

Item 4:

**Request to Approve February 10, 2023 Board Meeting
Minutes**

**STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION
MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 10, 2023 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, February 10, 2023.

Present: Dr. Robert Brescia, Dr. Veronica Galvan, Ms. Bena Glasscock, Mr. Rex Gore, Ms. Courtney MacDonald, Ms. Julia Dvorak, Dr. Scott Muri, Dr. Michael McFarland, Ms. Cristina Galindo, Dr. Emma Gelsinger, Ms. Kelvey Oeser, Dr. Alma Rodriguez, Ms. Jean Streepey, Mr. Tommy Coleman, and Mr. Josue Tamarez Torres.

Absent: None.

2. Associate Cca a [gg]cbYfD Cca a YbIq RY[UfX]b[H Y SBEC A[YbXU

Ms. Garcia shared an update to the structure of the department of Educator Preparation, Certification and Enforcement. Ms. Garcia also shared news of the passing of Dr. Doug Hamman, Ph.D. Dr. Hamman's contribution to the field of education through his work with high quality educator preparation at Texas Tech University has had an impact across the state of Texas.

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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 5-9 with no discussion.

5. ***Request to Approve December 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes***
6. ***Proposed Review of 19 TAC Chapter 232, General Certification Provisions***
7. ***Proposed Review of 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases***
8. ***Adoption of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates***
9. ***Adoption of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 239, Student Services Certificates, Subchapter B, School Librarian Certificate, and Subchapter D, Reading Specialist Certificate***

Motion and vote:

Motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to approve consent agenda items 5 - 9. Second was made by Dr. Brescia, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

10. ***Adoption of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators, §230.25, Test Exemptions for Persons with a Hearing Impairment***

Ms. McLoughlin presented this item to the Board. She shared that the item was developed in response to input from stakeholders at the September 2022 SBEC meeting regarding challenges with the SBEC's current rules related to test exemptions for persons with hearing impairments. She reviewed the proposed amendments to the rule and shared that the proposed changes had been informed by stakeholder feedback. She shared that 15 public comments had been submitted on the item and provided a summary of the input, including the additional amendment informed by public comment to clarify that candidates be unable to process "auditory linguistic information" to qualify for an exemption from the Science of Teaching Reading certification exam.

Public Testimony:

Ms. Kayla Hughes – Nacogdoches Regional Day School Program for the Deaf

Motion and vote:

Motion was made by Dr. Brescia to approve for adoption, subject to the State Board of

reviewed with an eye towards successful implementation of and adherence to SBEC rules. Ms. Sandlin provided an overview of her work with the application review and complimented the extensive research completed on the need to offer this certificate class in Houston. Ms. Sandlin introduced Dr. Jonathan Schwartz and Dr. Diane Miller, representatives from the University of Houston-Downtown, to answer questions from the Board and provide a brief overview of their application. Dr. Schwartz and Dr. Miller shared that if approved, the University of Houston-Downtown would continue their strong service to support high-poverty, diverse schools and would have an opportunity to increase recruitment of principals as pursuing that certification would be a natural progression from their undergraduate program. Several SBEC members expressed congratulations and asked questions that allowed Dr. Schwartz and Dr. Miller to further highlight the unique offerings of their program and their plans for success in the new area of certification. Once all questions were answered, the Board voted on this item.

Motion and vote:

Motion was made by Dr. Muri to approve the University of Houston-Downtown application to offer the Principal as Instructional Leader EC-12 certificate class as presented.

Motion and vote:

Motion was made by Mr. Coleman to Deny the petition concerning Intern certificate requirements in 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §230.1, Definitions, and Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued, §230.36, Intern Certificates. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCIPLINARY CASES

15.

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

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

8. In the Matter of Jocelyn Stephens

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

Staff recommendation: Incribed Reprimand

17. In the Matter of Brandi Russell; 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

18. In the Matter of

Motion and vote:

Motion was made by Ms. MacDonald that the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and educator certificate be permanently revoked. Second was made by Dr. Brescia, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Ms. Galindo recused herself from deliberations and voting on PFD-2.

2. Docket No. 701-22-08784.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v Moniqua Sexton; 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 the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and certificate be suspended for one year. Second was made by Dr. McFarland, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Ms. Galindo recused herself from deliberations and voting on PFD-2.

3. Docket No. 701-22-09450.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v Chelsea Gardner; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: 11-month suspension

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

Motion and vote:

Motion was made by Mr. Coleman that the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and educator certificate be suspended for eleven months. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

discussed updates to potential candidate “carve out” options based on feedback at the December SBEC meeting. Next, Ms. McLoughlin facilitated the Board in a conversation centering draft implementation timelines related to the implementation of a teacher performance assessment as a certification requirement. Ms. McLoughlin moved on to summarize proposed amendments to Chapter 230 A and C in addition to test development updates, and she concluded the item by naming next steps that include a discussion item in April related to the development of a TxTPA and vetting of alternative TPAs.

Public Testimony:

Dr. Suzanne Nesmith – TCEP; Baylor University

18. Discussion of Proposed New Teacher Residency Certificate and Appointment of Standards Advisory Committee

Ms. McLoughlin, Ms. Yoder, and Ms. Burkhart presented this item to the Board. Ms. McLoughlin and Ms. Burkhart provided background information on teacher residency models, including a common definition for teacher residencies, national and state specific research regarding the impact of residencies, and alignment of residency priorities with the SBEC’s goals. Ms. Yoder also provided background context on grants and technical assistance that have been provided to local educ6 Tm0 g0 G 1 2s0 g0 GA1 2429(re)3(g9A9(re) JE)-2(tatE

19. Discussion of Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, and New 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs

Ms. Moriarty and Ms. Ayers presented this item to the Board. Ms. Moriarty highlighted the goals for the redesign of Chapter 228 were grounded in improving readability and ease of reference, clarifying areas that have caused confusion in the past, improving enforceability of existing provisions, and implementing legislation. Ms. Moriarty shared that the intensive pre-service option created in 2019, has to date not been utilized by candidates. Ms. Moriarty and Ms. Ayers responded to the Board's questions about intensive pre-service and confirmed that additional stakeholder feedback regarding this option would be gathered to share with the Board in April. Ms. Moriarty and Ms. Ayers responded to the Board's questions regarding the definition for "authentic school setting" for field-based experiences and stated that additional stakeholder feedback would also be gathered regarding this definition and other proposed changes to improve the current rules.

Public Testimony:

Dr. Suzanne Nesmith – TCEP; Baylor University

Mr. Cody Huie – Charles Butt Foundation

INFORMATION ONLY

20. Update of State Board for Educator Certification Enabling Legislation from the 87th Texas Legislature

21. Board Operating Policies and Procedures (BOPP)

22. 2023-2026 Rule Review Plan for State Board for Educator Certification Rules

23. Adjournment

Chair Streepey adjourned the meeting at 3:51 PM.

24. Statutory Citations

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. The presiding officer of the Board intends to be physically present in Room 1-104, William B. Travis Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue. Some members may attend via videoconferencing.