

## Item 11:

# Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Approval of Educator Preparation Advisory Committee (EPAC) Members

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION

**SUMMARY:** This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) the opportunity to approve the membership of the Educator Preparation Advisory Committee (EPAC).

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The statutory authority for the appointment of advisory committee members is Texas Education Code, §21.040(1).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION:** The SBEC is statutorily authorized to approve members of advisory committees. The Educator Preparation Advisory Committee (EPAC) meets to provide input on issues related to educator preparation programs (EPPs) in Texas.

At the October 2020 SBEC meeting, the Board directed TEA staff to move forward in seeking a more representative membership for the EPAC. As discussed by the SBEC, this is to include members from the educational community under the Board's oversight, the various types of preparation programs that have been approved by the Board, and the diverse population of Texas.

On November 20, 2020, TEA staff conducted an informational session for the professional organizations to receive pertinent information about the EPAC expansion and nomination submission process. The nomination form was emailed to organizations, posted to the TEA website, and linked from the EPP newsletter in early December with a January 8, 2021 deadline for submissions.

The three categories of members are:

1. **Professional organization representatives** that represent educator preparation stakeholders. At the October 2020 SBEC meeting, the Board was provided with this list of 21 organizations. At the conclusion of the SBEC meeting, staff realized that one organization was inadvertently left off (bolded for the SBEC's consideration). Each professional organization was able to nominate a member to represent that organization.
  - The Texas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (TACTE)
  - Texas Alternative Certification Association (TACA)
  - Texas Consortium of Educator Preparation Programs for ESCs (TCEPPE)
  - Education Deans of Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas (EDICUT)
  - Texas Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs (TACCTEP)
  - Associate and Assistant Deans and Directors of Texas (ADoT)
  - The Texas Association of Certification Officers (TACO)
  - Texas Coordinators for Teacher Certification Testing (TCTCT)
  - Texas Directors of Field Experiences (TDFE)

- Texas Association of Teacher Educators (TxATE)
  - Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA)
  - Texas Association of School Boards (TASB)
  - Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP)
  - Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA)
  - Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators (TASPA)
  - Texas School Counseling Association (TSCA)
  - Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA)
  - Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA)
  - Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE)
  - Texas American Federation of Teachers (Texas AFT)
  - Teach Plus
  - **Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education**
2. Five additional **at-large members from EPPs**, who would be sourced from nominations and approved for membership by the SBEC. In recommending EPP-nominated members to the SBEC, TEA staff worked to include members who represented programs of different sizes, types, regions, and to include members with varying levels of prior experience on the EPAC.
  3. Five additional **at-large members who are not directly associated with an EPP**, who would also be sourced from nominations and approved for membership by the SBEC. In recommending non-EPP nominated members to the SBEC, TEA staff considered the diversity of the EPAC with respect to demographics and backgrounds and included three teachers representing different fields and two non-profit educational organizations.

Attachment II includes the proposed EPAC membership for the SBEC's consideration. The membership is outlined by category to illustrate the criteria listed above for each recommended member and includes the respective staggered term of either two or three years.

Nomination forms for those not submitted at this time will be considered at a later time when the SBEC updates the EPAC membership and for participation in issue-specific subcommittees.

**PUBLIC AND STUDENT BENEFIT:** The public and student benefit anticipated as a result of the Educator Preparation Advisory Committee would be to strengthen educator preparation in the state to ensure that students have highly effective educators.

**INTERIM 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 Members Responsible:**

Mark Olofson, Director, Educator Data and Preparation Program Management  
Christie Pogue, Director, ASEP Accreditation and Policy Development  
Tam Jones, Director, Educator Preparation

**Attachments:**

- I. Statutory Citations
- II. Proposed 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

## Proposed Educator Preparation Advisory Committee Membership

Table 1: Professional Organization Representatives

Term	Name	Representative Organization	Title
2021–2022	Gina Anderson	Associate and Assistant Deans and Directors of Texas (ADoT)	Associate Dean for Educator Preparation & Partnerships – Texas Woman's University
2021–2022	Rebecca Burton	Texas Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs (TACCTEP)	Professor of Education – Collin College
2021–2023	Melinda Barnett	Texas Consortium of Educator Preparation Programs for ESCs (TCEPPE)	Founder/Executive Director – Texas Consortium of Educator Preparation Programs for ESCs
2021–2022	Lesley Casarez	Texas School Counseling Association (TSCA)	Coordinator of MS in Prof. School Counseling – Angelo State University
2021–2022	Andrea Chevalier	Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE)	Lobbyist – Association of Texas Professional Educators
2021–2022	Nika Davis	Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP)	Principal, Boswell High School – Eagle Mountain Saginaw ISD
2021–2022	Heather Doyle	Texas Coordinators for Teacher Certification Testing (TCTCT)	Director of Accreditation, Certification & Assessment – Texas Christian University
2021–2023	Holly Eaton	Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA)	Director of Professional Development and Advocacy – Texas Classroom Teachers Association
2021–2023	Carrie Griffith	Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA)	Policy & Governmental Relations Specialist – Texas State Teachers Association

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2021–2022	Cheryl Hoover	Texas Association of School Boards (TASB)	HR Consultant – Texas Association of School Boards
2021–2023	Lisa Huffman	The Texas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (TACTE)	Dean, College of Professional Education – Texas Woman's University
2021–2023	Kevin Malonson	Teach Plus	Texas Executive Director – Teach Plus
2021–2023	Casey McCreary	Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA)	Associate Executive Director, Education Policy – Texas Association of School Administrators
2021–2022	Patty Quinzi	Texas American Federation of Teachers (Texas AFT)	Legislative Counsel – Texas American Federation of Teachers
2021–2023	Alfred Rodriguez	Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators (TASPA)	Assistant Superintendent – Human Capital – Elgin ISD
2021–2022	Susan Sharp	The Texas Association of Certification Officers (TACO)	Teacher Certification/Testing – Howard Payne University
2021–2023	Tim Sutton	Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education (CSOTTE)	Executive Director – CSOTTE
		Texas Directors of Field Experiences (TDFE)	
2021–2022	Cynthia Savage	Education Deans of Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas (EDICUT)	Associate Dean/Associate Professor – Texas Christian University
2021–2023	Calvin Stocker	Texas Alternative Certification Association (TACA)	Senior Director of Operations & Strategic Initiatives – Texas Tech University (US PREP National Center)
2021–2022	Mark Terry	Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA)	Deputy Executive Director – Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA)

Term	Name	Representative Organization	Title
2021–2022	Elizabeth Ward	Texas Association of Teacher Educators (TxATE)	Associate Professor and Director of Field Experience and course instructor – Texas Wesleyan University

**Table 2: EPP At-Large Positions:**

Term	Name	EPP Name	Title	EPP Type	Region
2021–2023	Donna Brasher	Texas Tech University	Associate Director of Student Services	College / University	17
2021–2023	Veronica Galvan	Excellence in Teaching (EIT)	Director of Curriculum and Instruction	Alternative Certification Program	1
2021–2022	Rebecca Hampton	Region 4 ESC	Senior Education Specialist	Education Service Center	4
2021–2022	Kristina Sterling	Johns Hopkins University / Urban Teachers	Lead Clinical Faculty	College / University	10
2021–2023	Zach Rozell	iteachTEXAS	Program Director	Alternative Certification Program	11

**Table 3: Non-EPP At-Large Positions:**

Term	Name	Position	Employer/Organization	Region
2021–2023	Ivory Bennett	English Teacher and Cheer Coach	Dallas ISD	10
2021–2023	Cristina Ann Correa	Art Teacher	IDEA Public Schools	1
2021–2022	Hjamil Martinez-Vazquez	Bilingual Teacher	Crowley ISD	11
2021–2023	Dominique McCain	Managing Director, Best in Class Coalition	Commit Partnership – Non-profit professional organization.	N/A
2021–2022	Meredith-Leigh Pleasants	Manager, Talent and School Support	Good Reason Houston – Non-profit professional organization	N/A