

Item 17:

Discussion and Approval of Standards Advisory Committee

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

SUMMARY: This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) with an opportunity to approve the membership of the standards development advisory committee for the specialized special education certifications and the deaf/blind supplemental certification recommended by the special education forums. The committee will work with staff to draft the educator standards that will subsequently define the content of the educator preparation programs (EPP) and certification examinations.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: The statutory authority for the appointment of advisory committee members is TEC, §§21.031(b), 21.040(4), and 21.041(b)(4).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION: SBEC is statutorily authorized to ensure that all candidates for certification or renewal of certification demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the performance of the diverse population of this state. SBEC is also statutorily required to appoint advisory committee members to recommend standards for each class of certificate. The standards are the basis for the certification examinations and set the requirements for EPP curriculum and delivery. The development committees include practicing educators, school district personnel, experts, and EPP faculty. These individuals collaborate to draft educator standards or review existing educator standards to ensure that the educator standards align with the commissioner's educator standards, reflect best practices, and align with the current versions of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) that are adopted by the State Board of Education (SBOE).

Special Education Committee

This item allows the SBEC to approve the standards advisory committee for recommended special education certifications as presented to the Board at the April 26th meeting. The forum proposed moving from the current all-level, all-eligibility certification to grade-banded and eligibility-banded certifications for special education and the addition of deaf/blind supplemental certification.

Once approved by SBEC, TEA staff will convene the committee in July 2019 to draft and revise the educator standards. Staff has worked with the SBEC, EPPs, school districts, and professional associations to identify experts in the field to serve on this committee. The proposed list of members is provided in Attachment II.

PUBLIC AND STUDENT BENEFIT: The public and student benefit anticipated as a result of the work of the standards advisory committee would be more rigorous, relevant, and reliable requirements for the preparation, certification, and testing of classroom teachers upon entry into the profession, and retention of these qualified professionals for years to come.

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the members of the Special Education Standards Advisory Committee as presented.

Staff Members Responsible:

Grace Wu, Director, Educator Standards, Testing, and Preparation

Beth Burkhart, Program Specialist, Educator Standards, Testing, and Preparation

Attachments:

- I. Statutory Citations
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ATTACHMENT I

Statutory Citations Related to Appointment of Advisory Committees

Texas Education Code, §21.031, Purpose:

- (a) In proposing rules under this subchapter, the board shall ensure that all candidates for certification or renewal of certification demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the performance of the diverse student population of this state.

Texas Education Code, §21.040. General powers and Duties of Board (excerpts):

- (a) The board shall:
 - (4) for each class of educator certificate, appoint an advisory committee composed of members of that class to recommend standards for that class to the board;

Texas Education Code, §21.041. Rules; Fees (excerpts):

- (b) The board shall propose rules that:
 - (4) specify the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an educator certificate;

ATTACHMENT II**Special Education: Standards Advisory Committee Process and Proposed Members**

May 26, 2019	TEA staff sent out Standards Advisory Committee member applications
June 21, 2019	All committee member applications due
June 28, 2019	Standards Advisory Committee members notified
July 26, 2019	SBEC approves Standards Advisory Committee members
July 29, 2019	Mild/Moderate Support Standards Advisory Committee in-person meeting <i>Facilitator: Rachael Early, Special Education Teacher, Round Rock ISD</i>
July 31, 2019	High Support Advisory Committee in-person meeting <i>Facilitator: Leah Waheed, Behavior Specialist, Austin ISD</i>
August 9, 2019	Deaf/Blind Standards Advisory Committee in-person meeting <i>Facilitator: Chris Montgomery, Education Consultant, Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired</i>

High Support Committee			
Name	Title	District/Organization	Region
Glenna Billingsley	Professor	Texas State University	13
Glenda Cook	Life Skills Teacher	Poteet ISD	20
Tonya Davis	Professor of Special Education	Baylor CARE	12
Minkowan Goo	Professor of Special Education	Texas Woman's University	4
Diane Myers	Chair, Teacher Education Department	Texas Woman's University	11
Michael Sandbank	Associate Professor	University of Texas Austin	13
Erin Whiteside	Professor	Texas A&M University	6

Mild/Moderate Support Committee			
Name	Title	District/Organization	Region
Richard Boon	Professor of Special Education	University of Texas San Antonio	20
Joann Brewer	Special Education Specialist	ESC 13	13
Leigh Crawshaw	Deaf/Hard of Hearing Teacher	Consult/Private Contractor	12
John Doak	Owner/Operator	Texas Institute for Teacher Education	11
Yvette Hoisington	Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Alvin ISD	4
Vivian Hutchinson	Director of Special Populations	Excel Academy Charter School	4
Andrea Lathan	Program Specialist	Houston ISD	4
Gaye McDaniel	Coordinator of Special Education	Alvin ISD	4
Diane Myers	Chair, Teacher Education Department	Texas Woman's University	11
Sarah Powell	Associate Professor	University of Texas Austin	13
Sandy Smith	Doctoral Student	Texas A&M University	6
Tracey Sulak	Clinical Associate Professor	Baylor CARE	12
Joni Warren	Special Education Director	Spring Branch ISD	4
Jerry Whitworth	Professor of Special Education	Texas Woman's University	11
Dominique Williams	Special Education Teacher	Westfield High School	4

Deafblind Committee			
Name	Title	District/Organization	Region
Kaycee Bennet	Teacher for Deafblind	Northwest ISD	11
Johanna Borg	Auditory Impairment Itinerant	Cypress Fairbanks ISD	4
Rebecca Brown	Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments	Northside ISD	20
Rachel Collins	Teacher for Deafblind and Visually Impaired	Round Rock ISD	13
Shannon Darst	Professor	Stephen F. Austin University	7
Mary Dell Donelson	Professor	Texas Woman's University	11
Bailey Gates	Program Manager Auditory and Visual Impairments	Houston ISD	4
Adam Graves	Deaf/Blind Education Consultant	Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired	13
Linda Kelly	Lead Program Specialist for Auditory and Visual Impairments	Houston ISD	4
Maria McCormick	RDSPD Coordinator	ESC 4	4
Cyral Miller	Outreach Teacher	Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired	13
Stephanie Mowery	VI Teacher, Deafblind Specialist	Plano ISD	10
Phoebe Okungu	Faculty Member	Texas Tech University	17
Deanna Peterson	Early Childhood Consultant	Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired	13
Rona Pogrund	Professor	Texas Tech University	17
Diane Myers	Chair, Teacher Education Department	Texas Woman's University	11
Michael Sandbank	Associate Professor	University of Texas Austin	13
Erin Whiteside	Professor	Texas A&M University	6