

STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION MEETING AGENDA

FEBRUARY 14, 2025 AT 8:30 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 8:32 AM on Friday, February 14, 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, and Dr. Bob Brescia. Dr. Alma Rodriguez, Dr. Michale McFarland, Mr. Josue Tamarez Torres, and Mr. Tommy Coleman were absent.

2. Associate Commissioner's Comments

Associate Commissioner Jessica McLoughlin welcomed the board and shared gratitude for the board and all stakeholders for their commitment to students across the state and for their collaboration; she also expressed thanks to the Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement (EPCE) Stakeholder Group.

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, 5, and 9. There was public testimony on Item 9.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. Glasscock to approve the consent agenda items 4, 5, and 9 as presented. Second was made by Mr. Gore and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

4. Approve December 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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

Texas Government Code, § 2001.039, establishes a four-year rule review cycle for all state agency rules, including State Board for Educator Certification rules. This item presents for SBEC approval the review of 19 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates. The rules being reviewed provide requirements for admission to educator preparation programs and preliminary evaluation of certification eligibility

6. Adoption of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, Elementary School Certificate Standards, Subchapter C, Middle School Certificate Standards, and Subchapter D, Secondary School Certificate Standards

Ms. Burkhart presented this item to the board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification an opportunity to adopt the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, Elementary School Certificate Standards, Subchapter C, Middle School Certificate Standards, and Subchapter D, Secondary School Certificate Standards. The revisions would repeal the current grade-banded classroom teacher pedagogy standards and replace them with the new Classroom Teacher Pedagogy standards.

Public Testimony:

Kelly Waters, Self
Dr. Sara DeLano, Dallas College

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Mr. Gore to approve for adoption, subject to State Board of Education review, the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, Elementary School Certificate Standards, Subchapter C, Middle School Certificate Standards, and Subchapter D, Secondary School Certificate Standards, as presented, with an effective date of 20 days after filing the adoption notice with the Texas Register. Second was made by Ms. Weir and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

7. Adoption of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter F, Special Education-Related Services Personnel Assignments

Mr. Pitre and Ms. Torrey presented this item to the board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification an opportunity to adopt the proposed revisions to 19 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter F, Special Education-Related Services Personnel Assignments. The proposed revisions would provide requirements for school districts to make personnel assignment decisions based on the correlating certification and demonstration of content proficiency requirements. The proposed revisions would also expand the list of certificates appropriate

for personnel serving in special education-related assignments and include a section dedicated to requirements for an assignment of Teachers of Students who are Deafblind.

Public Testimony:

Dr. Steven Aleman, Disability Rights Texas

Dr. Andrea Chevalier, TCASE

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to approve for adoption, subject to State Board of Education review, the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter F, Special Education-Related Services Personnel Assignments, as presented, with an effective date of 20 days after filing the adoption notice with the Texas Register. Second was made by Ms. Glasscock and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

8. Adoption of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases

Ms. Wolfe and Mr. Rodriguez presented this item to the board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification an opportunity to adopt the proposed amendments to 19 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases. The proposed amendments reflect the results of prior discussions on Chapter 249 by the SBEC, as well as multiple stakeholder engagement sessions, by amending the contract abandonment mitigating factors; amending the definition of solicitation to add grooming behaviors; updating the SBEC's mandatory minimum sanctions; updating the SBEC's mailing procedures to allow original petitions and default petitions to be sent via electronic mail; clarifying that all notices sent to comply with Texas Government Code, § 2001.054, will be sent via certified or registered mail, removing the requirement that exceptions must be filed or an issue is waived; clarifying the erroneously issued certificate section to explicitly state that the cancellation of a certificate issued as the result of a Texas Education Agency information technology error will not result in a contested case; and amending the SBEC's definition of abuse to mirror the definition of abuse found in Texas Family Code, Chapter 261, as well as additional technical edits.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. Glasscock to approve for adoption, subject to State Board of Education review, the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, Enforcement Actions and Guidelines, Subchapter C, Prehearing Matters, and Subchapter E, Post Hearing Matters, as presented, with an effective date of 20 days after filing the adoption notice with the Texas Register. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

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

Public Testimony:

Sherri Harwell, East Texas A&M University

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

10. Special Election of State Board for Educator Certification Vice-Chairperson and Board Secretary

Ms. McCain presented this item to the board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification an opportunity to elect a Vice-Chairperson and Board Secretary.

Chair Streepey nominated Courtney MacDonald for Board Vice-Chairperson. There were no additional nominations, and Ms. MacDonald was elected Board Vice-Chairperson by acclamation.

Chair Streepey nominated Bena Glasscock for Board Secretary. There were no additional nominations, and Ms. Glasscock was elected Board Secretary by acclamation.

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

Ms. McCain presented this item to the board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification an opportunity to discuss and propose an amendment to 19 Texas Administrative Code 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.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to approve the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 250, Administration, Subchapter B, Rulemaking Procedures, 250.20, Petition for Adoption of Rules and Rule Changes, as presented, to be published in the Texas Register. Second was made by Ms. Weir and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

12. Request to Approve 2023–2024 Accountability System for Educator Preparation Accreditation Statuses

Dr. Landa presented this item to the board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification the opportunity to approve the recommended 2023-2024 Accountability System for Educator Preparation accreditation statuses for educator preparation programs.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to approve the 2023-2024 Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs accreditation statuses as presented. Second was made by Ms. Weir and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

13. Update on A+ Texas Teachers Educator Preparation Program

This item was presented by Ms. Wolfe and Ms. Cook, with a special presentation by independent monitor, Dr. Pam Wells. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification an update on A+ Texas Teachers educator preparation program.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Chair Streepey to approve the accreditation status for A+ Texas Teachers as Accredited under the 2023-2024 Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCIPLINARY CASES

14. Pending or Contemplated Litigation, including Disciplinary Cases

A. Defaults

No Answer Defaults

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

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

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

Staff recommendation: Inscribed Reprimand
4. In the Matter of Amy Elizabeth Newton; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

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

- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
6. In the Matter of Anne Grant; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
7. In the Matter of Anthony D. Young; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
8. In the Matter of April Reed; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
9. In the Matter of Bonnie Jean Mareno Jones; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
10. In the Matter of Brandi Zarate; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
11. In the Matter of Courtney Dixon; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
12. In the Matter of Courtney Whitehead; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
13. In the Matter of Donald Gaidry; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
14. In the Matter of Emily G. Temofonte; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

15. In the Matter of Emma Holroyd a/k/a Emma Hughes; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: Inscribed Reprimand
16. In the Matter of Estella Camacho; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
17. In the Matter of Isaiah Jackson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
18. In the Matter of Jazmin Rivera; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

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

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

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
21. In the Matter of Katherine Margo a/k/a Katherine Kondziolka; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
22. In the Matter of Katherine M. Sandoval a/k/a Katherine Cavazos; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

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

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

- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
25. In the Matter of Lisa Wright; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
26. In the Matter of Lorryn Rae Kent; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Inscribed Reprimand
27. In the Matter of Megan Mae Cochran; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
28. In the Matter of Micheal Anthony Cabrera; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
29. In the Matter of Misty Kelly; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
30. In the Matter of Natasha Maxwell; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
31. In the Matter of Nathan Anthony; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
32. In the Matter of Noorulain Thalhoo; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
33. In the Matter of Randi Lynn Flamm; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

34. In the Matter of Renee Ruiz; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
35. In the Matter of Robert Lyle; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
36. In the Matter of Ronda Wylie; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
37. In the Matter of Rylie Vaught; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
38. In the Matter of Samantha Juan; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
39. In the Matter of Samuel Kim; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
40. In the Matter of Tuboris Trotter-Jennings; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
41. In the Matter of Vikki Glosson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
42. In the Matter of Spencer Comeaux; 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
43. In the Matter of Stewart Clouse; 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

44. In the Matter of Jason Alaniz; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: Revocation

45. In the Matter of Norma Alicia Dominguez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: Revocation

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

Staff recommendation: Revocation

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 1-46 on the agenda, except numbers 11, 15, 19, 20, 24, 32, 44, and 46 and issue Final Orders 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 Chair Streepey to grant Staff's Request for Issuance of Default of Judgement on default case 44, as listed on the agenda, and issue Final Orders 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 Ms. Glasscock to grant Staff's Request for Issuance of Default Judgement on default case 46, as listed on the agenda, and enter a Final Order issuing a sanction of Permanent Revocation. Second was made by Mr. Gore and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

SOAH Defaults

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

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

2. In the Matter of Jessica Luna; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension and proof of successful completion of a substance abuse treatment program

3. In the Matter of Chris Morris; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: Revocation

4. In the Matter of Toni Medford; 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 Mr. Gore that the Board grant Staff's Request for the Issuance of SOAH Default Judgment on SOAH default numbers 1 and 3 through 4, as listed on the Agenda, and enter Final Orders consistent with Staff's recommendation.

B. Contested Cases

Proposals for Decision

1. Docket No. 701-24-17915.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v Javier Cruz; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: Inscribed or Non-Inscribed Reprimand

Staff Recommendation: 11-month suspension

Javier Cruz testified on behalf of himself on this matter. Carol Gustin represented TEA Staff.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. MacDonald in the case of Docket No. 701-24-17915.EC, State Board of Educator Certification v. Javier Cruz, that the Board accept the ALJ's Recommendation of a non-inscribed reprimand. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

2. Docket No. 70-24-18281.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v Christina McCreary; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: 1-year suspension

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

Christina McCreary and Ms. McCreary's attorney, Rajish Jose, testified on this matter. Carol Gustin represented TEA Staff.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. Glasscock in the case of Docket No. 701-24-18281.EC, State Board of Educator Certification v. Christina McCreary, that the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final Order consistent with the ALJ's recommendations. Second was made by Ms. MacDonald and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

3. Docket No. 701-24-19822.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v Jennifer Hoelscher; 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. 701-24-19822.EC, State Board of Educator Certification v. Jennifer Hoelscher, that the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final Order consistent with the ALJ's recommendations. Second was made by Ms. Weir and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION ONLY

15. Discussion of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter G, Special Education Certificate Standards

This item was presented by Mr. Pitre and Ms. Torrey. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification an opportunity to discuss a proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 235, Classroom Teacher Certification Standards, Subchapter G, Special Education Certificate Standards. The proposed amendment would implement the statutory requirements of House Bill 2256, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021. The proposed amendment would define the educator standards for the Bilingual Special Education certificate as recommended by the SBEC-approved educator standards advisory committee.

16. Educator Investigations Update

This item was presented by Mr. Rodriguez. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification the opportunity to discuss the educator investigations process.

INFORMATION ONLY

17. Update of State Board for Educator Certification Enabling Legislation

18. Board Operating Policies and Procedures (BOPP)

19. 2023–2026 Rule Review Plan for State Board for Educator Certification Rules

20. Adjournment

The State Board of Educator Certification adjourned its meeting at 3:06 PM on February 14, 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 1-104, William B. Travis Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue. Some members may attend via videoconferencing.