

Welcome and Logistics

Date: August 25th, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Task Force Members Present: Josue Tamarez Torres, Jean Streepey, Greg Rodriguez, Roland Hernandez, Brandon Chandler, LaTonya Goffney, Jay Killgo, Jason Hewitt, Brandon Enos, Judd Marshall, Leah Tunnell, Justin Terry, Sherry Taylor, Norma Castillo, Chane Rascoe, Dave Lewis, Christie Volmer, Chris Tatum, Rick Rodriguez, Ashley Osborne, Rosie Vega-Barrio, Casey Morgan, Linda Galvan, Cynthia Hopkins, Kimberly Davis, Vania Amado, Sadie Atha, Brian Kruk, Joshua Sciara, Alexandra Fain, Eric Hale, Tiffany Kilcoyne, Pam Fischer, Valerie Haywood, Jennifer Kuehne, Faye Urich, Tiffany Klaerner, Kisaundra Harris, Raymond Falcón, Sergio Estrada

Task Force Support Present: Kelvey Oeser, Kyla Jaramillo, Ali Friedlander, Ivan Nieves, Natalie Brown, Grace Wu, Jessica McLoughlin, Marilyn Cook, Mark Olofson, Matthew Holzgrafe, Melissa Yoder, Xochitl Rocha, Colin Dempsey, Pam Wetherington, Zoraida Martinez, Charles Cuccia, Beth Burkhart, Camille Davenport, Ebony Love

Session: Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics

The Teacher Vacancy Task Force Chair, Josue Tamarez Torres, welcomed members to the meeting. He shared excitement around having students back in school. He expressed eagerness to dig into the work as well as the importance of the work, acknowledging that schools across Texas still have vacancies. Mr. Tamarez Torres reminded everyone of the students and staff in Uvalde not returning to school, and asked that the Task Force share in a moment of silence.

Mr. Tamarez Torres reviewed the main objectives of the Task Force, the agenda, and norms for the day. He discussed the working groups for the Task Force, noting the change of the strategic staffing working group to talent pipelines to better reflect the direction of their work. Mr. Tamarez Torres discussed the feedback provided by Task Force members and the intended shifts based on that feedback. He discussed the importance of stakeholder input.

Mr. Tamarez Torres reminded everyone what the Task Force will produce. He explained that all final TVTF resources, recommendations, and reports will be published on the TEA website, utilized to inform TEA guidance and support when relevant, and shared with legislators, SBOE members, and/or SBEC members when requested.

Mr. Tamarez Torres discussed ways stakeholders beyond the Task Force have been able to provide input. He went over what the final recommendations report will include, the roadmap for developing recommendations, and the framework the Task Force will use to develop recommendations.

Mr. Tamarez Torres sent the group into Working Groups.