

Item 4:
Request to Approve April 29, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

ACTION

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the April 29, 2022 Board meeting minutes.

APPROVE THE APRIL 29, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION

MEETING AGENDA

APRIL 29, 2022 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, April 29, 2022.

Present: Dr. Robert Brescia, Dr. Veronica Galvan, Ms. Bena Glasscock, Mr. Rex Gore, Ms. Julia Dvorak, Ms. Courtney MacDonald, Ms. Cristina Galindo, Dr. Scott Muri, Mr. Andrew Kim, Dr. Andrew Lofters, Ms. Kelvey Oeser, Dr. Alma Rodriguez, Ms. Jean Streepey, and Mr. Josue Tamarez Torres.

Absent: Mr. Tommy Coleman.

2.

Associate Commissioner Emily Garcia shared recent opportunities TEA staff has had to partner with the K-12 education stakeholder community, specifically highlighting collaboration between agency staff and several professional organizations, technical assistance providers, regional service centers, and K-12 district partners.

3. Special Election of State Board for Educator Certification Officers

Ms. Pogue presented the procedures for the special election of State Board for Educator

explained that a recent SBEC officer vacancy provided an opportunity for the Board to conduct SBEC officer elections for Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Election of Board Vice-Chairperson

Motion and vote:

Motion was made by Dr. Brescia to nominate Mr. Kim for Board Vice-Chairperson. There were no other nominations, Mr. Kim was elected Board Vice-Chairperson by acclamation.

4. State Board for Educator Certification Welcome New Board Member and Recognition of Former Board Member

Ms. Streepey welcomed two new SBEC members: Ms. Cristina Galindo, Houston ISD, as a classroom teacher representative; and Dr. Scott Muri, Ector County ISD, as an administrator representative. Ms. Streepey also thanked Dr. Kelly and Ms. Isaacs for their service on the SBEC Board.

5.

Deputy Commissioner, Kelvey Oeser, presented an update to the SBEC regarding current TEA initiatives and priorities. Ms. Oeser also updated the Board regarding the Teacher Vacancy Task Force meetings and updates.

6. Public Comment

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Pogue presented this item to the Board. She explained the purpose and logistics of the consent agenda. The consent agenda took up agenda items 7-13 with no discussion.

7. *Request to Approve February 10, 2022 Work Session Minutes*

8. *Request to Approve February 11, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes*

9. *Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards*

Texas Government Code (TGC), §2001.039, establishes a four-year rule review cycle for all state agency rules, including State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rules. This item presents for SBEC approval the adoption of review of 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards. The rules being reviewed specify the educator standards for the classroom teacher class of certificates.

10. *Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal*

Texas Government Code (TGC), §2001.039, establishes a four-year rule review cycle for all state agency rules, including State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rules. This item presents for SBEC approval the adoption of review of 19 Texas

Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 241, Certification as Principal. The rules being reviewed provide requirements for issuance of a principal certificate.

11. Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 242, Superintendent Certificate

Texas Government Code (TGC), §2001.039, establishes a four-year rule review cycle for all state agency rules, including State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rules. This item presents for SBEC approval the adoption of review of 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 242, Superintendent Certificate. The rules being reviewed provide requirements relating to the certification of superintendents.

12. Adoption of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter B, Prekindergarten–Grade 6 Assignments; Subchapter C, Grades 6–8 Assignments; and Subchapter E, Elements relating to the cert

DISCUSSION AND ACTION**14. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter E, Educational Aide Certificate, §230.55, Certification Requirements for Educational Aide I**

Ms. Cook presented this item to the Board. She explained the additional use of the educational aide I certificate to issue industry-based certification to high school students. Ms. Cook confirmed the proposed changes would update Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills rule chapter references and would add four courses to the list of course offerings that

impact on current candidates. Board members also asked if the program could be required to specify their status on their website or marketing materials.

Ms. McLoughlin named that this was a negotiated settlement and that the Board could direct staff to renegotiate the settlement with higher thresholds, numbers of files, and public posting of . Ms. McLoughlin named that SBEC rules hold programs accountable for supporting candidates if the program would close and during the term of the Agreed Order there would be no impact on current candidates. Ms. Moriarty clarified that the program would need to be on probation for one year before the SBEC could revoke, but that if the Agreed Order was resolved, the program would revert to their current accreditation status and any future violation would begin a new process.

Board members asked for clarification on the recent change in ATT ownership and if there had been any evidence of improvement in the program. Ms. McLoughlin shared that the Board had received written testimony from the new CEO and that changes to program quality would need to be observed in practice during the coming months.

Mr. Gore asked to make a motion to reject the Agreed Order. Ms. Moriarty clarified the timeline regarding next steps if the motion carried, naming that staff would attempt to renegotiate the Agreed Order or present a final recommendation to ATT. Board members asked about any unintended consequences to rejecting the Agreed Order and reconsidering action in July. Ms. McLoughlin clarified that an Agreed Order presented to the board in July could include the same timeline parameters, but that if staff and ATT could not negotiate terms for a new Agreed Order, and instead issued a Board Order, there would be a longer runway. Ms. Moriarty also clarified that, under a Board Order, the SBEC could not require the program to post a notification to their website or limit enrollment, would appoint a monitor to would hold the program to a

100% compliance threshold.

After the motion to reject the order passed, Board members provided recommendations on potential terms for a new Agreed Order, including requiring a more appropriate sample size of files to review given the size of the program, raising the compliance threshold to at least 90%, requiring and public

Public Testimony:

Dr. Tim Miller Charles Butt Foundation

Motion and vote:

Motion was made by Mr. Gore to reject the Agreed Order for A+ Texas Teachers Educator Preparation Program, as presented. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak. The motion passed with Dr. Robert Brescia, Mr. Rex Gore, Ms. Julia Dvorak, Ms. Courtney MacDonald, Ms. Cristina Galindo, Dr. Scott Muri, Mr. Andrew Kim, and Mr. Josue Tamarez Torres voting in favor, and Ms. Glasscock voting against the motion.

The SBEC recessed at 12:06 PM.

The SBEC reconvened at 12:39 PM.

18. Adoption of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators, §230.21, Educator Assessment

Ms. McLoughlin and Ms. Pogue presented this item to the Board. Ms. Pogue provided an overview of the SBEC statutory authority to implement that charge through the establishment of educator standards and training requirements and measure the efficacy of the charge through the implementation of comprehensive certification exams. Ms. Pogue also reinforced the importance of teacher quality, the critical role of the educator preparation program in developing quality beginning teachers, and the importance of ensuring the quality of educator preparation programs. She also reinforced that given the current impact of COVID-19, that students in Texas need well-prepared teachers now more than ever. Finally, Ms. Pogue outlined the decisions before the SBEC, naming that first, during Item 18, the Board would either take action to implement edTPA to replace the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) exam or keep the current PPR exam requirement. She named that in Item 19, the Board would then determine whether to codify a process and criteria to vet additional performance assessment pedagogy exams.

has the authority to prescribe comprehensive exams, establish what educators are expected to know and be able to do, and establish training requirements, but does not have the authority to dictate the criteria an EPP uses internally to determine whether to recommend a candidate.

Ms. McLoughlin then outlined the six-year implementation timeline for the edTPA, including the three-year edTPA pilot and the proposed three-year phased-in implementation timeline. Ms. McLoughlin also provided an overview of the amendments to the rules presented in the item to implement the edTPA requirement, including rules that would end the operation of the PPR exam after August 31, 2023, allow choice in edTPA exam for candidates pursuing Core Subjects with STR: EC

7. In the Matter of Hattie Herron; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

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

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

9. In the Matter of Jill Deramus; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default

16. In the Matter of

25. In the Matter of Luis Portillo; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation
26. In the Matter of Diana Rose Garcia; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation
27. In the Matter of Michael Parlinton; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation
28. In the Matter of Richard Avelar; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation
29. In the Matter of Laura Leigh Robinson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension

Motion and vote:

Motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to grant staff's request for the issuance of default judgment on cases numbered 1-29, excluding cases 1, 2, 4, 5, 12, 13, and 14, and issue final orders consistent with staff's recommendations. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Motion and vote:

Ms. Galindo recused herself from deliberating and voting on cases 2, 4, 5, 13, and 14.

Motion was made by Dr. Muri to grant staff's request for the issuance of default judgment on cases numbered 2, 4, 5, 13, and 14, and issue final orders consistent with staff's recommendations. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

SOAH Defaults

1. In the Matter of Gregory Dillon Nicholson

2. Docket No. 701-21-0994.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v. John Anthony Munoz, Jr.; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: Permanent Revocation

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ Recommendation

Motion and vote:

Motion was made by Mr. Tamarez Torres that the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final Order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation that Mr. Munoz's educator certificates should be permanently revoked. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

3. Docket No. 701-22-0017.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v. Adam Soliz; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: 1-

- 5. Docket No. 701-22-0046.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v. Christian Perez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: Application for Texas Paraprofessional Certificate should be approved

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ Recommendation

Motion and vote:

Motion was made by Dr. Brescia that the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final Order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation that Mr. Perez's application for a Texas Paraprofessional Certificate should be approved. Second was made by Ms. ~~Callin SQ4.78Ghanimou-3(y ly-3(1 0 3ppr)-2aG[r -3(wa Tm000 10m579.46Tmq0.00000~~

Wetherington provided an update of the development timeline. She also shared that the on the first iteration of the EPF and how the feedback would be synthesized and used to key stakeholders. Ms. McLoughlin reinforced that the EPF is in its early stages of development and shared that the development is iterative to ensure the EPF reflects the foundational components of quality educator preparation practices for all EPPs.

