

STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION WORK SESSION

**April 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
1701 N. Congress Ave. Room 2.195
Minutes**

The State Board for Educator Certification convened its work session at 9:01 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 2014, in Room 2.195 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas.

Board Members Present: Dr. Cain, Mr. Allard, Ms. Bricker, Ms. Bridges, Dr. Buckingham, Ms. Druesedow, Dr. Loreda, Ms. McCall, Ms. Robison and Dr. Simpson

Absent: Ms. Everest, Ms. Pogue

I. Policy Update – Educator Leadership and Quality

• Overview of SBEC Legal Authority

Mr. Von Byer informed the Board that SBEC has authority over three major areas: 1) certifications; 2) Continuing Education and 3) Standards of Conduct.

Mr. Byer reviewed Chapter 21 of the Education Code, which addresses related functions throughout the Board's regulation and licensing activities

• House Bill 2012, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013

Mr. Tim Regal gave an overview of House Bill 2012 and the related changes to the chapters of rules related to education preparation programs. Proposed changes to chapters 227, 228 and 229 will be presented to the Board at the May 2, 2014 SBEC meeting.

II. Legislative Committee – Develop Legislative Agenda

The Board discussed having an additional meeting each year, to address cases only, to help address the cases in a more efficient manner.

Some topics for potential requests from the Legislature are subpoena power and ability to sanction educator preparation programs (EPPs) for non-compliance.

It was also suggested that the Legislative Committee be prepared to analyze proposed legislation during the upcoming legislative session.

III. Review Disciplinary Case Process

Mr. Doug Phillips reviewed the disciplinary case process in the Investigation section of the Educator Leadership and Quality division.

Ms. Merle Dover presented the legal process once cases are referred from Investigations.

IV. Discuss Issues Relevant to SBEC from the Sunset Report to the 83rd Texas Legislature, 2013

Dr. Buckingham disclosed that she is a part of the Sunset Commission and recused herself from the discussion.

There was discussion regarding the management actions in the Sunset report and how they have been addressed and how they and other Sunset matters will be addressed with Sunset staff during 2014, leading in to the 2015 legislative session.

Staff was requested to include Sunset matters on the next SBEC meeting agenda.

V. Adjournment

The work session adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

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.