

Item 6:

Approval of 2026 State Board for Educator Certification Meeting Dates

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

SUMMARY: According to the Texas Education Code (TEC), §21.038, the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) shall meet at least once in each quarter of the calendar year. The SBEC may meet at other times at the call of the presiding officer or as provided by the rules of the Board. The purpose of this item is to set the SBEC meeting and work session dates for 2026.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: TEC, §21.038 requires the SBEC to submit a written copy of each rule it proposes to adopt to the State Board of Education (SBOE) for review. The SBOE has 90 days to review the rule action and may either take no action or reject the rule action by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the SBOE present and voting.

Section 2001.027 of the Texas Government Code requires that a proposed rule is withdrawn six months (180 days) after publication date of the proposed rule in the *Texas Register* if a state agency has failed to adopt, adopt as amended, or withdraw the proposed rule.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The SBEC meeting dates presented for consideration comply with the statutory authority requiring the SBOE to have 90 days to review and the opportunity to take action on SBEC proposed rules, as well as the six-month requirement to take action on a rule once it has been published in the *Texas Register*.

Advance notice of future SBEC meetings will provide an opportunity for SBEC Board members, Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff, and the public to be informed of upcoming meetings and to plan activities accordingly.

The following dates for SBEC meetings and work session in 2026 have been recommended by the SBEC Chair and TEA staff:

Proposed SBEC 2026 Meeting Dates:

February 13, 2026

April 24, 2026

July 23, 2026 – Work Session

July 24, 2026

September 17-18, 2026

December 3-4, 2026

MOTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

Approve the proposed 2026 SBEC Board meeting dates.

Staff Member Responsible:

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