

# STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION MEETING AGENDA

FEBRUARY 16, 2024 AT 8:30 AM  
1701 N. CONGRESS AVE. ROOM 1-104

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 (SBEC) convened its meeting at 8:35 AM on Friday, February 16, 2024.

Present on Friday, February 16, 2024: Dr. Robert Brescia, Dr. Veronica Galvan, Ms. Julia Dvorak, Dr. Michael McFarland, Dr. Scott Muri (arrived at 12:33 PM), Ms. Bena Glasscock, Dr. Emma Gelsing, Ms. Kelvey Oeser, Ms. Jean Streepey, and Mr. Josue Tamarez Torres.

### 2. Associate Commissioner's Comments Regarding the SBEC Agenda

Ms. Garcia thanked the Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff for their coordination and organization, and Board members for preparing and reviewing materials before meetings. Ms. Garcia also publicly honored Board Member Brescia for becoming a Nationally Board-Certified educator.

### 3. Public Comment

*There were no public commenters.*

## 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 – 6. There was public testimony on Item 6.

### 4. *Request to Approve December 7-8, 2023 Meeting Minutes*

### 5. *Adoption of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates*

*This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to adopt the proposed amendments to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter*

***233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates. The proposed amendments would add five new Core Subjects certificates into rule. The proposed amendments would also add a new Bilingual Special Education certificate into rule, implementing provisions specified in legislation. No changes are recommended since published as proposed, but additional changes may be recommended at the time of the meeting based on public comment.***

**6. Adoption of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 239, Student Services Certificates, Subchapter A, School Counselor Certificate, §239.20, Requirements for Issuance of the Standard School Counselor Certificate**

***This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to adopt the proposed amendment to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 239, Student Services Certificates, Subchapter A, School Counselor Certificate, §239.20, Requirements for the Issuance of the Standard School Counselor Certificate. The proposed amendment would implement the statutory requirement of Senate Bill (SB) 798, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, and would update the certificate issuance rules to remove the requirement that an individual must have two years of classroom teaching experience to receive a school counselor certificate. The proposed revisions would also include technical edits to comply with Texas Register formatting and style requirements. No changes are recommended since published as proposed, but additional changes may be recommended at the time of the meeting based on public comment.***

Public Testimony:

Dr. Elizabeth Rogers – Texas Counseling Association

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Gore to approve consent agenda items 4 – 6 as presented. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Dr. Muri and Dr. McFarland were not present at the time of this vote.*

Dr. McFarland joined the meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**7. Chapter 250 Petition for Rulemaking**

Ms. McCain and Ms. Wolfe presented this item to the board. They explained that this item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to consider a petition for rulemaking regarding 19 TAC Chapter 250, Administration, filed pursuant to Texas Government Code, §2001.021. The petitioner requests additions to the rules regarding rational rulemaking. The SBEC must either deny the petition or direct the Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff to initiate rulemaking proceedings.

Public Testimony:

Dr. Michael Marder – Uteach

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Ms. Dvorak to deny the Petition for Rulemaking. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Dr. Muri was not present for this vote.*

**8. Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates**

Ms. Burkhart presented this item to the Board. Ms. Burkhart explained that this item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss and propose amendments to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates. The proposed amendments make conforming changes to 19 TAC Chapter 227 rules given proposed updates to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Educator Preparation Program Requirements and 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification. The proposed changes include updates to the Pre-Admission Content Test (PACT) figure to include the proposed new certificates and aligned PACT exams, including proposed cut scores.

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Ms. Glasscock to approve the proposed amendments, as presented, to 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates, to be published as proposed in the Texas Register. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Dr. Muri was not present for this vote.*

**9. Adoption of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators, Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued, and Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures**

Ms. McLoughlin presented this item. Ms. McLoughlin explained that this item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to adopt the proposed amendments to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators, Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued, and Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures. The proposed amendments would redefine Pilot Exam; would provide a technical edit to align with the titles in subsections; would specify the timeline by which a passing score on a certification exam can be used for certification purposes; would decrease the number of days to request a test limit waiver after an unsuccessful examination attempt; would update the figure specifying the required pedagogy and content pedagogy certification exams for issuance of the probationary or standard certificate; would remove certificate categories and examinations that are no longer operational; would establish a Residency Certificate and the associated fees; and

would update the list of ineligible certification by examination certificates to include the Deafblind: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate.

Public Testimony:

Kelsey Kling – Texas Coalition for Educator Preparation

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Dr. McFarland to approve for adoption, subject to the State Board of Education Review the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators, Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued, and Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures, as presented with an effective date of at least 20 days after filing the adoption notice with the Texas Register, second was made by Ms. Glasscock. Dr. Muri, Dr. Brescia, Mr. Tamarez Torres, Ms. Glasscock, Chair Streepey, Ms. MacDonald, Ms. Dvorak, and Dr. McFarland voted in favor. Mr. Coleman voted against; Mr. Gore abstained. The motion carried.*

**10. Adoption of Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, and New 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs**

Ms. Cook and Ms. McLoughlin presented this item to the board. Ms. Cook explained that this item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to adopt proposed repeal of 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, and new 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs. The proposed repeal of and new 19 TAC Chapter 228 would reorganize the chapter to allow for improved readability; would implement legislation; and would include technical updates to remove outdated provisions; would incorporate components of the Effective Preparation Framework and provisions specific to the Residency Certificate; and would reflect stakeholder feedback to further strengthen the rules. No changes are recommended since published as proposed, but additional changes may be recommended at the time of the meeting based on public comment.

Public Testimony:

Pam Weatherington – Teach Us Texas  
Dr. Julie Derges – University of Houston  
Mrs. Katherine Hokanson – Austin Community College  
Dr. Lecia Eubanks – Teach Us Texas  
Dr. John Denis – Texas State University  
Mrs. Michelle De Leon – Austin Community College  
Dr. Veronica Garcia – Teach Us Texas  
Dr. Richard Palese – self  
Dr. Lisa Brown – Austin Community College  
Clara Altfeld – Disability Rights Texas  
Dr. Michael Marder – Uteach  
Dr. Michael Vriesenga – UTSA

Dr. Heath Morrison – Texas Teachers of Tomorrow  
Mr. Mayan Jarnagin – Teach Plus Texas  
Mrs. Jamie Vincek – Lamar CISD  
Mrs. Lisa Perez – Austin Community College  
Meredith Stadler – self

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to approve for adoption, subject to the State Board of Education review, the proposed repeal of and new 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs as presented, with an effective date of September 1, 2024. Second was made by Dr. Muri and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**11. Request to Approve 2022–2023 Accountability System for Educator Preparation (ASEP) Accreditation Statuses**

Dr. Landa and Dr. Olofson presented this item. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) the opportunity to approve the proposed 2022–2023 Accountability System for Educator Preparation (ASEP) accreditation statuses for educator preparation programs (EPPs).

Public Testimony:

Dr. Michael Vriesenga – UTSA

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Dr. McFarland to approve the 2022-2023 Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs accreditation statuses as presented. Second was made by Mr. Torres Tamarez and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Dr. Muri was not present for this vote.*

**12. Request to Approve 2022–2023 Educator Preparation Program (EPP) Commendations**

Dr. Landa and Ms. Love presented this item. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) the opportunity to approve the proposed 2022–2023 commendations for educator preparation programs (EPPs). The chair of the Commendations Committee, Ms. MacDonald, praised the work done by the committee. Dallas College, Tarleton State University, and Lubbock Christian University were given commendations.

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to approve the 2022-2023 Educator Preparation Programs Commendations as presented. Second was made by Mr. Tamarez Torres and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Dr. Muri was not present for this vote.*

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Coleman to approve the 2022-2023 Educator Preparation Programs Commendations for Lubbock Christian University. Second was made by Mr.*

*Tamarez Torres and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Dr. Muri was not present for this vote.*

## **DISCIPLINARY CASES**

### **13. Pending or Contemplated Litigation, including Disciplinary Cases**

#### **A. Defaults**

1. In the Matter of Aeisha Sanders; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
2. In the Matter of Alexandra Hart; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Suspension until expiry of one-year certificates on June 30, 2024
3. In the Matter of Ariana Rittenhouse; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
4. In the Matter of Blake Brown; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
5. In the Matter of Charkell Clark; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
6. In the Matter of Charlie Marie Everett; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Suspension until expiry of intern certificate on August 9, 2024
7. In the Matter of Craig Mason; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

8. In the Matter of Cynthia Stickle; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
9. In the Matter of Derek Flora; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
10. In the Matter of Douglas Ian Nelson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
11. In the Matter of Esther Sveter; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
12. In the Matter of Guadalupe Martinez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
13. In the Matter of Jaime Gonzalez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
14. In the Matter of James E. Slack; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
15. In the Matter of Jennifer Amanda Sanchez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
16. In the Matter of Jillian A. Briones; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

17. In the Matter of Keisha Carter; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
18. In the Matter of Mallory Burns; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
19. In the Matter of Mark Dominguez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
20. In the Matter of Stephen Tokoly; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
21. In the Matter of Zeinab Alameh; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
22. In the Matter of Jarod Olds; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation
23. In the Matter of Jesus Italia Castor; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation
24. In the Matter of Miracle Rosee Alfaro; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation
25. In the Matter of Erwin Bernard Jordan; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation



26. In the Matter of Angela Dyan Ball; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
27. In the Matter of Kathy Sterling; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
28. In the Matter of Franklin Guzman, Jr.; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension and proof of successful completion of a substance abuse treatment program
29. In the Matter of Javier Rivera; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 3-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
30. In the Matter of Lura Funk; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 3-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
31. In the Matter of Gena Dunfee; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 8-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
32. In the Matter of Heather Porter; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Revocation
33. In the Matter of Latrice Danielle Fisher; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Suspension until expiry of certificate on September 1, 2024

34. In the Matter of Heather Grubbs; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 5-year suspension
35. In the Matter of Steven Tucker; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 5-year suspension
36. In the Matter of Cynthia Moake; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
37. In the Matter of Benjamin Campbell; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension
38. In the Matter of Delia G. Ortega; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Revocation
39. In the Matter of Robert M. Le; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Revocation
40. In the Matter of Donna Harris; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Revocation
41. In the Matter of Candice Ford; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Coleman to grant staff's request for issuance of default judgement on cases numbered 1-7, 10-14, 16-24, 27, 29-32, 35, 38, 40 and 41 and issue final order consistent with staff's recommendations. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Coleman to grant staff's request for the issuance of default judgement on case number 8 and issue a final order consistent with staff's recommendation. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**Dr. McFarland recused himself from deliberating and voting on case number 8.**

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Ms. Glasscock to grant staff's request for the issuance of default judgement on cases numbered 25, 28, and 39 and issue a final order consistent with staff's recommendation. Second was made by Dr. McFarland, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**Mr. Tamarez Torres recused himself from deliberating and voting on cases numbered 25, 28, and 39.**

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Dr. McFarland to grant staff's request for the issuance of default judgement on case number 26 and enter a final order issuing a sanction of a 2-year suspension and proof of treatment program. Second was made by Dr. McFarland, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Dr. McFarland to grant staff's request for the issuance of default judgement on case number 34 and enter a final order issuing a sanction of a permanent revocation. Second was made by Dr. McFarland, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Coleman to grant staff's request for the issuance of default judgement on case number 37 and enter a final order issuing a sanction of a 2-year suspension and proof of a treatment program. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**SOAH Defaults**

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

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Coleman to grant staff's request for the issuance of SOAH Default Judgement and enter a final order consistent with Staff's recommendation.*

*Second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**Mr. Tamarez Torres recused himself from deliberating and voting on SOAH Default #2.**

2. In the Matter of James Tyler Davis; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Coleman to grant staff's request for the issuance of SOAH Default Judgement and enter a final order consistent with Staff's recommendation. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**B. Contested Cases**

Proposals for Decision

1. Docket No. 701-23-26001.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v. Richelle Smith; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: 1-year suspension

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Ms. Glasscock to accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation. Ms. Smith's educator certificates should be suspended for one year. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

2. Docket No. 701-23-22769.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v. Hannah Pillar; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: 8-month suspension

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Coleman to accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation. Ms. Pillar's educator certificates should*

*be suspended for eight (8) months. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

3. Docket No. 701-23-23179.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v. Freida Tillman; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: 6-month suspension

Staff Recommendation: 11-month suspension

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Dr. McFarland 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 – 10. I move that the Board modify Conclusion of Law No. 10 as follows:*

*10. Respondent should be sanctioned with an eleven-month suspension of her teaching certificate.*

*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.*

*As the ALJ noted in Finding of Fact No. 7, 14 and 15, Respondent did not have good cause to resign from her contract, but her anxiety and depression established one mitigating factor. The ALJ unjustly relies on Findings of Fact No. 16 to recommend a six-month sanction. The Board does not consider the open teacher positions across the state or the impact to the educator's continued employment or their subsequent district of a suspension in determining the appropriate sanction for an educator that abandons their contract.*

*The Board has discretion to determine the penalty in educator discipline cases. This modification is supported by the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law adopted herein.*

*The SBEC rules set out a one-year minimum sanction for contract abandonment absent any mitigating factors. The ALJ found that Respondent did not have good cause and abandoned her contract. The ALJ found that Respondent's anxiety and depression qualifies as one mitigating factor. Therefore, the sanction should be an eleven-month suspension of the Respondent's educator certificate, beginning June 1, 2024.*

*Second was made by Ms. Dvorak and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

4. Docket No. 701-23-26625.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v. Rosalinda Poullassichidis; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: No sanction or action to be taken

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Coleman to accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation that no disciplinary action be taken against Ms. Poulassichidis's educator certificates. Second was made by Ms. Glasscock and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

5. Docket No. 701-23-24735.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v. Jeffrey Miranda; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: Permanent Revocation

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation. Mr. Miranda's educator certificates should be permanently revoked. Second was made by Mr. Coleman and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

6. Docket No. 701-23-14225.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v. G. Floyd; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: Permanent Revocation

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Coleman to accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation. Mr. Floyd, aka Gary Floyd's, educator certificates should be permanently revoked. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**C. Court Cases**

*District Court Cases*

1. Texas Education Agency, State Board for Educator Certification, Emily Garcia, Mike Morath, and Calvin Stocker v. A+ Texas Teachers; No. 03-23-00318-CV, In the Third Court of Appeals on Appeal from Case No. D-1-GN-23-001504, in the 53<sup>rd</sup> District Court of Travis County, Texas. Possible discussion and action on proposed settlement agreement.

## **DISCUSSION ONLY**

### **14. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter B, Prekindergarten-Grade 6 Assignments, Subchapter C, Grades 6-8 Assignments, Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments, and Subchapter F, Special Education-Related Services Personnel Assignments**

Mr. Pitre, Ms. Torrey, and Ms. McGuire presented this item. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss proposed revisions to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments. The rules being discussed provide requirements relating to the criteria for school districts to make personnel assignments based on the correlating certification requirements. The proposed amendments are necessary to expand certificate offerings appropriate for assignments requiring demonstration of proficiency in the science of teaching reading and other course assignments. Proposed amendments would also expand the list of certificates appropriate for personnel serving in special education-related assignments.

Public Testimony:

Mr. Quinn McCall – Texas Classroom Teachers Association  
Ms. Kelly Morrison – Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education  
Kate Borg – Texas Deafblind Project  
Kaycee Bennett – Texas Deafblind Project  
Steven Aleman – Disability Rights Texas

The board recessed at 11:54 AM and reconvened at 12:32 PM. Dr. Muri arrived at 12:33 PM.

### **15. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, §230.11. General Requirements**

Mr. Law presented this item to the board for discussion. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss proposed revisions to the English language proficiency requirements outlined in 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, §230.11. General Certification Requirements.

Public Testimony:

Mrs. Jamie Vincek – Lamar CISD

**INFORMATION ONLY**

**16. Update of State Board for Educator Certification Enabling Legislation**

**17. Board Operating Policies and Procedures (BOPP)**

**18. 2023–2026 Rule Review Plan for State Board for Educator Certification Rules**

**19. Adjournment**

Chair Streepey adjourned the meeting at 3:58 PM.

**20. Statutory Citations**

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 1-104, William B. Travis Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue. Some members may attend via videoconferencing.