

## Item 5:

# Discussion Related to the Texas Teacher Preparation Collaborative

### DISCUSSION ONLY

**SUMMARY:** This item provides an opportunity for the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) to receive an update regarding the Texas Teacher Preparation Collaborative and to discuss the work and recommendations of the Collaborative.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION:** During 2016 Educate Texas convened the Texas Teacher Preparation Collaborative with stakeholders committed to improving teacher preparation. The Collaborative provided a platform for practitioners and policy makers to focus on teacher preparation and highlight best practices and policies that Texas can adopt to make real change for current and future Texas teachers.

Jim Nelson, former Texas Commissioner of Education, chaired the Collaborative, which was tasked with:

- Examining the best practices and policies in higher education and at the district, state, national levels;
- Reviewing research on effective teacher preparation practices;
- Sharing positive changes that some teacher preparation programs have made; and
- Making practical recommendations that can be implemented for both the policy and practice of teacher preparation.

The Collaborative's goals were to:

1. Create a suite of policy recommendations that may be implemented by the legislature, state agencies, school districts, institutions of higher education, and alternative certification programs.
2. Gather national and state data, best practices, and policies that result in the most effective teachers.
3. Build a Texas network that facilitates the sharing of ideas by teacher preparation programs.
4. Build support for legislative reforms and state regulatory action by educating and engaging stakeholders and working collaboratively to build excitement in the education, policy, and business communities.
5. Develop strategies and options for philanthropic partners to support implementation of new systems and programs at all levels that align with the Collaborative's recommendations.

The Teacher Preparation Collaborative members are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Role</b>
Jim Nelson	Former Commissioner of Education	Chair
David Chard*	Wheelock College	Vice Chair and President
David Anthony	Cypress Fairbanks ISD	Former Superintendent
Jessica Conlon	TNTP	Partner
Stephanie Hirsh	Learning Forward	Executive Director
Diann Huber	iteachTEXAS	President
Patricia Alvarez McHattan	UT Rio Grande Valley	Dean
Peggy McLeod	National Council of La Raza	Deputy Vice President
Scott Ridley	Texas Tech University	Dean
Mike Savage	Audelia Creek Elementary, Richardson ISD	Principal
Kevin Sevin	iSchool High @ University Park	Teacher
Rodney Watson	Spring ISD	Superintendent
Pam Wells	Educational Service Center 4	Executive Director
Randall Woods	Burges HS, El Paso ISD	Principal

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In addition to the members, ex officio members from the Texas legislature, Texas Education Agency, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board were included throughout the process.

The SBEC will receive the recommendations of the Collaborative at the Board meeting.

**Staff Members Responsible:** Ryan Franklin, Associate Commissioner  
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