



State Board of Education

THE STATE of TEXAS

Chairman Aaron Kinsey



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MIDLAND, TEXAS – Chairman of the State Board of Education, Aaron Kinsey, made this statement today advising the public that the Texas Permanent School Fund (PSF), through his leadership, terminated a major investment with BlackRock:

“The Texas Permanent School Fund (PSF) has a fiduciary duty to protect Texas schools by safeguarding and growing the approximately \$1 billion in annual oil and gas royalties managed by the Texas General Land Office.

Today, PSF leadership delivered an official notice to global asset manager BlackRock terminating its financial management of approximately \$8.5 billion in Texas’ assets. Terminating BlackRock’s contract ensures PSF’s full compliance with Texas law.

The PSF’s relationship with BlackRock was not in compliance with Texas Government Code Section 809, commonly referred to as Senate Bill 13, which prohibits state investment in companies like Blackrock that boycott energy companies.

BlackRock’s dominant and persistent leadership in the ESG movement immeasurably damages our state’s oil & gas economy and the very companies that generate revenues for our PSF. Texas and the PSF have worked hard to grow this fund to build Texas’ schools. BlackRock’s destructive approach toward the energy companies that this state and our world depend on is incompatible with our fiduciary duty to Texans.

Today represents a major step forward for the Texas PSF and our state as a whole. The PSF will not stand idle as our financial future is attacked by Wall Street. This bold action helps ensure our PSF remains in fact permanent and will continue to support bright futures and opportunities for generations of Texas students.”