

Item 5:

Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Request to Approve 2016 Board Meeting Dates

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

SUMMARY: According to the Texas Education Code, §21.038, the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) shall meet at least once in each quarter of the calendar year. The SBEC may meet at other times at the call of the presiding officer or as provided by the rules of the board. The purpose of this item is to set the regular and special SBEC meeting dates for 2016.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 21.042 of the Education Code requires the SBEC to submit a written copy of each rule it proposes to adopt to the State Board of Education (SBOE) for review. The SBOE has 90 days to review the rule action and may either take no action or reject the rule action by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the SBOE present and voting.

Section 2001.027 of the Texas Government Code requires that a proposed rule is withdrawn six months (180 days) after date of publication of notice of proposed rule in the *Texas Register* if a state agency has failed to adopt, adopt to amend, or withdraw the proposed rule.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: The proposed SBEC meeting dates comply with the statutory authority requiring the SBOE 90 days to review and opportunity to take action on SBEC proposed rules, as well as, the six month requirement to take action on a rule once it's been published in the *Texas Register*.

Advance notice of future SBEC meetings will provide an opportunity for SBEC Board members, agency staff and the public to be informed of upcoming meetings and to plan activities accordingly.

A meeting date has also been added to the 2015 calendar. There will be an additional SBEC meeting on Friday, December 11, 2015.

The following dates for SBEC meetings in 2016 have been recommended by the SBEC Chair and TEA staff:

February 12, 2016
April 15, 2016
June 10, 2016
August 5, 2016
October 7, 2016
December 9, 2016 – If Necessary

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that the State Board for Educator Certification:

Approve the proposed 2016 meeting dates.

Staff Member Responsible: Christie Pogue, SBEC Manager
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