

**Item 7:**  
**Request to Approve July 23, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**

**ACTION**

**ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the July 23, 2021 Board meeting minutes.

**STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION  
MEETING AGENDA  
JULY 23, 2021 AT 8:30 AM  
1701 N. CONGRESS AVE. ROOM 1-104**

The Board will meet in open session and after determining the presence of a quorum, deliberate and possibly take formal action, including emergency action, on any of the following agenda items:

**Moment of Silence**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**1. Call to Order**

The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) convened its meeting at 8:32 AM on Friday, July 23, 2021.

Present: DSBEC i 202

## **Election of Board Secretary**

### **Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Ms. Brooks-Sykes to nominate Mr. Coleman for Board Secretary. There were no other nominations, Mr. Coleman was elected Board Secretary by acclamation.*

The Board recessed at 8:40 AM.

The Board returned at 8:43 AM.

### **3. Associate Commissioner's Comments Regarding the SBEC Agenda**

Associate Commissioner Emily Garcia welcomed the Board members and thanked TEA staff for their expertise and diligence in preparing for the work session and Board meeting. Ms. Garcia also thanked Marilyn Cook, who served as Interim Associate Commissioner for several months prior to Ms. Garcia's onboarding. Ms. Garcia also thanked Deputy Commissioner Kelvey Oeser and the Board for the opportunity to serve as the new Associate Commissioner and expressed enthusiasm for the work ahead.

### **4. State Board for Educator Certification Welcome New Board Members and Recognition of Former Board Members**

Dr. Kelly welcomed three new SBEC members: Dr. Veronica Galvan, Director, Excellence in Teaching, as the alternative EPP representative; Mr. Rex Gore, Austin, as a citizen representative; and Mr. Andrew Kim, Superintendent, Comal ISD, as an administrator representative. Dr. Kelly also thanked Dr. Cavazos, Ms. Emily Garcia, and Ms. Sandie Mullins for their service on the SBEC Board.

### **5. Public Comment**

None.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **6. Request to Approve April 30, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**

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**DISCIPLINARY CASES****12. Pending or Contemplated Litigation, including Disciplinary Cases****A. Defaults**

1. In the Matter of Anamechia Joseph; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
2. In the Matter of Andre Dean; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
3. In the Matter of Crystal Cano; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
4. In the Matter of Cynthia Hill Sillah; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
5. In the Matter of Daisy Gonzalez-Castaneda; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
6. In the Matter of Jaime Acosta; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
7. In the Matter of Janet Dickinson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
8. In the Matter of Jennifer Prause; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension





17. In the Matter of Ramon Neilly; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
18. In the Matter of Shannon Keels; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
19. In the Matter of Thomas Keating; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
20. In the Matter of William S. Ray; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Suspension of Intern Certificate until expiration on August 10, 2021
21. In the Matter of Winter Butler; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
22. In the Matter of Zenas Hubbard; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Suspension of Intern Certificate until expiration on August 10, 2021
23. In the Matter of Christie Pierson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Revocation
24. In the Matter of Jennifer Hunter; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Revocation
25. In the Matter of Paul Duke; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Revocation

26. In the Matter of Russell Rowton; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Revocation
27. In the Matter of Stephany Pena; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Revocation
28. In the Matter of Terry Carpenter; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Revocation
31. In the Matter of Dawn Hogan; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
32. In the Matter of Ginny Elliot; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
33. In the Matter of George Mendez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 3-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
34. In the Matter of Mary Grajewski; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 3-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
35. In the Matter of Basilio Mata-Mendez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 3-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program





**SOAH Defaults**

2. In the Matter of Ericka Thomas; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by*

**B. Contested Cases**

## Proposals for Decision

1. Docket No. 701210058.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Leadership and Quality Division v Angie Word; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: 1-year suspension

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ Recommendation

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Coleman that Board accept the Proposal for Decision and issue a final order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation. Ms. Word's educator certificates should be suspended for one (1) year. Second was made by Dr. Brescia, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

2. Docket No. 701210936.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Leadership and Quality Division v. Jacob Humphries; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: Revocation

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ Recommendation

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Coleman that Board accept the Proposal for Decision and issue a final order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation. Mr. Humphries's educator certificates should be revoked. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**C. Court Cases***District Court Cases*

1. David Turner v. Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division; Cause No. D-1-GN-17-002298, In the 250<sup>th</sup> District Court of Travis County, Texas.
2. Bradley Keith Bowen v. Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division; Cause No. D-1-GN-18-004203, In the 98<sup>th</sup> District Court of Travis County, Texas.
3. Jamie Belinoski v. Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division; Cause No. D-1-GN-19-002926, In the 53<sup>rd</sup> District Court of Travis County, Texas.

4. David Demiglio v. Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division; Cause No. D-1-GN-20-001242, In the 459<sup>th</sup> District Court of Travis County, Texas.
5. Leo Joseph Tran v. Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division; Cause No. 21-0003, In the Supreme Court of Texas.

### **DISCUSSION ONLY**

#### **13. Discussion of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter B, Enforcement Actions and Guidelines, and Subchapter E, Post-Hearing Matters**

Ms. Moriaty presented this item to the Board. She provided background on the statutory changes wrought by HB 2519, 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session. She noted that the bill

reasons such as career change. Mr. Kim pointed out that allowing more local control and putting fewer factors into the definition of good cause







have to decide the question of whether to have a standard sanction for contract abandonment that applied when the Board found no mitigating factors.

Ms. Streepey suggested moving the draft good cause factors regarding educators' career changes and educators' campus assignments to mitigating factors while keeping the factors regarding a decrease in an educator's pay and an educator receiving permission to resign from school administration as good cause factors. Dr. Kelly agreed with Ms. Streepey's suggestion.

Ms. Dvorak said that she would like a letter of intent from Rep. Darby and more discussion before proposing a rule change. Dr. Kelly noted that this was just a discussion item, and the Board would have an opportunity at the next meeting to hone the language before proposing amendments in the Texas Register.

Ms. Streepey stated that she supported keeping guidance on minimum default penalties for contract abandonment, rather than removing the guidance entirely, because it would be helpful for educators to know what penalty they might face when they are deciding whether to resign their contracts.

Dr. Rodriguez spoke in support of having a good cause factor for educators' promotions because it would encourage educators to pursue career advancement in the education profession thereby leading to better outcomes and student success.

Mr. Kim agreed with Ms. Streepey that a change in campus assignment should be moved to a miampuiamracared -6.6 ( ( k)8.9 9 ( )11.2(t)-6.6 (t)-6.6.5 (r)-62 ( as)-2 (s)de5 (t)-6(om)-5.9 (o)10.5 (t)-6.6









candidates from getting paid. Mr. Kim asked if there are ways to leverage partnerships to offset costs.

Dr. Rodriguez shared that her candidates have seen great results from completing edTPA, but they continue to be concerned about the number of certification exams required and the cost of the certification exams. Dr. Rodriguez posed the question as to whether anything could be done collaboratively to address the cost issue. She also asked if the SHSU study timeline would affect the edTPA timeline. Ms. McLoughlin shared that the SBEC's decision making timeline related to the edTPA is not impacted by the SHSU study. She reiterated that the SBEC adopted the edTPA pilot to gather data on the impact of the edTPA on Texas candidates and students and will have the opportunity to analyze edTPA data and discuss implementation moving forward. She shared that SHSU has the ability to bring forward summative data if and when it is available, but it does not impact future action related to the edTPA.

Ms. Streepey expressed appreciation for SHSU, even if there was a need to start over, with their attempt to find an alternative to the current PPR exam.

Ms. Mason asked about data on candidates



The Board may go into closed session regarding any item on the agenda to the extent it is authorized to do so