

**Date: February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Session: Closing Session**

Teacher Vacancy Task Force Chair Josue Tamarez Torres welcomed the Task Force back to the main session. He introduced Nicole Wren from the TEA Governmental Relations team who shared an update on bills filed related to the TVTF recommendations. She then shared how to read and track bills.

Task Force members expressed interest in testifying as individuals, and Teach Plus provided a sample of effective written testimony. Task Force members were reminded that they could testify as individuals and not as representatives of the Task Force.

Mr. Tamarez Torres then asked each Working Group to share reflections and takeaways from their time with the Task Force. Task Force members shared how they have appreciated the experience, learned from each other, and have felt encouraged by the solutions generated by the group. Each Working Group shared a reflection, and TEA staffers thanked the Task Force for their contributions throughout the process.

Mr. Tamarez Torres reminded the group that their feedback would be synthesized, and the final report would be revised based on their collective input. He shared that the teachers on the Task Force can continue providing input to TEA through joining the TEA Teacher Leadership Fellowship.

Deputy Commissioner Oeser closed out the meeting, thanking the Task Force members for their commitment and contribution. She expressed gratitude to the teachers on the Task Force, sharing the importance and value of teacher voice, and she expressed gratitude to Mr. Tamarez Torres for the critical role he played and for his leadership as the chair of the Task Force.