

STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION MEETING AGENDA

APRIL 25, 2025 AT 9:00 AM
1601 N. CONGRESS AVE. ROOM 2.035

The Board will meet in open session and after determining the presence of a quorum, deliberate and possibly take formal action, including emergency action, on any of the following agenda items:

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Call to Order

The State Board for Educator Certification convened its meeting at 9:00 AM on Friday, April 25, 2025.

Board Members present were Chair Jean Streepey, Dr. Emma Gelsinger, Mr. Rex Gore, Ms. Bobbie Lynn Weir, Ms. Courtney MacDonald, Ms. Kelvey Oeser, Ms. Julia Dvorak, Ms. Bena Glasscock, Dr. Veronica Galvan, Dr. Alma Rodriguez, and Dr. Michael McFarland. Dr. Bob Brescia, Mr. Josue Tamarez Torres, and Mr. Tommy Coleman were absent.

2. Associate Commissioner's Comments

Associate Commissioner Jessica McLoughlin welcomed the board and shared detailed information about teacher employment, attrition, and hiring data and how that applies to the work of the board.

3. Public Comment

Elizabeth Rogers, Texas School Counseling Association

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. McCain presented this item to the Board. She explained the purpose and logistics of the consent agenda. The consent agenda took up agenda items 4-7. There was public testimony on Item 7.

4. Approve February 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

5. Adoption of Proposed Review of 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates

Texas Government Code (TGC), §2001.039, establishes a four-year rule review cycle for all state agency rules, including State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rules. This item presents for SBEC approval the adoption of the proposed review of 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates.

The rules being reviewed provide requirements for admission to educator preparation programs (EPPs) and preliminary evaluation of certification eligibility.

6. Adoption of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 250, Administration, Subchapter B, Rulemaking Procedures, §250.20, Petition for Adoption of Rules or Rule Changes

This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to adopt, subject to State Board of Education (SBOE) review, the proposed amendment to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 250, Administration, Subchapter B, Rulemaking Procedures, §250.20, Petition for Adoption of Rules or Rule Changes. The proposed amendment would update the SBEC's petition for adoption of rule change procedures to align with statute.

7. Request to Approve Texas Teacher Residency Preparation Route for Educator Preparation Programs

This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to approve Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) to offer the Texas Teacher Residency Preparation Route resulting in the enhanced standard certification.

Public Testimony:

Jennifer Porterfield, Texas State University
Raquel Pearson, Texas State University

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Dr. McFarland to approve the consent agenda items 4-7 as presented. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

8. Request to Approve a New Educator Preparation Program: Educate Hearts Teaching Corps Program

Ms. Ayers and Ms. Bunting presented this item to the board. Additional speakers were Jasmine Lynch and Nakia Moffett from Educate Hearts Teaching Corps. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to approve an application submitted by Educate Hearts Teaching Corps, located in Houston, Texas, to be approved as an educator preparation program (EPP) to prepare and recommend candidates for certification through the alternative certification route. Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff reviewed the proposal and found that it complied with provisions of 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates, Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, and Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Mr. Gore to approve Educate Hearts Teaching Corps as a new educator preparation program, as presented. Second was made by Dr. McFarland and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

9. Request to Approve a New Educator Preparation Program: Tarrant County Community College Program

Ms. Ayers and Ms. Bunting presented this item to the board. Shelly Pearson from Tarrant County Community College was an additional speaker on this item. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to approve the application submitted by Tarrant County College Educator Preparation Program, located in Fort Worth, Texas to be approved as an educator preparation program (EPP) to prepare and recommend candidates for certification through the alternative certification route. Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff reviewed the proposal and found that it complied with provisions of 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates, Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, and Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. Weir to approve Tarrant County Community College as a new educator preparation program, as presented. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

10. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter F, Supplemental and Special Education Certificate Standards, and Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter F, Supplemental Certificate Standards, and Subchapter G, Special Education Certificate Standards

Mr. Pitre and Ms. Torrey presented this item to the board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss and propose new 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter F, Supplemental and Special Education Certificate Standards, and proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter F, Supplemental Certificate Standards, and Subchapter G, Special Education Certificate Standards. The proposal would repeal standards in current Subchapters F and G and combine and align language across educator standards in new proposed Subchapter F. The proposal would also implement the statutory requirements of House Bill (HB) 2256, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, and define the educator standards for the Bilingual Special Education certificate, as recommended by the SBEC-approved educator standards advisory committee.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to approve the Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter F, Supplemental and Special Education Certificate Standards, and Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter F, Supplemental Certificate Standards, and Subchapter G, Special Education Certificate Standards. Second was made by Ms. Glasscock and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCIPLINARY CASES

11. Pending or Contemplated Litigation, including Disciplinary Cases

A. Defaults

No Answer Defaults

1. In the Matter of Alan R. Manzo; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
2. In the Matter of Alexandra Poulter; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
3. In the Matter of Allyson Burkhard; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
4. In the Matter of Amanda Whitaker; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
5. In the Matter of Ashley Paez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
6. In the Matter of Athanise Lenore Parker a/k/a Athanise Lenore Blutson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
7. In the Matter of Dalton A. Trejo; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

8. In the Matter of David Humphrey; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
9. In the Matter of Erika Cabrera; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
Staff recommendation: 11-month suspension
10. In the Matter of Francisco Garza; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
11. In the Matter of Gabriela Mendoza; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
12. In the Matter of Jordan Swilley; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
13. In the Matter of Kelli Bush; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
14. In the Matter of Kenneth McHaney; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
15. In the Matter of Kira Dimitroff; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
16. In the Matter of Krista Ann Harper; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
17. In the Matter of Lindsay Dale Ferguson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

18. In the Matter of Mallorie Krizan; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
19. In the Matter of Omer Garcia III; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
20. In the Matter of Patrick L. Moorehead; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
21. In the Matter of Randi Mills; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
22. In the Matter of Robeyn Wallace; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
23. In the Matter of Ryan Howard; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
24. In the Matter of Shannon Lee Downey; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
25. In the Matter of Sonia G. Aleman; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
26. In the Matter of Susan Bremner; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
27. In the Matter of Thomas Kinard; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
28. In the Matter of Trisha Garcia; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
29. In the Matter of Tye V. Anderson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
30. In the Matter of Wonda Elizabeth Plummer; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
31. In the Matter of Bibiana Galvan; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
32. In the Matter of Brandon Franklin; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation and placement on Registry of Persons Not Eligible for Hire
33. In the Matter of Hernesto Balderas; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation and placement on Registry of Persons Not Eligible for Hire
34. In the Matter of Armando Ahumado; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation and placement on Registry of Persons Not Eligible for Hire
35. In the Matter of Jaylon Betts; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Suspension until expiration of certificate on November 1, 2025 and successful completion of a substance abuse treatment program

36. In the Matter of Carlos Robles; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension and successful completion of a substance abuse treatment program
37. In the Matter of Amy Lane; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 15-month suspension and successful completion of a substance abuse treatment program
38. In the Matter of Leslie Villarreal; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension and successful completion of a substance abuse treatment program
39. In the Matter of David Gonzales; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 4-year suspension and successful completion of a substance abuse treatment program
40. In the Matter of Meagan Martinez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 4-year suspension and successful completion of a substance abuse treatment program
41. In the Matter of Deborah Edwards; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Revocation
42. In the Matter of Thomas Montgomery; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension
43. In the Matter of Jacob Fernandez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
44. In the Matter of Ellen Rice; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension and classroom management training
45. In the Matter of Maria Paredes; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Revocation
46. In the Matter of Jaymie Joanna Newman; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation and placement on Registry of Persons Not Eligible for Hire
47. In the Matter of Eric Michael Rodriguez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
48. In the Matter of Felix R. Flores; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension
49. In the Matter of Erica Green; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension
50. In the Matter of Molly Wilkerson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension
51. In the Matter of Alexzandra Clark; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation and placement on Registry of Persons Not Eligible for Hire
52. In the Matter of Richard Adam; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation and placement on Registry of Persons Not Eligible for Hire

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. Glasscock to grant Staff's Request for Issuance of Default of Judgements on all default cases numbered 1-52 on the agenda, except numbers 1, 3, 12, 13, 24, 25, 30, 31, 35, 43, 48, 49, 50 and 52 and issue Final Orders consistent with staff's recommendations. Second was made by Dr. McFarland and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Chair Streepey to grant Staff's Request for Issuance of Default of Judgement on default case 31, as listed on the agenda, and issue Final Orders consistent with staff's recommendations. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Chair Streepey to grant Staff's Request for Issuance of Default of Judgement on default case 35, as listed on the agenda, and issue Final Orders consistent with staff's recommendations. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Chair Streepey to grant Staff's Request for Issuance of Default of Judgement on default case 48, as listed on the agenda, and enter a Final Order issuing a sanction of a two-year suspension and proof of completion of an anger management course. Second was made by Dr. McFarland and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Chair Streepey to grant Staff's Request for Issuance of Default of Judgement on default case 49, as listed on the agenda, and enter a Final Order issuing a sanction of a two-year suspension and proof of completion of an anger management course. Second was made by Dr. McFarland and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

B. SOAH Defaults

1. In the Matter of Kimberly Everett; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation and placement on Registry of Persons Not Eligible for Hire

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Dr. McFarland that the Board grant Staff's Request for the Issuance of SOAH Default Judgment on SOAH default number 1, as listed on the Agenda, and enter Final Orders consistent with Staff's recommendation. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

C. Contested Cases

Proposals for Decision

1. Docket No. 701-24-24265.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v Elizabeth Lopez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: Probated suspension until October 2032

Staff Recommendation: 10-year suspension

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. Glasscock, in the case of Docket No. 701-24-24265.EC, State Board for Educator Certification v. Elizabeth Lopez, that the Board adopt the Proposal for Decision and the Exceptions Letter including Findings of Fact Nos. 1 – 16 and Conclusions of Law Nos. 1 – 12. I move that the Board modify Conclusion of Law No. 13 as follows:

13. Respondent should be sanctioned with a 10-year suspension to match Respondent's community supervision. 19 Tex. Admin. Code § 249.17(c).

This modification of sanction is permissible pursuant to Texas Government Code §2001.058(e) and is necessary because the Administrative Law Judge did not properly apply Board rules or policies. The ALJ's recommendation of a probated suspension of Respondent's educator certificate until October 2032 when she is expected to be discharged from her community supervision is not in line with Board Rules.

In Conclusions of Law Nos. 2 and 5, the ALJ concluded that in October 2022, in Cause No. 19-CRS-56, the 229th District Court of Starr County, Texas entered an order of deferred adjudication after Respondent plead guilty to Medicaid fraud of greater than or equal to \$30,000 but less than \$150,000, a third-degree felony. The Respondent was placed on ten years deferred adjudication.

The SBEC rules set out a mandatory minimum sanction for felony-level conduct. Texas Administrative Code, § 249.17(e)(4) states that an educator who is court-ordered to complete a period of deferred adjudication or community supervision for a felony-level criminal offense under state or federal law, may not receive a sanction less than: (4) suspension for a period equal to the term of deferred adjudication or community supervision that the criminal court initially ordered but beginning from the date of the final board decision, if the case is resolved through a final board decision following a contested case hearing at the SOAH.

Board rules dictate that Respondent's teaching certificate should be suspended for 10 years. Therefore, Conclusion of Law No. 13 should be modified to suspend the Respondent's teaching certificate for 10 years.

A second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

2. Docket No. 701-24-16482.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v August Godsey; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: No disciplinary action be taken

Staff Recommendation: 1-year suspension

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Dr. McFarland, in the case of Docket No. 701-24-16482.EC, State Board for Educator Certification v. August Godsey, that the Board adopts the Proposal for Decision and the Exceptions Letter including Findings of Fact 1-13 and 15-21 as well as Conclusions of Law 1-9. I move that the Board strike Finding of Fact 14. I move that the Board modify Conclusions of Law 10, 11, and 12 as follows:

10. *Staff failed to prove that Respondent violated Standards 1.7, 1.10, or 3.8 of the Educators' Code of Ethics. 19 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 247.2(1)(G), (1)(J), and (3)(H). Staff also failed to prove that Respondent is unworthy to instruct or supervise the youth of this state. 19 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 249.15(b)(2).*

11. *Respondent violated Standard 3.5 of the Educators' Code of Ethics by physically mistreating Student 5 and Student 6. 19 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 247.2(3)(E).*

12. *SBEC should suspend Respondent's educator certificate for one year. 19 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 249.15(a)(3), (b)(3); 249.17(c).*

This modification of the Proposal for Decision is permissible pursuant to Texas Government Code §2001.058(e) and is necessary because the Administrative Law Judge did not properly apply Board rules or policies.

While couched as a finding of fact, Finding of Fact No. 14 is actually a conclusion of law and an incorrect interpretation of the Board's rules. The Board's rules do not require more context than the actions themselves. Additionally, a paraprofessional who witnessed the actions was disturbed enough by Respondent's actions with Students 5 and 6 to speak up about them.

The Administrative Law Judge found in Finding of Fact 13 that Respondent shoved Student 6 into a table with such force the table then caused a hole in the wall it subsequently impacted.

The Administrative Law Judge also found in Finding of Fact 13 that Respondent picked up Student 5 off a bean-bag and dropped Student 5 when Student 5 did not help or put Student 5's feet down.

In finding that these actions were not physical mistreatment of Students 5 and 6, the Administrative Law Judge misapplied Board rules. The Board's definition of "physical mistreatment" states that if an educator engages in unreasonable or offensive touching that would be offensive to a reasonable person in a similar circumstance then it is "physical mistreatment." Respondent's shoving of Student 6 into a table with enough force that the

table's impact with the wall created a hole is unreasonable and offensive for an educator to take against a student. Respondent picking up Student 6 and dropping the student because the student did not put the student's feet down is unreasonable and offensive for an educator to do to a student.

It is therefore necessary to change Conclusions of Law 10, 11, and 12. Conclusion of Law 10 would be modified to combine the original Conclusion of Law 11 in the PFD to the majority of the original Conclusion of Law 10 in the PFD after removing that Respondent did not violate 19 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 247.2(3)(E).

Conclusion of Law 11 would then be changed to reflect the correct interpretation of 19 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 249.3(38) and hold that Respondent did physically mistreat Student 5 and Student 6 in violation of 19 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 247.2(3)(E).

The Board has discretion to determine the penalty in educator discipline cases. To reflect the seriousness and intentional nature of this misconduct, potential danger the conduct poses to the health and welfare of students, and to deter the Respondent and other educators, the sanction in Conclusion of Law No. 12 should be modified to suspend Respondent's certificate.

I move that the Board issue a final order suspending Mr. Godsey's educator certificate for one year.

A second was made by Ms. Dvorak and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

3. Docket No.701-24-16479.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v Raul Santillan; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: 2-year suspension and classes on professional boundaries

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Dr. McFarland in the case of Docket No. 701-24-16479.EC, State Board for Educator Certification v. Raul Santillan, that the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final Order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation that a 2-year suspension with classes on professional boundaries be imposed. Second was made by Ms. Glasscock and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

4. Docket No.701-24-19821.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v Jereme Scott; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: 2-year suspension

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. MacDonald in the case of Docket No. 701-24-19821.EC, State Board for Educator Certification v. Jereme Scott, that the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final Order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation that a 2-year suspension be imposed. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

5. Docket No. 701-24-19823.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v Rykan Jones; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: No disciplinary action be taken

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. Glasscock in the case of Docket No. 701-24-19823.EC, State Board for Educator Certification v. Rykan Jones, that the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final Order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation that no sanction should be imposed against Rykan Jones's educator certificates. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION ONLY

12. Discussion of Test Development and Performance Assessment Updates

Mr. Pitre and Ms. Jernigan presented this item to the board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an update on certification test development through 2028 and a status update on the development of the Texas-specific teacher performance assessment.

13. Discussion of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229 Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, Subchapter A, Accountability System for Education Preparation Program Procedures, Subchapter B, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Accreditation Statuses, Subchapter C, Accreditation Sanctions, and Subchapter F, Required Fees

Dr. Landa presented this item to the board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss proposed amendments to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, Subchapter A, Accountability System for Education Preparation Program Procedures, Subchapter B, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Accreditation Statuses, Subchapter C, Accreditation Sanctions, and Subchapter F, Required Fees. 19 TAC Chapter 229 establishes the performance standards and procedures for educator preparation program (EPP) accountability. The proposed amendments would provide for adjustments to the Accountability System for Educator Preparation (ASEP) Manual; would

clarify and streamline language and definitions; would provide an updated approach for the implementation of the student growth indicator; would provide additional flexibility for small programs; would clarify closure procedures; and would include technical updates.

INFORMATION ONLY

14. Update of State Board for Educator Certification Enabling Legislation – 88th Session

15. Report of State Board for Educator Certification - 89th Texas Legislative Session

16. Board Operating Policies and Procedures (BOPP)

17. 2023–2026 Rule Review Plan for State Board for Educator Certification Rules

18. Adjournment

The State Board for Educator Certification adjourned its meeting at 3:05 PM on April 25, 2025.

The Board may go into closed session regarding any item on the agenda to the extent it is authorized to do so pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. The presiding officer of the Board intends to be physically present in Room 2.035, Barbara Jordan Building, 1601 North Congress Avenue. Some members may attend via videoconferencing.