

Item 3:

**Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Request to
Approve December 11, 2020 SBC EPP Commendations
Committee Meeting Minutes**

ACTION

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the December 11, 2020 SBEC EPP Commendations Committee meeting minutes.

**STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION
EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM COMMENDATIONS
COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

**DECEMBER 11, 2020 AT 1:00 PM (OR UPON ADJOURNMENT OF SBEC MEETING)
VIRTUAL MEETING (LIVESTREAM ON ADMINMONITOR.COM)**

Due to Governor Greg Abbott's March 13, 2020 proclamation of a state of disaster affecting all counties in Texas due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Governor's March 16, 2020 suspension of certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the December 11, 2020 committee meeting of the State Board for Educator Certification will be held by video conference call, as authorized under Texas Government Code section 551.125.

Members of the public will have access to this meeting by watching the livestream on the Admin Monitor website: <http://www.adminmonitor.com/tx/tea/>. Members of the public will have a means to participate in this meeting, by video conference call, by signing up for public comment. Information regarding registering for public comment can be found at: <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/leadership/state-board-for-educator-certification/sbec-meetings>. An electronic copy of the agenda and meeting materials is now available at <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/leadership/state-board-for-educator-certification/sbec-meetings>. A recording of the meeting will be available on the Admin Monitor's website after the meeting.

The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) Educator Preparation Program (EPP) Commendations Committee will meet virtually and, after determining the presence of a quorum, deliberate and possibly take formal action on any of the following agenda items.

Committee members: José Rodriguez, Chair; Dr. John Kelly; Ms. Emily Garcia; Ms. Shareefah Mason; Ms. Jean Streepey; Dr. Alma Rodriguez. A quorum of the State Board for Educator Certification may attend the committee meeting and discuss items on the committee agenda.

Information regarding registering for public comment can be found at: <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/leadership/state-board-for-educator-certification/sbec-meetings>

1. Call to Order

The SBEC EPP Commendations Committee convened its virtual meeting at 1:04 PM on Friday, December 11, 2020 via Zoom Meeting.

Present: Mr. José Rodriguez, Dr. John Kelly, Ms. Emily Garcia, Ms. Jean Streepey, and Dr. Alma Rodriguez.

Absent: Ms. Shareefah Mason.

2. Public Comment

None.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

3. State Board for Educator Certification Committee to Review and Take Action to Determine Criteria for Educator Preparation Program Commendation Recommendations

Dr. Olofson, Ms. Pogue, and Ms. Yoder presented this item to the Board. Dr. Olofson provided background information about the EPP commendation framework and the Innovate Educator Preparation commendation and reviewed the committee charge. He explained that staff had solicited and received application materials from EPPs. He noted that the area for the commendation had previously been adopted into rule as part of the SBEC manual and highlighted the existing requirements for practice-based preparation. Dr. Olofson and Ms. Yoder provided a brief summary of the innovations presented in the applications.

Mr. Rodriguez noted the importance of qualitative supporting data, and Dr. Olofson noted that the call for programs asked for both qualitative and quantitative data, but that there were not minimum requirements. Ms. Streepey asked about the high performing EPP framework, and Dr. Olofson clarified the framework and calculations. Ms. Garcia asked for additional clarification on the second category and noted different approaches to those calculations. Ms. Streepey asked about related incentives, and Dr. Olofson noted that the programs are recognized publicly and that additional incentives continue to be discussed. Dr. Rodriguez asked what data would be used, and Dr. Olofson clarified that the 2019–2020 data would be used.

Dr. Olofson presented the framework for responses that was provided to EPPs, and the Board engaged in discussion about an evaluation tool and approach. The discussion surfaced recommendations to limit the rating range for each category from one to five, including language that would call out demonstrations of success and supporting information from campuses and districts, providing more information from the call for applications into the scoring rubric, and providing additional suggested definitions.

Dr. Olofson explained that staff would send the updated guidance and applications to the subcommittee members, and that staff could gather and summarize subcommittee evaluations. The Board engaged in discussion about scheduling and agreed to completing individual evaluations by February 1 and meeting again on February 11, 2021 at 9:00am. Dr. Kelley reiterated support for the commendation system.

4. Adjournment

Mr. Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 2:15 PM.