# Item 4:

# Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Request to Approve December 11, 2020 Board Meeting Minu(est)2.2Cuest to

### 3. Public Comment

*The Board shall allocate up to thirty (30) minutes at the beginning of each regularly scheduled meeting of the full Board for public comment on non-agenda and consent agenda items. In accordance with SBEC Board Operating Policies and Procedures, late registration for providing oral or written comment will be accepted up to 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the Board meeting.*

## CONSENT AGENDA

### 4. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Request to Approve October 9, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

The October 9, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

## DISCUSSION AND ACTION

### 5. Update on Divisions of Educator Leadership and Quality Department

Ms. Cook presented updates on behalf of the division of Educator Certification and highlighted the number of certification and renewal applications processed during the fourth quarter months of June 2020 through August 2020.

Ms. McLoughlin presented updates on behalf of the division of Educator Standards and Testing. She explained that the Governor's waiver of certification exam requirements for issuance of probationary and intern certifications, due to the impact of COVID-19 on testing center availability, led to a marked decrease in the overall number of certification exams administered in 2020 as compared to 2019. She noted that TEA staff anticipate the decrease in exams delivered in 2020 leading to an increase in exams delivered in 2021, as candidates must meet the testing requirements waived in Spring 2020 for issuance of their standard certificate. She also noted that 2020 marked the implementation of multiple new exams.

Dr. Olofson presented data from the division of Educator Data and Preparation Program Management. He noted the decrease in the number of teachers earning an initial standard teaching certificate but many teachers earning a certificate available due to flexibility provided from COVID-related rule waivers. He also noted the decrease in certificate deactivations and certificate inventory updates.

Mr. Rodriguez presented updates from the division of Educator Investigations. He explained that, for the first half of FY20, cases on applicants and certified educators increased 15% from FY19. However, cases dropped significantly the second half of the year. There were notable decreases in allegations pertaining to violence in the classroom, inappropriate relationships with students, and drug and alcohol on campus. During FY20, the division also launched the Do Not Hire Registry and Misconduct Reporting portal, processed over 24,000 help desk tickets and phone calls, and delivered twenty training presentations to ESCs and stakeholders. Mr. Rodriguez answered a question relating to the increase in average time to complete a case; he explained that the time increased in FY20 due to the increase in cases in the preceding year.

Mr. Coleman expressed his gratitude for staff's use of the agreed order in the important work of the program reviews.

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Coleman to approve the agreed order for ACT-RGV alternative certification program as presented. Second was made by Dr. Turner, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

## DISCIPLINARY CASES

**9. Pe[illegible]**

8. In the Matter of Patricia Gail Stevens; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

   Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation

9. In the Matter of Tameka Lynn Watson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

   Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation

10. In the Matter of Tarek Hanna; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

    Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation

14. In the Matter of Clinton LaPrade Anderson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

    Staff recommendation: Revocation

15. In the Matter of Meredith Ann Bundy; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

    Staff recommendation: Revocation

16. In the Matter of Alex DeLeon; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

    Staff recommendation: Revocation

18. In the Matter of Hollis Ashely McWilliams; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

    Staff recommendation: Revocation

20. In the Matter of GeorgElla Clark; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

    Staff recommendation: 7-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program

21. In the Matter of Lesa Lynn Guys; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

    Staff recommendation: 7-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program

22. In the Matter of Edgar Alfonzo; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

    Staff recommendation: 5-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program

23. In the Matter of Steffany L. Taylor; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

    Staff recommendation: 5-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program

27. In the Matter of Jennifer Richardson; 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

29. In the Matter of Cactus Calderas; 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

30. In the Matter of Nicholas A. Makris; 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

31. In the Matter of Daniel Eduardo Martinez; 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 Eli Myers; 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 Erin Pearson; 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

17. In the Matter of Elias Alonso Hernandez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

    Staff recommendation: Revocation

19. In the Matter of Trisha Lee Valverde; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

    Staff recommendation: Revocation

24. In the Matter of Juan Pablo Lopez; 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

25. In the Matter of John Rollin Simmons; 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

    Dr. Rodriguez recused herself from deliberations.

    **Motion and vote:**

    *Motion was made by Dr. Kelly to grant staff's request for issuance of default judgements on cases numbered 17, 19, 24, and 25, and enter final orders consistent with staff's recommendations. Second was made by Mr. Coleman, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

12. In the Matter of Dennis Glen Crawford; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

    Staff recommendation: 5-year suspension

    **Motion and vote:**

    *Motion was made by Mr. Coleman to grant staff's request for issuance of default judgements on case number 12, and a enter final order issuing a sanctio.9 ( i)n.261 -1..7 (s(anc)(r)-6 (ar*

Ms. Gokhale represented TEA staff. Respondent did not appear.

**Motion and vote:**

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

6. Docket No. 701210089.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Leadership and Quality Division v. Marco Lara; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: 1-year suspension

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

Ms. Gokhale represented TEA staff. Respondent did not appear.

**Motion and vote:**

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## C. Court Cases

*District Court Cases*

1. David Turner v. Texas Education Agency, Educator Certification and Standards Division; Cause No. D-1-GN-17-002298, In the 250th District Court of Travis County, Texas.

2. Bradley Keith Bowen v. Texas Education Agency, Educator Certification and Standards Division; Cause No. D-1-GN-18-004203, In the 98th District Court of Travis County, Texas.

3. Gilbert Salas v. Texas Education Agency, Educator Certification and Standards Division; Cause No. D-1-GN-19-008786, In the 345th District Court of Travis County, Texas.

4. David Demiglio v. Texas Education Agency, Educator Certification and Standards Division; Cause No. D-1-GN-20-001242, In the 459th District Court of Travis County, Texas.

5. Leo Joseph Tran v. Texas Education Agency, Educator Certification and Standards Division; Cause No. 03-18-00855-CV, In the Court of Appeals, Third District of Texas.

The SBEC recessed at 10:13 AM.

The SBEC reconvened at 10:23 AM.

**DISCUSSION ONLY**

### 10. Discussion of Sam Houston State University T-TESS Pilot Study Update

Dr. Stacey Edmonson and Dr. Christina Ellis with Sam Houston State University presented this item to the Board. They provided an update on their data collection progress along with the answers to three questions presented by the Board regarding the pilot study's goals, the role T-TESS would play in teacher certification, and the action they would ask SBEC to take in response to the findings from this pilot study. Finally, Drs. Edmonson and Ellis shared a timeline for their work, which will have final results available in Summer 2022. During Board discussion, Dr. Turner requested that TEA staff provide a list of EPPs who are participating in both the edTPA pilot and T-TESS pilot study. Board members also suggested that Drs. Edmonson and Ellis ensure that appraisers are appropriately trained, and that the assessment demonstrates sufficient interrater reliability. Board members also requested that Drs. Edmonson and Ellis review the role that external evaluators would play in this assessment so that the Board is assured that T-TESS scores are valid and reliable.

### 11. Discussion of edTPA Pilot Updates

Ms. McLoughlin presented this item to the Board. Ms. McLoughlin began by providing a summary of proposed topics of discussion related to the edTPA pilot for the December 2020 and February and April 2021 SBEC meetings based upon questions and feedback from the Board at the October 2020 meeting. Ms. McLoughlin began by providing the Board with an

feedback and guidance on certification standards and other relevant components of the preparation, testing, and certification process. Ms. McLoughlin shared that TEA staff would recruit heavily to ensure there will be a pool of well-qualified candidates. Ms. McLoughlin referenced the draft nomination form in Attachment III of the agenda item. She shared the submission period for potential committee members and confirmed the nomination form would be posted on the TEA website and also distributed via email communication to stakeholders. Ms. McLoughlin confirmed each committee would have approximately eight to 15 members listed for Board review and approval in April 2021.

Following the testimony from Ms. Calzada, Mr. Rodriguez and Dr. Cavazos thanked the speaker for her testimony and shared comments about the importance of the school librarian and the critical role the library serves on every campus.

Public Comment was provided by:
Becky Calzada

**INFORMATION ONLY**

**14. Board Operating Policies and Procedures (BOPP)**

Information only.

**15. 2019–2022 Rule Review Plan for State Board for Educator Certification Rules**

Information only.

**16. Requests from Board Members for Future Agenda Items**

None.

**17. Requests Received from the Board Since Last Meeting**

None.

**18. Adjournment**

Dr. Cavazos adjourned the meeting at 12:30 PM.

**The Board may go into closed session regarding any item on the agenda to the extent it is authorized to do so pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.**