

# **STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION MEETING AGENDA**

**JULY 25, 2025 AT 9:00 AM  
1601 N. CONGRESS AVE. ROOM 2.013**

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 9:01 AM on Friday, July 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, Ms. Latisha Andrews, and Dr. Michael McFarland.

Ms. Tara Zaafran was absent.

### **2. Associate Commissioner's Comments**

Associate Commissioner Jessica McLoughlin welcomed the Board and expressed gratitude towards the Board members' enthusiasm, engagement, and commitment to the work ahead of the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.

### **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 4-7. There was no public testimony.*

### **4. Approve April 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**5. 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.*

**6. Adoption of 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**

*This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to adopt, subject to State Board of Education (SBOE) review, the proposed amendments to 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 proposed amendments 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.*

**7. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Request to Approve a New Class of Certificate at University of North Texas-Dallas**

*This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to approve a request by The University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT-Dallas), an approved educator preparation program (EPP), located in Dallas, Texas, to offer the Superintendent class of certificate in the alternative certification route as part of their certificate inventory. 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, Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, and Chapter 242, Superintendent Certificate.*

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Gore 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. 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 and propose 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 Dr. McFarland to approve the 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, as presented, to be published in the Texas Register. Second was made by Ms. Glasscock and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

### **9. Designation of Temporary Suspension Committee**

Ms. Wolfe presented this item to the Board. 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 temporary suspension matters. Members Bobbie Lynn Weir, Bena Glasscock, Michael McFarland, Courtney MacDonald Julia Dvorak – Presiding Officer, Rex Gore, Tara Turk-Zaafraan and Veronica Galvan were appointed to the Temporary Suspension Committee.

#### **Disciplinary Cases**

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

#### **A. Defaults**

#### **No Answer Defaults**

1. In the Matter of Allyson Burkhard; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
2. In the Matter of Dana Jane Brangaitis a/k/a Dana Wagner; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
3. In the Matter of Eric Pesak; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
4. In the Matter of Erick Arnaldo Gonzalez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
5. In the Matter of James Barber; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
6. In the Matter of Jennifer R. Barrera; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
7. In the Matter of Joseph Johnson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
8. In the Matter of Katherine Marie Vukovics; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
9. In the Matter of Kathryn Lankford; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
10. In the Matter of Kaylea Singleton; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
11. In the Matter of Kenneth Carni; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
12. In the Matter of Kevin Benjamin; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
13. In the Matter of Kimyra Lagway; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
14. In the Matter of Luz Severson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
15. In the Matter of Margaret Maag; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
16. In the Matter of Matthew Busbice; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
17. In the Matter of Melissa Cruson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
18. In the Matter of Michelle L. Naumann; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
19. In the Matter of Stephanie Shasteen; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

20. In the Matter of Osceola Free a/k/a Terry Wayne Turley, Jr.; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation and placement on Registry of Persons Not Eligible for Hire
21. In the Matter of Walter Nix; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation and placement on Registry of Persons Not Eligible for Hire
22. In the Matter of Lindy M. Williams; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 3-year suspension
23. In the Matter of Kathleen Crowell; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
24. In the Matter of Donita Klement; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension
25. In the Matter of Kelli Mack; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Revocation
26. In the Matter of Sophie Cooke; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Revocation
27. In the Matter of Megan Laity; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Suspension until expiration of certificate on August 9, 2025
28. In the Matter of Stephanie Nesbitt; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

29. In the Matter of Rafael Perez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Revocation
30. In the Matter of Katrina Bryant; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation and placement on Registry of Persons Not Eligible for Hire
31. In the Matter of George Neely; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation and placement on Registry of Persons Not Eligible for Hire
32. In the Matter of Harriett Sherrard-Page; 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 1-32 on the agenda, except numbers 3 and 20, and enter Final Orders consistent with Staff's recommendations. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**B. SOAH Defaults**

1. In the Matter of Brenda Sue Guardiola; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

**Motion and Vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Gore to grant Staff's Request for the Issuance of SOAH Default Judgment on SOAH default number 1, as listed on the Agenda, 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.*

## **DISCUSSION ONLY**

### **11. Discussion of Texas Test of Educator Proficiency (T-TEP) Development Updates**

Mr. Pitre presented this item to the Board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) with an update on the selection of the Texas Test of Educator Proficiency (T-TEP) EPP Development Team and development process.

### **12. Discussion of 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. Law 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 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.

## **INFORMATION ONLY**

### **13. Update of State Board for Educator Certification Enabling Legislation – 88<sup>th</sup> Session**

### **14. Report of State Board for Educator Certification - 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session**

### **15. Board Operating Policies and Procedures (BOPP)**

### **16. 2023–2026 Rule Review Plan for State Board for Educator Certification Rules**

### **17. Adjournment**

The State Board for Educator Certification adjourned its meeting at 11:14 AM on July 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.