

Item 6:
**Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Request to
Approve July 31, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes**

ACTION

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the July 31, 2020 Board meeting minutes.

STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION
MEETING AGENDA
JULY 31, 2020 AT 9:30 AM
VIRTUAL MEETING (LIVESTREAM ON [ADMINMONITOR.COM](https://adminmonitor.com))

The Board will meet virtually and after determining the presence of a quorum, deliberate and possibly take formal action, including emergency action, on any of the following agenda items:

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

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Call to Order

The State Board for Educator Certification (SBECE) convened its virtual meeting at 9:31 AM on Thursday, July 31, 2020 via Zoom Meetings.

Present: Ms. Rohanna Brooks-Sykes, Dr. Arturo Cavazos, Mr. Tommy Coleman, Ms. Julia Dvorak, Ms. Emily Garcia, Dr. John Kelly, Dr. Andrew Lofters, Ms. Courtney MacDonald, Ms. Sandie Mullins, Ms. Kelvee Oeser, Dr. Alma Rodriguez, Mr. Jose Rodriguez, Ms. Jean Streepey, and Dr. Laurie Turner.

Absent: Ms. Shareefah Mason.

2. Public Comment

The Board shall allocate up to thirty (30) minutes at the beginning of each regularly scheduled meeting of the full Board for public comment on non-agenda and consent agenda items. In accordance with SBECE Board Operating Policies and Procedures, late registration for providing oral or written comment will be accepted up to 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the Board meeting.

Public Comment was provided by:
Dr. Karen Matsler
Dr. Pamela Groves

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

3. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on the Adoption of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, §228.1, General Provisions

Dr. Olofson presented this item to the Board. He provided background about the components of educator preparation, what components would be impacted by limited access to schools and by schools using a virtual setting. He then explained how the amendment provides flexibility for these components. He summarized the public input that had been received since the prior meeting, and noted that a consistent point of concern had been technology and equity challenges introduced by the requirement for observations to be synchronous. Dr. Olofson then offered updated rule text for consideration that included the option for asynchronous observations.

Dr. Turner commented that flexibility will be necessary for the upcoming year given the changing conditions in the field, and asked about the level of flexibility provided in the rule and the duration of the observations. Dr. Olofson explained about the flexibility provided by the updated rule and noted what existing rule allows for duration of observations and the school day. Mr. Rodriguez noted the importance of innovation and suggested the continuation of synchronous feedback. Dr. Olofson noted that the rules that continue to require the post conference to be synchronous. Dr. Kelly asked about the use of the term face to face. Dr. Olofson noted that the proposed language broadens the definition of face to face for the coming year. Ms. Garcia asked about training that could be offered by TEA, and Dr. Olofson noted existing resources and noted that TEA would work towards supporting EPPs in sharing best practices. Ms. Oeser noted that there is the opportunity for programs to innovate and learn. Dr. Kelly asked whether or not the updated language was staff's recommendation, and Dr. Olofson clarified that it was. Dr. Cavazos noted that rules to support quality educator preparation remain important.

Public Comment was provided by:

Dr. Pamela Elias
Dr. Gina Anderson
Dr. Zach Rozell
Kate Greer

Motion and vote:

Motion was made by Dr. Turner to approve for adoption, subject to the State Board of Education (SBOE) review, proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, §228.1, General Provisions as presented, with an effective date of 20 days after filing the adoption notice with the Texas Register. Second was provided by Ms. Brooks-Sykes, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

4. Adjournment

Dr. Cavazos adjourned the meeting at 10:27 AM.

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.