
Item 14:

Designation of National Board Certification Materials Review Committee

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

SUMMARY: This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) with an opportunity to designate a five-person committee who will meet to discuss and vote on the findings of the review of National Board certificates.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: The statutory authority is Texas Education Code (TEC), §21.031, §21.041(b)(1), and §21.3523

TEC, §21.031, authorizes the SBEC to regulate and oversee all aspects of the certification, continuing education, and standards of conduct of public school educators.

TEC, §21.041(b)(1), requires the SBEC to propose rules that provide for the regulation of educators and the general administration of the TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B, in a manner consistent with the TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B.

TEC §21.3523 authorizes the SBEC to review certificates issued by NBPTS to determine whether to reauthorize or revoke teachers' Teacher Incentive Allotment designation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION: Per House Bill 2, Sec. 21.3523 (89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025), the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) may review certificates issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) to determine whether to reauthorize or revoke teachers' Teacher Incentive Allotment designation. If the SBEC revokes authorization for the designation, they can review it and determine whether to reauthorize it.

By 12/31/26, SBEC must conduct an initial review and determine to either reauthorize or revoke authorization for the designation. If the board revokes the designation, the board may at any time conduct a review to determine whether to reauthorize the nationally board-certified teacher designation. If the board fails to reauthorize the designation by December 31, 2026, the authorization for the designation will be revoked.

Contracted experts, who were selected based on SBEC-approved criteria, will review materials to ensure compliance with Texas State Law, as outlined in TEC §21.3523. This includes reviewing materials to ensure that earning National Board Certification does not interfere with a teacher's ability to provide:

- Instruction in essential knowledge and skills without using the Common Core State Standards
- Phonics instruction without the use of 3-cueing
- Instruction in accordance with the instructional requirements and prohibitions under Section 28.0022 or any other applicable state law.

In addition, selected experts will review materials to determine if National Board components and assessments align with the criteria adopted by the State Board of Education (SBOE) for the approval of instructional materials (i.e. Instructional Materials Review and Approval suitability rubrics).

Reviewers will work in two phases. In phase one, they will review all current materials and submit a detailed report to the SBEC sub-committee in the April 2026 meeting. In the second phase, any materials that have undergone revisions by NBPTS will receive a second review. The phase two reports will be presented to the SBEC sub-committee at the September 2026 meeting.

The five-person committee of board members designated by the Board will review the findings of the reviewers and make a recommendation to the full Board to either reauthorize or revoke the authorization for the designation prior to December 31, 2026.

Designation of Committee and Presiding Officer:

- **Committee.** The Board Chair will designate a five-person committee.
- **Presiding Officer.** The Board Chair will designate a presiding officer of the committee who will certify that a quorum of the committee is present in order to conduct official business of the committee.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

- Designate a five-person National Board Certification Materials Review committee and presiding officer.

Staff Member Responsible:

Beth Burkhart, Director, Educator of EPP Content and Assessment Strategy

Attachments:

- I. Criteria for NBPTS materials reviewer selection
- II. Estimated Timeline and Scope of Work for NBPTS Materials Review

ATTACHMENT I**Criteria for NBPTS Materials Reviewer Selection**

During the September 2025 meeting, the SBEC specified selection criteria for the individuals who will be contracted to complete the review of the NBPTS materials.

All reviewers must be Texas residents and have at least five years' experience as an educator or administrator in Texas public schools, or at least five years' experience as an educator in a Texas educator preparation program.

- While individual expertise may vary, collectively, the group of reviewers will have expertise in the following areas:
 - National Board certification, through having attained National Board certification
 - Reading and interpreting statute
 - Relevant content knowledge
 - IMRA suitability rubrics

ATTACHMENT II
Estimated Timeline and Scope of Work for NBPTS Materials Review

Phase One	
Activity/Deliverable	Timeframe¹
Virtual kickoff meeting	January 2026
Monthly individual reports of findings of compliance or noncompliance with TX law for each set of NBPTS materials. - December: Guide to NB Certification - Five Core Propositions Included in the What Teachers Should Know and Be Able to Do - General Portfolio Instructions - Scoring Guide - Sample Items - Maintenance of Certification Resources	January 2026
February: Certification Standards - Art, Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood - Art, Early Childhood and Middle Childhood - Career and Technical Education - English Language Arts - English as a New Language - Exceptional Needs - Generalist, Early Childhood (Updated Aug. 2024) - Generalist, Middle Childhood (Updated Aug. 2024) - Health Education - Library Media - Literacy: Reading-Language Arts (Updated Aug. 2024) - Mathematics - Music - Physical Education - School Counseling - Science - Social Studies-History - World Languages	February 2026
March Supplemental Resources: Cohort planning toolkit	March 2026

¹ Dates for performance.

Support Resources for Candidates ATLAS for Candidates	
April: Content Assessments	April 2026
Monthly calibration meetings.	January 2026– April 2026
Phase one report for SBEC Report of findings presented to SBEC committee before the April 2025 SBEC meeting. The report will include: • a description of the materials reviewed, • the page number and exact language of any materials or sections of materials determined to conflict with state law • citation of the state law and a description of how the materials conflict with it.	April 1, 2026
Phase Two	
Report of findings of compliance or noncompliance with TX law to the SBEC committee for any materials revised by NBPTS following the Phase one review.	July 2026