

**Item 3:**

**Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Request to  
Approve February 11, 2021 SBC EPP Commendations  
Committee Meeting Minutes**

**ACTION**

**ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the February 11, 2021 SBEC EPP Commendations Committee meeting minutes.

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

**FEBRUARY 11, 2021 AT 1:00 PM (OR UPON ADJOURNMENT OF SBEC MEETING)  
VIRTUAL MEETING (LIVESTREAM ON [ADMINMONITOR.COM](http://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 February 11, 2021 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 9:00 AM on Thursday, February 11, 2021 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.

**CONSENT AGENDA****3. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Request to Approve December 11, 2020 SBEC EPP Commendation Committee Meeting Minutes**

The December 11, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION****4. State Board for Educator Certification Committee to Take Action to Recommend Educator Preparation Programs to the Full Board for Commendations**

Dr. Olofson, Ms. Pogue, and Ms. Yoder presented this item to the Committee. Ms. Pogue provided an overview of the process for determining a recommendation to the full Board and provided background information about the commendation system. She summarized the discussion from the prior meeting related to the scoring approach and the tools provided by TEA staff to the committee members.

Ms. Garcia and Ms. Streepey voiced appreciation for staff's work for supporting the work of the Committee. Mr. Rodriguez noted the involved nature of the work and voiced appreciation for the other committee members.

Dr. Olofson presented the summary of the ratings provided by the committee members. He noted that there were a number of naturally occurring gaps that allowed for the consideration of clusters of programs. He responded to the charge to provide a recommendation based on this data by recommending the consideration of the four programs with the highest ratings. Ms. Yoder provided a brief summary of the applications for these four programs.

Dr. Kelly noted the strength of the application for the program with the highest summary rating. Mr. Rodriguez noted the importance of the support teachers in rural schools. Ms. Streepey noted the importance of teacher mentors found in the applications. The Committee engaged in discussion about the structures of residencies and the work required of preparation programs. Ms. Pogue noted that Ms. Garcia did not engage in Committee discussion or submit scores for the program that she leads. The Committee further discussed the fourth-rated program and noted the limited scale of the implementation. They further discussed the importance of EPPs serving different areas in the state. As directed by the chair, Dr. Olofson presented an updated list that included Urban Teachers, University of Houston, and Texas Tech University.

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Dr. Kelly to approve Urban Teachers, University of Houston, and Texas Tech University for recommendation to the SBEC at the February 12, 2021 Board meeting, EPPs for commendation in the category of Innovative Educator Preparation as*

*presented. Second was made by Ms. Streepey, and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**5. Adjournment**

Mr. Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM.