

Item 19:**Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Establishing a Board Committee to Review and Recommend Changes to the State Board for Educator Certification's Rules and Procedures Regarding the Discipline of Certified Educators****DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

SUMMARY: This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to consider the current rules, statutes and procedures that govern the SBEC's discipline of certified educators and to decide whether to establish a committee to consider issues relating to educator discipline and to consider further rulemaking regarding educator discipline.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: The statutory authority for the SBEC's discipline of educators includes Texas Education Code §21.031 and §21.041.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION: The SBEC discussed establishing a committee to consider certified educator discipline issues at its January 9, 2015 meeting, but the topic of creating a committee was not posted on the agenda for the January 9, 2015 meeting. At the March 27, 2015 meeting the SBEC requested an item be placed on the June 2015 SBEC agenda that would allow the board to establish a committee of the board to consider issues relating to educator discipline.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: The SBEC's Board Operating Policies and Procedures (BOPP) allows the board to establish regular, standing, temporary, or advisory committees as it may deem appropriate to perform such functions as it may designate. The BOPP also provides for the Board Chairperson to appoint an appropriate number of members to serve on the committees, including one to serve as presiding officer.

MOTION TO BE CONSIDERED: Establish an SBEC board committee to consider issues relating to educator discipline and to consider further rulemaking regarding educator discipline.

Staff Members Responsible: Laura Moriaty, Administrative Law Judge
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