

Office of the President

June 18, 2021

Keven Ellis, D.C. Chair, State Board of Education Texas Education Agency 1701 N. Congress Avenue Austin, TX 78701

Dear Dr. Ellis:

Texas Tech University is required to submit for approval by the State Board of Education nominees to serve as a member of a district advisory board for TTU K-12. Appointees will serve for a staggered three-year term, but with the initial slate of members, two will serve for two years and then be replaced with members serving three years, allowing members to regularly rotate off the board. Members will select their term dates at the first advisory board meeting. After consultation with the Provost's Office and TTU K-12 leadership, the following nominees have been selected: Stacy Hobbs, TTU K-12 parent; Margaret Leifeste, retired Special Education Director; Kayla Morrison, Lorenzo ISD Superintendent; Syd Sexton, Region 17 Coordinator of Curriculum Services; Doyle Vogler, Lubbock ISD Associate Superintendent; and Justin Louder, TTU K-12 Interim Superintendent.

Each special purpose school district shall have an advisory board consisting of at least five members that, along with the superintendent, reports to the board of regents regarding the operation of the district. The president of the university may designate a person to report on the management, operations, and accountability of the special purpose school district to the board of regents. The official governing body of TTU K-12 is the TTU System Board of Regents. The TTU K-12 Advisory Board will be tasked with the following:

- approval of items required by SBOE and/or TEA.
- reviewing implementation of new policies and procedures.
- serving as a sounding board for new ideas.

TTU K-12's superintendent would be a non-voting chair of the council and would convene the group quarterly either virtually or face-to-face on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock. Thank you for your consideration of these nominees.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Schovanec

President

c: Monica Martinez, Associate Commissioner, Texas Education Agency