

Item 8:

Discussion and Action Related to the State Board for Educator Certification Legislative Committee

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

SUMMARY: This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to consider and discuss the SBEC Legislative Committee in preparation for the upcoming 85th Texas Legislative Session.

BOARD RESPONSE: Board chairperson appointment of SBEC Legislative Committee members. Board members interested in serving on this committee will be given the opportunity to volunteer.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION: The SBEC Chairperson appointed the following committee members in preparation for the 84th Texas Legislative Session at the August 2014 board meeting: Brad Allard, Laurie Bricker, Jill Druessedow, Leon Leal, Suzanne McCall, Judy Robison, and Grant Simpson. The SBEC adopted the three legislative priorities that the committee recommended at the January 2015 board meeting.

At the February 2016 SBEC meeting, Suzanne McCall was appointed SBEC Legislative Committee Chairperson. Current members also appointed to the committee are Laurie Bricker, Jill Druessedow, Leon Leal, and Rex Peebles.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: According to the SBEC's Board Operating Policies and Procedures (BOPP), the board has established the Legislative Committee as a standing committee. The purpose of the committee is to monitor and review bills that affect the board and to propose legislative priorities and/or interests to the board for consideration on matters where Board members may be called upon as a resource in the upcoming session.

With the addition of new SBEC members, those interested in serving on the committee need to be appointed by the Board Chairperson. This item will allow the new members, as well as any current members, the opportunity to be appointed to the committee.

The first committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 8, 2016 (the day before the SBEC meeting). Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff will coordinate with the Committee Chairperson to schedule future committee meetings.

Staff Member Responsible: Christie Pogue, SBEC Manager
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