

**Item 4:**  
**Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Request to  
Approve December 11, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes**

**ACTION**

**INTERIM ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the December 11, 2020 Board meeting minutes.

**STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION**  
**MEETING AGENDA**  
**DECEMBER 11, 2020 AT 8:30 AM**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING (LIVESTREAM ON [ADMINMONITOR.COM](http://www.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 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 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:

**Moment of Silence**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**1. Call to Order**

The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) convened its virtual meeting at 8:33 AM on Friday, December 11, 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. Shareefah Mason, Ms. Kelvey Oeser, Dr. Alma Rodriguez, Mr. Jose Rodriguez, Ms. Jean Streepey, and Dr. Laurie Turner.

Absent: Ms. Sandie Mullins

**2. Associate Commissioner's Comments Regarding the SBEC Agenda**

Associate Commissioner Ryan Franklin welcomed and thanked the Board for participating in the virtual meeting. Mr. Franklin recognized and thanked the Board and educators for their continued efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic in the 2020 school year. Mr. Franklin pointed out the smaller SBEC agenda, citing the Legislative Session and staff structuring agendas to benefit a two-year flow of items.

### 3. 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 SBEC 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.*

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### 4. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Request to Approve October 9, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

The October 9, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

#### 5. Update on Divisions of Educator Leadership and Quality Department

Ms. Cook presented updates on behalf of the division of Educator Certification and highlighted the number of certification and renewal applications processed during the fourth quarter months of June 2020 through August 2020.

Ms. McLoughlin presented updates on behalf of the division of Educator Standards and Testing. She explained that the Governor's waiver of certification exam requirements for issuance of probationary and intern certifications, due to the impact of COVID-19 on testing center availability, led to a marked decrease in the overall number of certification exams administered in 2020 as compared to 2019. She noted that TEA staff anticipate the decrease in exams delivered in 2020 leading to an increase in exams delivered in 2021, as candidates must meet the testing requirements waived in Spring 2020 for issuance of their standard certificate. She also noted that 2020 marked the implementation of multiple new exams.

Dr. Olofson presented data from the division of Educator Data and Preparation Program Management. He noted the decrease in the number of teachers earning an initial standard teaching certificate but many teachers earning a certificate available due to flexibility provided from COVID-related rule waivers. He also noted the decrease in certificate deactivations and certificate inventory updates.

Mr. Rodriguez presented updates from the division of Educator Investigations. He explained that, for the first half of FY20, cases on applicants and certified educators increased 15% from FY19. However, cases dropped significantly the second half of the year. There were notable decreases in allegations pertaining to violence in the classroom, inappropriate relationships with students, and drug and alcohol on campus. During FY20, the division also launched the Do Not Hire Registry and Misconduct Reporting portal, processed over 24,000 help desk tickets and phone calls, and delivered twenty training presentations to ESCs and stakeholders. Mr. Rodriguez answered a question relating to the increase in average time to complete a case; he explained that the time increased in FY20 due to the increase in cases in the preceding year.

Ms. Moriaty presented updates from the division of SBEC Enforcement. Ms. Moriaty pointed out that the division had seen an increase in cases opened and closed despite the headwinds caused by the pandemic. Ms. Moriaty also noted that contract abandonment cases were down significantly in the first quarter of FY21.

**6. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §230.1, Definitions**

Ms. McLoughlin presented this item to the Board. Ms. McLoughlin discussed the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230. She noted that at the October 2020 SBEC meeting, the SBEC approved the extension of the edTPA pilot to provide flexibility and a longer runway for programs participating due to COVID-19. She explained that the proposed amendment to 230.1(17) would update the definition of *pilot exam* to extend the edTPA performance assessment pilot period with an updated SBEC review date of September 1, 2022. She noted that TEA staff would continue to provide support to the field and updates to the SBEC on edTPA pilot implementation throughout the third year of the pilot.

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Dr. Kelly to approve the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §230.1, Definitions, to be published as proposed in the Texas Register.*

*Second was made by Ms. Brooks-Sykes, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**7. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on the 2019–2020 Continuing Approval Reviews of Educator Preparation Programs**

Dr. Jones presented this item to the Board. Dr. Jones explained that educator preparation programs are required to be reviewed every five years to ensure the program is in compliance with the current rules in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC). He indicated that 25 programs were reviewed as part of the 2019–2020 review cycle and 16 were presented to the board at the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dr. Jones highlighted the eight remaining programs that were brought to the board with a recommendation to continue to operate for another five years. He also mentioned a ninth program to be addressed at the next agenda item.

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Coleman to approve the programs as presented for a 5-year renewal of approval. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**8. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Agreed Order for ACT-RGV Alternative Certification Preparation Program**

Dr. Jones presented this item to the Board. Dr. Jones briefed the Board on the results of a five-year continuing approval review that was conducted on ACT-RGV alternative certification preparation program in January of 2020, at which time numerous discrepancies were identified. He reviewed the four conditions of the agreed board order the program needs to address by the final due date of January 31, 2021.

Mr. Coleman expressed his gratitude for staff's use of the agreed order in the important work of the program reviews.

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Coleman to approve the agreed order for ACT-RGV alternative certification program as presented. Second was made by Dr. Turner, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**DISCIPLINARY CASES**

**9. Pending or Contemplated Litigation, including Disciplinary Cases**

**A. Defaults**

**No Answer Defaults**

1. In the Matter of Shauna Wells; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
  
Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension
2. In the Matter of David Evans; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
  
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation
3. In the Matter of Meagan Nicole Fillmore; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
  
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation
5. In the Matter of Adrian Rivas; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
  
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation
6. In the Matter of DeVante Fisher; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
  
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation
7. In the Matter of Sharon Denise Minor; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
  
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation

8. In the Matter of Patricia Gail Stevens; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation
9. In the Matter of Tameka Lynn Watson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation
10. In the Matter of Tarek Hanna; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation
14. In the Matter of Clinton LaPrade Anderson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Revocation
15. In the Matter of Meredith Ann Bundy; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Revocation
16. In the Matter of Alex DeLeon; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Revocation
18. In the Matter of Hollis Ashely McWilliams; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: Revocation
20. In the Matter of GeorgElla Clark; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 7-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
21. In the Matter of Lesa Lynn Guys; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment  
Staff recommendation: 7-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program

22. In the Matter of Edgar Alfonzo; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 5-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
23. In the Matter of Steffany L. Taylor; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 5-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
27. In the Matter of Jennifer Richardson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 3-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
29. In the Matter of Cactus Calderas; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
30. In the Matter of Nicholas A. Makris; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
31. In the Matter of Daniel Eduardo Martinez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
32. In the Matter of Eli Myers; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
33. In the Matter of Erin Pearson; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program

34. In the Matter of Corey Dion Tice; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program
35. In the Matter of Stephanie Anne Alvarez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Revocation
36. In the Matter of Ruby Delaine Humphries; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 3-year suspension

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Ms. Brooks-Sykes to grant staff's request for issuance of default judgements on cases 1–36, as listed on the agenda, excluding cases numbered 4, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, 24, 25, 26 and 28, and enter final orders consistent with staff's recommendations. Second was made by Dr. Turner, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

4. In the Matter of Rolando Francis Vasquez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation
11. In the Matter of Brad H. Ruffin; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation
28. In the Matter of David Alton Cote; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment
- Staff recommendation: 2-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program

Ms. Mason recused herself from deliberations and voting.

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Dr. Kelly to grant staff's request for issuance of default judgements on cases numbered 4, 11, and 28, and enter final orders consistent with staff's recommendations. Second was made by Mr. Coleman, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

17. In the Matter of Elias Alonso Hernandez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: Revocation

19. In the Matter of Trisha Lee Valverde; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: Revocation

24. In the Matter of Juan Pablo Lopez; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 3-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program

25. In the Matter of John Rollin Simmons; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 3-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program

Dr. Rodriguez recused herself from deliberations.

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Dr. Kelly to grant staff's request for issuance of default judgements on cases numbered 17, 19, 24, and 25, and enter final orders consistent with staff's recommendations. Second was made by Mr. Coleman, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

12. In the Matter of Dennis Glen Crawford; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 5-year suspension

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Coleman to grant staff's request for issuance of default judgements on case number 12, and a enter final order issuing a sanction of a 5-year suspension and submit evidence of a successful completion of a mental health evaluation by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist finding that Respondent is suited to return to work as an educator. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak, and the Board voted in favor of the motion with Mr. Coleman, Ms. Dvorak, Dr. Kelly, Ms. Brooks-Sykes, Dr. Turner, Ms. Mason, and Ms. Streepey voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Rodriguez voting against the motion.*

13. In the Matter of Elizabeth Anne Valderas; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Coleman to grant staff's request for issuance of default judgements on case number 13, and a enter final order issuing a sanction of a 1-year suspension and submit evidence of a successful completion of an anger management program. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

26. In the Matter of Michael Schrader; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 3-year suspension and proof of successful completion of substance abuse treatment program

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Dr. Kelly to grant staff's request for issuance of default judgements on case number 26, and a enter final order issuing a sanction of a 2-year suspension and successful completion of a substance abuse treatment program. Second was made by Mr. Rodriguez, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**SOAH Defaults**

1. In the Matter of Victor Benito; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: Permanent Revocation

2. In the Matter of Lori Lynn Adams; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Dr. Kelly to grant staff's request for issuance of SOAH default judgements numbered 1 and 2, and a enter final order consistent with Staff's recommendations. Second was made by Ms. Brooks-Sykes, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

**B. Contested Cases**

## Proposals for Decision

1. Docket No. 701202935.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Leadership and Quality Division v. Eric Trevino; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: Permanent Revocation

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

Mr. Hensley represented TEA staff. Respondent did not appear.

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Ms. Brooks-Sykes that the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final Order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation. Mr. Trevino's educator certificates should be permanently revoked. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak, and the Board votes unanimously in favor of the motion.*

2. Docket No. 701203668.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Leadership and Quality Division v. Thomas Arthur Barger; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: 1-year suspension

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

Mr. Ybarra represented TEA staff. Respondent did not appear.

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Dr. Kelly that the Board adopt the Proposal for Decision including Findings of Fact Nos. 1–8 and Conclusions of Law Nos. 1–12. I move that the Board modify Conclusion of Law No. 13 as follows:*

*13. Mr. Barger's educator certification should be suspended for two (2) years and submit evidence of a mental health evaluation conducted by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist finding that the respondent is suited to return to work as an educator.*

*This modification of the suspension to two (2) years is permissible pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2001.058(e) and is necessary because Mr. Barger's actions were intentional and serious.*

*This addition of a mental health evaluation is permissible pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2001.058(e) and is necessary because Mr. Barger's actions reflect mental health concerns that pose a potential threat to the health and welfare of schoolchildren if he were to be employed as an educator. Second was made by Ms. Streepey, and the*

*Board voted in favor of the motion with Mr. Coleman, Ms. Dvorak, Dr. Kelly, Ms. Brooks-Sykes, Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Mason, and Ms. Streepey voting in favor of the motion and Dr. Turner voting against the motion.*

3. Docket No. 701202529.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Leadership and Quality Division v. Clifton Goins; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: No disciplinary action

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

Mr. Crabtree represented TEA staff. Respondent was represented by Mr. Steven Goins. Parties waived oral argument.

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Ms. Brooks-Sykes that the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final Order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation. No disciplinary action should be taken against Mr. Goins's educator certificate. Second was made by Dr. Kelly, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

4. Docket No. 701204016.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Leadership and Quality Division v. Danny Dixon; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: No disciplinary action

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

Mr. Crabtree represented TEA staff. Respondent was represented by Mr. Brim. Parties waived oral argument.

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez that the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final Order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation. No disciplinary action should be taken against Mr. Dixon's educator certificate. Second was made by Dr. Turner, and the Board voted in favor of the motion with Mr. Coleman, Ms. Dvorak, Dr. Turner, Ms. Brooks-Sykes, Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Mason, and Ms. Streepey voting in favor of the motion and Dr. Kelly voting against the motion.*

5. Docket No. 701204145.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Leadership and Quality Division v. Mona Sheryce Smith; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: 1-year suspension

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

Ms. Gokhale represented TEA staff. Respondent did not appear.

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Dr. Kelly that the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final Order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation. Ms. Smith's educator certificates should be suspended for one (1) year. Second was made by Mr. Coleman, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

6. Docket No. 701210089.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Leadership and Quality Division v. Marco Lara; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: 1-year suspension

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

Ms. Gokhale represented TEA staff. Respondent did not appear.

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Dr. Kelly that the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final Order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation. Mr. Lara's educator certificates should be suspended for one (1) year. Second was made by Ms. Brooks-Sykes, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

7. Docket No. 701204109.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Leadership and Quality Division v. Victoria Cox; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: No disciplinary action

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

Mr. Duncan represented TEA staff. Respondent did not appear.

**Motion and vote:**

*Motion was made by Ms. Brooks-Sykes that the Board accept the Proposal for Decision and Issue a Final Order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation. No disciplinary action should be taken against Ms. Cox's educator certificate. Second was made by Dr. Turner, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.*

## C. Court Cases

### *District Court Cases*

1. David Turner v. Texas Education Agency, Educator Certification and Standards Division; Cause No. D-1-GN-17-002298, In the 250<sup>th</sup> District Court of Travis County, Texas.
2. Bradley Keith Bowen v. Texas Education Agency, Educator Certification and Standards Division; Cause No. D-1-GN-18-004203, In the 98<sup>th</sup> District Court of Travis County, Texas.
3. Gilbert Salas v. Texas Education Agency, Educator Certification and Standards Division; Cause No. D-1-GN-19-008786, In the 345<sup>th</sup> District Court of Travis County, Texas.
4. David Demiglio v. Texas Education Agency, Educator Certification and Standards Division; Cause No. D-1-GN-20-001242, In the 459<sup>th</sup> District Court of Travis County, Texas.
5. Leo Joseph Tran v. Texas Education Agency, Educator Certification and Standards Division; Cause No. 03-18-00855-CV, In the Court of Appeals, Third District of Texas.

The SBEC recessed at 10:13 AM.

The SBEC reconvened at 10:23 AM.

## **DISCUSSION ONLY**

### **10. Discussion of Sam Houston State University T-TESS Pilot Study Update**

Dr. Stacey Edmonson and Dr. Christina Ellis with Sam Houston State University presented this item to the Board. They provided an update on their data collection progress along with the answers to three questions presented by the Board regarding the pilot study's goals, the role T-TESS would play in teacher certification, and the action they would ask SBEC to take in response to the findings from this pilot study. Finally, Drs. Edmonson and Ellis shared a timeline for their work, which will have final results available in Summer 2022. During Board discussion, Dr. Turner requested that TEA staff provide a list of EPPs who are participating in both the edTPA pilot and T-TESS pilot study. Board members also suggested that Drs. Edmonson and Ellis ensure that appraisers are appropriately trained, and that the assessment demonstrates sufficient interrater reliability. Board members also requested that Drs. Edmonson and Ellis review the role that external evaluators would play in this assessment so that the Board is assured that T-TESS scores are valid and reliable.

### **11. Discussion of edTPA Pilot Updates**

Ms. McLoughlin presented this item to the Board. Ms. McLoughlin began by providing a summary of proposed topics of discussion related to the edTPA pilot for the December 2020 and February and April 2021 SBEC meetings based upon questions and feedback from the Board at the October 2020 meeting. Ms. McLoughlin began by providing the Board with an

overview of the edTPA portfolio tasks and the process a candidate engages in when completing an edTPA portfolio. She explained that the overview of the edTPA portfolio process would provide additional context as the Board reviewed the performance results from the edTPA Year One pilot. She then shared a summary of statewide edTPA pilot participation and performance data, including the final number of candidates who submitted edTPA portfolios, statewide candidate performance trends, and the action plan to support data-informed continuous improvement efforts during the second year of the edTPA pilot. Finally, Ms. McLoughlin provided an update on edTPA reimbursement processes, clarifying a question from Ms. Garcia at the October 2020 SBEC meeting.

Following, Ms. McLoughlin's presentation, Dr. Rodriguez reinforced the importance of district partnership in edTPA implementation and asked if that would be a continued focus of the pilot moving forward. Ms. McLoughlin confirmed that district partnerships had been a focus of edTPA pilot webinars throughout the Year Two pilot and would continue to be an area of focus moving forward. Ms. Streepey then inquired if the edTPA would be part of a program's evaluation. Ms. McLoughlin emphasized that the edTPA would be a component of an EPP's accountability if the SBEC determined that the edTPA should be implemented consequentially. Dr. Turner then stated that the SBEC has focused on implementing requirements to hold high expectations for teacher certification since she has been on the board and expressed appreciation for work that has been done with the edTPA pilot. Dr. Turner then asked if Texas was using Texas scorers to review candidate edTPA portfolios. Ms. McLoughlin shared that during the pilot period, Texas was using national edTPA scorers. Mr. Franklin reinforced that Texas could consider building a pool of Texas scorers if the SBEC chose to move forward with implementation of the edTPA. Finally, Ms. Garcia requested that TEA staff consider ways to continue to diversify the subject-area portfolio submissions during the edTPA pilot period.

## **12. Discussion of Certification Test Development Updates**

Ms. McLoughlin presented this item to the Board. She provided an update on communication shared with the field to date regarding the upcoming implementation of the House Bill 3 Science of Teaching Reading (STR) Exam mandate on January 1, 2021. Ms. McLoughlin also provided the Board with an update on educator preparation program submission of the STR Letter of Attestation, stating that all required educator preparation programs had submitted the letter by the deadline of December 1, 2020. In addition, Ms. McLoughlin provided an update on educator certification exam development, indicating that the next group of new certifications exams would launch on January 1, 2021 and that progress was being made in the development of the English Language Arts and Reading: 7–12 exam.

## **13. Discussion of Appointment of Advisory Committees for 19 TAC Chapter 239, Student Services Certificates**

Ms. Cook and Ms. McLoughlin presented this item to the Board. Ms. Cook explained that TEA staff would return at a future meeting to seek the Board's approval of school librarian and reading specialist educator standards advisory committees. Ms. Cook reminded the Board about public comments shared earlier in the year during the Chapter 239 rule review process about datedness of the standards for school librarian and reading specialist.

Ms. McLoughlin provided the Board with an overview of next steps to obtain nominations for two educator certification standards advisory committees to allow staff to receive focused

feedback and guidance on certification standards and other relevant components of the preparation, testing, and certification process. Ms. McLoughlin shared that TEA staff would recruit heavily to ensure there will be a pool of well-qualified candidates. Ms. McLoughlin referenced the draft nomination form in Attachment III of the agenda item. She shared the submission period for potential committee members and confirmed the nomination form would be posted on the TEA website and also distributed via email communication to stakeholders. Ms. McLoughlin confirmed each committee would have approximately eight to 15 members listed for Board review and approval in April 2021.

Following the testimony from Ms. Calzada, Mr. Rodriguez and Dr. Cavazos thanked the speaker for her testimony and shared comments about the importance of the school librarian and the critical role the library serves on every campus.

Public Comment was provided by:  
Becky Calzada

### **INFORMATION ONLY**

#### **14. Board Operating Policies and Procedures (BOPP)**

Information only.

#### **15. 2019–2022 Rule Review Plan for State Board for Educator Certification Rules**

Information only.

#### **16. Requests from Board Members for Future Agenda Items**

None.

#### **17. Requests Received from the Board Since Last Meeting**

None.

#### **18. Adjournment**

Dr. Cavazos adjourned the meeting at 12:30 PM.

<p>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.</p>
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