

STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION MEETING AGENDA

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 AT 11:00 AM & SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 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 (SBEC) convened its meeting at 11:03am on Thursday, September 18, 2025.

Present on Thursday, September 18, 2025: Ms. Julia Dvorak, Dr. Veronica Galvan, Ms. Bena Glasscock, Mr. Rex Gore, Dr. Emma Gelsinger, Ms. Kelvey Oeser, Dr. Alma Rodriguez, Ms. Jean Streepey, Dr. Michael McFarland, Ms. Tara Turk- Zaafran, Ms. Latisha Andrews, and Ms. Bobbie Lynn Weir.

Absent on Thursday, September 18, 2025: Ms. Courtney MacDonald

Present on Friday, September 19, 2025: Ms. Julia Dvorak, Dr. Veronica Galvan, Ms. Bena Glasscock, Mr. Rex Gore, Ms. Courtney MacDonald, Ms. Kelvey Oeser, Dr. Alma Rodriguez, Ms. Jean Streepey, Dr. Michael McFarland, Dr. Emma Gelsinger, Ms. Tara Turk-Zaafran, Ms. Latisha Andrews, and Ms. Bobbie Lynn Weir.

2. Associate Commissioner's Comments

Associate Commissioner Jessica McLoughlin welcomed the board and gave a few words acknowledging and honoring the memory of Dr. Bob Brescia.

3. Public Comment

Public Commenters:

Dr. Michael Marder, Carol Fletcher, Kimberly Hughes, Dr. Elizabeth Rogers, Scarlet Clouse and Christie Cummings.

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 – 8. There was no public testimony on the consent agenda.

4. Approve July 24, 2025 Work Session Minutes

5. Approve July 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes

6. Approve 2026 SBEC Meeting Dates

This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to approve the 2026 meeting dates. These dates are scheduled in accordance with the Texas Education Code §21.038 and align with State Board of Education meetings.

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.

8. Adoption 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

This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to adopt the 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.

Motion and vote:

Motion was made by Ms. Dvorak to approve the consent agenda 4 – 8 as presented. Second was made by Dr. McFarland and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

9. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter A, Criteria for Assignment of Public School Personnel, Subchapter B, Prekindergarten-Grade 6 Assignments, Subchapter C, Grades 6-8 Assignments, Subchapter D, Electives, Disciplinary Courses, Local Credit Courses, and Innovative Courses, Grades 6-12, Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments, and Subchapter G, Paraprofessional Personnel, Administrators, and Other Instructional and Professional Support Assignments.

Mr. Trenton Law presented this item to the Board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss and propose revisions to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter A, Criteria for Assignment of Public School Personnel, Subchapter B, Prekindergarten-Grade 6 Assignments, Subchapter C, Grades 6-8 Assignments, Subchapter D, Electives, Disciplinary Courses, Local Credit Courses, and Innovative Courses, Grades 6-12, Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments, and Subchapter G, Paraprofessional Personnel, Administrators, and Other Instructional and Professional Support Assignments. The rules being discussed provide requirements relating to the criteria for school districts to make personnel assignments based on the correlating certification requirements.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Dr. McFarland to approve the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter A, Criteria for Assignment of Public School Personnel, Subchapter B, Prekindergarten-Grade 6 Assignments, Subchapter C, Grades 6-8 Assignments, Subchapter D, Electives, Disciplinary Courses, Local Credit Courses, and Innovative Courses, Grades 6-12, Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments, and Subchapter G, Paraprofessional Personnel, Administrators, and Other Instructional and Professional Support Assignments, as presented, to be published in the Texas Register. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCIPLINARY CASES

10. Pending or Contemplated Litigation, including Disciplinary Cases

A. Defaults

No Answer Defaults

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

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

Motion was made by Ms. Dvorak to grant Staff's Request for the Issuance of a Default Judgment on case number 1, as listed on the agenda, and enter a Final Order consistent with Staff's recommendations. Second was made by Dr. McFarland and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

SOAH Default

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

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. Dvorak that Respondent Alan R. Manzo did not have good cause for failing to appear on August 7, 2025 at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Second was made by Ms. McDonald and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. Dvorak to grant Staff's Request for the Issuance of SOAH Default Judgement and enter a Final Order consistent with Staff's recommendation in the matter of Alan R. Manzo. Second was made by Ms. McDonald and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

B. Contested Cases

Proposal for Decision

1. Docket No. 701-25-11590.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v Maurice Adams Walker, Jr.; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: No disciplinary action should be taken

Staff Recommendation: 5-year suspension

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. Dvorak, in the case of Docket No. 701-25-11590.EC, TEA v. Maurice Walker, to accept the PFD and issue a Final Order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation. Second was made by Ms. Weir and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION ONLY

11. Discussion of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 247, Educators' Code of Ethics, and Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases

Ms. Sarah Wolfe and Mr. David Rodriguez presented this item to the Board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss potential amendments to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 247, Educators' Code of Ethics, and Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, as the result of legislation from the 89th Legislative Session.

12. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Subchapters A-F

Ms. Melissa Yoder and Ms. Lorrie Ayers presented this item to the Board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss proposed revisions to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, Subchapter A, General Guidance, Subchapter B, Approval of Educator Preparation Programs, Subchapter C, Administration and Governance of Educator Preparation Programs, Subchapter D, Required Educator Coursework and Training, Subchapter E, Educator Candidate Clinical Experiences, and Subchapter F, Support for Candidates During Required Clinical Experiences. The Board discussed potential amendments to the rules as a result of legislation from the 89th Legislative session.

13. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates

Ms. Lorrie Ayers presented this item to the Board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss proposed revisions to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates. Proposed revisions would update current requirements for candidate admission into educator preparation programs (EPPs) to implement legislation passed during the 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025.

14. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, and Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued

Ms. Marilyn Cook presented this item to the Board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss proposed revisions to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, and Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued. The proposed revisions would update current rule language to implement provisions from House Bill (HB) 2, 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025.

15. Continuing Approval Review Redesign Update

Ms. Melissa Yoder and Mr. William Sea presented this item to the Board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) with an update on the development of the Continuing Approval Review (CAR) redesign progress to date. Staff presented updates on the review rubric and aligned review process, pilot outcomes, and next steps for implementation.

16. Discussion of SBEC Review of National Board Certificates

Ms. Beth Burkhart presented this item to the Board. This item provided the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) with information on the review of National Board certificates outlined in House Bill 2 Sec. 21.3523 (89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025) and the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed criteria for materials reviewers.

INFORMATION ONLY

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

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

19. Board Operating Policies and Procedures (BOPP)

20. 2023–2026 Rule Review Plan for State Board for Educator Certification Rules

21. Adjournment

The State Board of Educator Certification adjourned at 1:55pm on September 19, 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.