill Baker
AFFILIATION: iWin Preparatory

NAME: Linden D. Byrd
AFFILIATION: iWin Preparatory

NAME: Ronnie Oldfield
AFFILIATION: iWin Preparatory

NAME: Peter Bezanson
AFFILIATION: Great Hearts Academy – San Antonio

NAME: Victoria Rico
AFFILIATION: George W. Brackenridge Foundation

NAME: Nick Fleege
AFFILIATION: BASIS San Antonio

NAME: Dr. Darryl L. Morris
AFFILIATION: Center for Teaching and Learning

NAME: Katie Stellar
AFFILIATION: High Point Academy

NAME: Shun Johnson
AFFILIATION: C.O.R.E. Academy

NAME: Patty Quinzi
AFFILIATION: Texas Federation of Teachers

NAME: Lance Gooden
AFFILIATION: State Representative, District 4

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Soto and seconded by Mr. Garza to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for BASIS San Antonio, to begin serving students in the 2013-2014 school year, provided contingencies are cleared. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Garza and seconded by Mrs. Knight to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for International Leadership of Texas, to begin serving students in the 2013-2014 school year, provided contingencies are cleared. The motion carried by a 3-2 vote. Dr. Soto and Mrs. Lowe opposed.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Garza and seconded by Dr. Soto to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for The Pro-Vision Academy, to begin serving students in the 2013-2014 school year, provided contingencies are cleared. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Knight and seconded by Mr. Garza to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for C.O.R.E. Academy, to begin serving students in the 2013-2014 school year, provided contingencies are cleared. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Lowe and seconded by Mrs. Knight to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for Village Tech Schools, to begin serving students in the 2013-2014 school year, provided contingencies are cleared. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Garza and seconded by Dr. Soto to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for Great Hearts Academy – San Antonio, to begin serving students in the 2013-2014 school year, provided contingencies are cleared. The motion carried by a 4-1 vote. Mrs. Knight opposed.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Soto and seconded by Mrs. Knight to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for the Center for Teaching and Learning, to begin serving students in the 2013-2014 school year, provided contingencies are cleared. The motion carried by a 3-2 vote. Mr. Garza and Mrs. Lowe opposed.*

MOTION: *It was moved by Mr. Garza to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for the High Point Academy. The motion failed for lack of a second.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Knight and seconded by Mrs. Lowe to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for Dallas Scholars Charter School, to begin serving students in the 2013-2014 school year, provided contingencies are cleared. The motion carried by a 4-1 vote. Mr. Garza opposed.*

MOTION: *It was moved by Mrs. Knight to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for Bridge to Tomorrow. The motion failed for lack of a second.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Knight and seconded by Mr. Garza to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for POLARIS Public School, to begin serving students in the 2013-2014 school year, provided contingencies are cleared. The motion carried by a 3-2 vote. Dr. Soto and Mrs. Lowe opposed.*

7. **Proposed Guidelines and Application for Open-Enrollment Charters**
(Board agenda page IV-71)
[Official agenda item #12]

Rick Salvo, a representative in the Charter School Administration Unit, discussed the changes made to the proposed Generation 18 charter application since the approval of the Generation 17 charter application.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Soto, seconded by Mrs. Knight, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the SBOE approve the Eighteenth Generation Open-Enrollment Charter Guidelines and Application, contingent upon the inclusion of changes offered by the committee.*

8. **Proposed Guidelines and Application for Public College or University Charters or Public Junior College Charters**
(Board agenda page IV-73)
[Official agenda item #13]

Mr. Salvo stated that the changes made to the proposed Public College or University Charter or Public Junior College Charter Guidelines and Application mirror the changes made to the Generation 18 charter request for application, as applicable.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Dr. Soto, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the SBOE approve the Public College or University Charter or Public Junior College Charter Guidelines and Application, contingent upon the inclusion of changes offered by the committee.*

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 2:57 p. m.