December 9, 2022 Item 6

# STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION MEETING AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AT 8:30 AM 1701 N. CONGRESS AVE. ROOM 1-104

briefly shared that prior to use of the TOEFL, the Board used the Test of Spoken English as a demonstration of English language proficiency. Ms. Cook explained the work that went into rulemaking to get us where we are today. She emphasized the important work done by stakeholders. Petition 2 included a request to add Uganda to the list of countries adopted by the SBEC to demonstrate English language proficiency. Ms. Cook expressed respect for the petitioner's request and highlighted the work that has been done to date around the list of countries adopted into SBEC rule. Ms. Cook mentioned the last round of rulemaking earlier this year that expanded the list of countries to a total of 32. Ms. Cook explained that she recommends denying the petition at this time, not as a permanent closure to rulemaking. Ms. Cook thanked the Board for their ongoing support, thoughtful deliberation, and ongoing questions to staff to ensure that rulemaking is robust, equitable, and thought out. Several board members asked questions about both petitions as relates to required scores on the TOEFL and the list of countries adopted into SBEC rule. Ms. Cook responded to questions, thanked the Board for their thoughtfulness and feedback, and agreed that TEA staff have an opportunity to do continued research around both issues raised by the petitioners. There were no additional questions from the Board and following the vote, Ms. Streepey thanked Ms. Cook for the presentation.

#### Motion and vote:

Motion was made by Mr. Kim to deny the petitions concerning the English language proficiency requirement in 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and

8. In the Matter of LaChelle James; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

9. In the Matter of Blake Price; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

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

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

11. In the Matter of Gabriel Gray Santillan; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

12. In the Matter of Amanda Schroeder; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

13. In the Matter of Jessica Vaquero; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

14. In the Matter of Ora-Anna Brown; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

15. In the Matter of Alexandra DeHaven; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

16. In the Matter of Jennifer Nicole King; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

35. In the Matter of Layla Michelle Englade; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

36. In the Matter of Carolyn Sue Fogel; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

37. In the Matter of Cleveland S. Harris Jr.; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

38. In the Matter of Todd M. Hemingway; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

39. In the Matter of Erica M. Jones-Johnson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

40. In the Matter of Jessika L. Patten; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

41. In the Matter of Sydney Peltier; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

42. In the Matter of Jennifer K. Qualia; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

43. In the Matter of Silvina Salazar; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

44. In the Matter of Jayla Janae Sanders

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3. In the Matter of Fredrick Adarryl Chambers; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: Inscribed Reprimand

#### Motion and vote:

Motion was made by Mr. Coleman that the Board grant staff's request for the issuance of SOAH default judgments on cases 1-3, and issue final orders consistent with staff's recommendations. Second was made by Ms. Glasscock, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

#### **B.** Contested Cases

#### Proposal for Decision

1. Docket No. 701-22-0254.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v Jeanette Motaghi; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: Respondent should not be sanctioned

Staff Recommendation: Accept recommendation of ALJ

#### **Motion and vote:**

Motion was made by Mr. Coleman that the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and issue a final order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation. Second was made by Dr. Brescia, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

#### C. Court Cases

#### **District Court Cases**

- 1. Bradley Keith Bowen v. Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division; No. 07-22-00190-CV; in the Seventh Court of Appeals, Amarillo, Texas, on Appeal from Cause No. D-1-GN-18-004203, in the 98<sup>th</sup> District Court of Travis County, Texas.
- 2. Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v. David Demiglio; No. 13-21-00331-CV; in the Court of Appeals for the Thirteenth Judicial District, Corpus Christi, Texas, On Appeal from Cause No. D-1-GN-20-001242, in the 353<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District for Travis County, Texas.

The SBEC recessed at 11:10 AM.

The SBEC reconvened at 11:50 AM.

### 15. Discussion of the Special Education Certification Redesign and Test Development Updates

Ms. McLoughlin and Mr. Pitre presented this item to the Board. Ms. McLoughlin presented the Board with background information around the development and timeline for the discussion item, as well as foundational data around the production of special educators in Texas. Ms. McLoughlin reviewed the Special Education and Deafblind certification redesign timeline. Mr. Pitre reviewed the proposed updated Special Education and proposed new Deafblind certification pathways. Mr. Pitre reviewed the topics for additional stakeholder input for the proposed pathways. Mr. Pitre reviewed the connection between the special education agenda item to the proposed rulemaking items. Mr. Pitre reviewed the current and future exam development timeline. Ms. McLoughlin named for the Board how the implementation of a performance-based assessment could support the work of the Board to streamline certification exams for candidates, as well as additional details around the redesign of the ESL and Bilingual exams. Chair Streepey asked whether the questions raised in public testimony are on the radar of the agency and expressed excitement about the EC-12 Specialist exam. Dr. Rodriguez thanked the agency for working to streamline certification exams and asked for clarification around the base certifications required for Deafblind certification and personnel assignments for those staff. Dr. Rodriguez asked for clarification around personnel assignments tied to the updated Core Subjects EC-6 with Special Education, and whether the Special Education Specialist EC-12 would also function as a supplemental exam. Chair Streepey asked for clarification around whether the EC-12 exam would function as both an initial and supplemental exam, and the impacts on the teacher shortage. Dr. Galvan asked for clarification around the EC-6 exam and scoring implications for that exam.

Public Testimony: Ms. Kaycee Bennett – Self

## 16. Discussion of Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, <u>Professional Educator</u> <u>Preparation and Certification</u>, Subchapter A, <u>General Provisions</u>, and Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators

Ms. McLoughlin and Mr. Pitre presented this item to the Board which provided an opportunity for the Board to discuss proposed amendments to Ch. 230. Mr. Pitre shared with the Board that the amendments are divided into two categories: changes to the testing figure and changes to uses of certification exams, test attempt waivers, and test exemptions. Mr. Pitre then outlined for the Board changes to the testing figure that would reflect technical edits, provide flexibility for EC-6 candidates seeking standard certification using the edTPA, add edTPA portfolio options for candidates seeking certification in Health Science and aligned CTE fields, strike through retired exams and add "with the Science of Teaching Reading" where applicable, and add new Tamil EC-12 certification exam. Ms. McLoughlin followed the changes to the testing figure by sharing with the Board proposed

recommend pausing on any further recommendations until the commission makes its recommendations and the legislature considers additional action. Board members shared that this was an opportunity to proactively research best practices in this arena while the commission finalizes its recommendations.

Public Testimony:

Ms. Carrie Griffith - Texas State Teachers Association

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Board of the options they had discussed the previous day and shared the notes that SBEC members had provided for each option. After the Board's discussion of the three options, Chair Streepey provided direction to staff to bring a discussion item to the Board in December to implement a performance assessment in Chapter 230 as a certification exam with additional options