

AGENDA

Monday, October 8, 2012
Capitol Extension, E1.028
9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Committee Business

III. Opening Remarks

IV. Interim Charge #3: *Study the growing demand for virtual schools in Texas. Review the benefits of virtual schools, related successes in other states, and needed changes to remove barriers to virtual schools.*

Panel 1: Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN) Overview

- Monica Martinez, Managing Director, Office of Curriculum, Texas Education Agency
- Buddy Echols, Jr., Executive Director, Region 10 ESC
- Barbara Smith, TxVSN Project Director, Region 10 ESC

Panel 2: National Perspectives on Quality Virtual Learning

- Heather Staker, Senior Research Fellow, Innosight Institute
- Matthew Wilka, Research Consultant, FSG
- Dr. Luis Huerta, Associate Professor of Education & Public Policy, Department of Education Policy and Social Analysis, Teachers College - Columbia University
- Dr. Michael Barbour, Assistant Professor, Instructional Technology, College of Education, Wayne State University

Panel 3: Texas Virtual Learning: Demand; Benefits; and Barriers

- Jean Parmer, Assistant Director, eSchool, Plano ISD
- David Teal, Superintendent, Gruver ISD and Troy Seagler, Principal, Gruver High School
- Nancy Manley, School Compliance Officer, HISD External Charter Schools
- Mary Gifford, Regional Vice President for K12

Panel 4: Other Barriers to Maximizing Virtual Learning

- Don Shirley, Executive Director, Connected TX
- Dr. Joy Rousseau, Director of Technology, Arp ISD

V. Public Testimony

VI. Recess