

## Item 14:

# Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Request to Approve Educator Preparation Advisory Committee Members

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION

**SUMMARY:** This item provides the State Board for Education Certification (SBEC) with an opportunity to approve Educator Preparation Advisory Committee (EPAC) members. The SBEC is statutorily authorized to approve members of advisory committees. The committee members selected for the EPAC are representative of the diverse types of educator preparation programs (EPPs) in the state. The committee meets to provide input on issues related to EPPs in Texas.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The statutory authority for the appointment of advisory committee members is Texas Education Code, §21.040(3).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION:** The SBEC is statutorily authorized to approve members of advisory committees. The EPAC was initially approved at the March 2006 SBEC meeting and became part of the SBEC Board Operating Policies and Procedures. The EPAC is the only standing SBEC advisory committee. The committee members for 2006-2007 were approved at the May 2006 meeting. The 2014-2015 committee members were approved at the August 1, 2014 meeting. When the 2014-2015 committee was formed, members were assigned one, two, or three-year terms. The 2015-2018 committee members were approved at the August 7, 2015 meeting and the 2018-2020 committee members were approved at the December 8, 2017 meeting.

The committee meets to provide input on issues related to educator preparation programs (EPPs) in Texas. The committee members selected for the EPAC are representative of the different types of EPPs in the state. Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff engages other stakeholders through their professional organization events (conferences, workshops, board meetings, etc.) and invites representatives to EPAC meetings or portions of meetings as appropriate.

This item provides the SBEC the opportunity to approve EPAC members who will serve a three-year term (2019-2021) as illustrated in Attachment II. This item will also provide the SBEC the opportunity to replace any outgoing EPAC members (delineated on Attachment II as new member) to ensure the committee is fully representative of EPPs throughout the state.

**PUBLIC AND STUDENT BENEFIT:** The public and student benefit anticipated as a result of the approval of the committee members would be to strengthen the EPPs in the state to ensure that students have highly effective educators.

**ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:** I recommend that the State Board for Educator Certification:

Approve the appointment of the Educator Preparation Advisory Committee members as presented.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Tam Jones, Director, Educator Preparation

**Attachments:**

- I. Statutory Citations
- II. Recommendations for Educator Preparation Advisory Committee Membership

**ATTACHMENT I**

**Statutory Citations Related to Educator Preparation Advisory Committee**

**Texas Education Code §21.040, General Powers and Duties of Board (excerpt):**

The board shall:

- (3) appoint the members of any advisory committee to the board;

## ATTACHMENT II

## Recommendations for Educator Preparation Advisory Committee Membership

Term	Name	Organization	Title	Route	Size	Region
2019	Viveca Grant	Texas Southern University	Department Chair and Certification Officer	U/PB	41	4
2019	Fay Lee	Lone Star College - CyFair	Lead Faculty/Professor of Education	A	79	4
2019	Veronica Galvan	Excellence in Teaching	Director of Curriculum & Instruction	A	18	1
2019	Laura Allen (new member)	Trinity University	Chair of the Department of Education	PB	40	20
2019	Tami Jenkins	Texas Tech University	Professional Development Facilitator	U/PB/A	439	17
2019	Wes Hickey	University of Texas - Tyler	Director of the School of Education	U/PB/A	293	7
2019	Regina Davis	ESC 7	Associate Director of Alternative Certification	A	41	7
2019	Freddie Litton	University of Houston - Victoria	Dean	U/PB/A	193	3
2020	Criselda Garcia	University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley	Associate Dean	U/PB/A	484	1
2020	Regina Hillis	ESC 20	Educator Certification Coordinator	A	174	20
2020	Joyce Alexander	Texas A&M University	Dean	U/PB/A	645	6
2020	Rae Queen	ACT - San Antonio	Director of Alternative Certification	A	283	20
2020	Lisa Taylor	Wiley College	Assistant Dean	U/PB/A	3	7
2020	Roy Hurst	University of Texas - Permian Basin	Chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction	U/PB/A	192	18
2020	Barbara Amaya	ESC 19	Director of Alternative Certification	A	65	19
2020	Patrice Werner	Texas State University	Associate Dean	U/PB/A	792	13
2020	Beth Maloch	University of Texas - Austin	Associate Dean	U/PB/A	423	13
2021	Matthew Capps	Midwestern State University	Dean	U/PB/A	118	9
2021	Janet Bakondy	ESC 4	Senior Education Specialist	A	756	4
2021	Zach Rozell	iteach Texas	Director of Operations	A	1476	11
2021	Alexandra Leavell	University of North Texas - Denton	Associate Dean for Teacher Education	U/PB/A	946	11
2021	Daniella Varela	Texas A&M - Kingsville	Certification Officer	U/PB/A	189	2
2021	Shelley Harris	Texas A&M - San Antonio	Assistant Dean	U/PB/A	283	20
2021	Rebecca Weinbaum	Lamar University	Associate Dean	U/PB/A	1694	5
2021	Deborah Sells	Western Governors University	Program Mentor\ Coordinator	A	4	13

2021	Janet Williams	Sam Houston State University	Director of Educator Preparation Services	U/PB	627	6
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**Term** indicates the academic year through which a committee member will serve (2017-2018, 2018-2019, or 2019-2020)

**Size** indicates number of persons who finished a program and were included in accountability ratings for 2016-2017

**Region** indicates the region of the state of the physical address of the entity

**Type** indicates the certification route(s) the program is approved to offer **U** = Undergraduate, **PB** = Post-Baccalaureate, and **A** = Alternative (non-degree seeking)