

**Item 14:****Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Report of the SBEC Board Committee on Educator Discipline****DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**SUMMARY:** This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to consider and discuss the meeting and recommendations of the Committee on Educator Discipline, and to take appropriate action on the Committee on Educator Discipline's recommendations regarding the SBEC's process for investigating and disciplining certified educators.

**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 established a committee to consider certified educator discipline issues at its March 6, 2015 meeting. At the August 7, 2015 meeting, the SBEC appointed members to the committee and further delineated the committee's purpose to focus on creating more specific penalty guidelines for TEA staff to follow in settling or prosecuting educator discipline cases.

**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.

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