Date: October 13th, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

Task Force Members Present: Josue Tamarez Torres, Alexandra Fain, Ashley Osborne, Brandon Chandler, Brian Kruk, Chane Rascoe, Chris Tatum, Christie Volmer, Cynthia Hopkins, Dave Lewis, Diana Barrera Delgarte, Hale Tamarez Torres, Shared Background and Task Force Charge

th there was the House Committee on Public Education Joint Hearing on the Texas Workforce. He introduced the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) chair Jean Streepy and Deputy Commissioner Oeser who were also on the panel. He reviewed the initial trends from discussion and then SBEC chair Jean Streepy shared a summary of her testimony. Deputy Commissioner Oeser shared a summary of policy considerations and introduced Commissioner Mike Morath

Remarks from Commissioner Mike Morath

Commissioner Morath thanked the Task Force for their efforts and contributions. He emphasized that he is frequently sharing the Task Force trends. He shared some additional considerations for the Task Force around increasing compensation for teachers not only through overall funding increases, but also through more strategic staffing support. He highlighted some trends seen in both data across our state, as well as across other states. He reviewed how school funding over time has increased based on per pupil funding. He discussed an overall cut of education in 2011-2012, and how since then there has been a significant and sustained increase in per pupil spending each year. He discussed how when school budgets increase the district decides how to spend the money based on the needs of the district, and that the funding increase may not always translate into higher pay. He shared how when we look at our trends as a state we have hired more teachers per pupil as funding has increased and we currently have the lowest student to teacher ratio in

our recent history. He reminded participants that average teacher to student ratios are (oa)22.9 (n)-1.7 ()2.0 (s) pFoa