

**Item 4:**  
**Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Request to  
Approve July 25, 2019 Work Session Minutes**

**ACTION**

**ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the July 25, 2019 Board work session minutes.

**State Board for Educator Certification****WORK SESSION AGENDA****JULY 25, 2019 AT 10:00 AM****1701 N. CONGRESS AVE. ROOM 1-104**

The Board will meet in open session and after determining the presence of a quorum, discuss the following agenda items:

**1. Call to Order****2. Welcome and Overview**

The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) convened its work session at 10:02 AM on Thursday, July 25, 2019, in Room 1-104 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas.

Present: Ms. Laurie Bricker, Ms. Rohanna Brooks-Sykes, Mr. Tommy Coleman, Ms. Jill Druessedow, Dr. John Kelly, Ms. Courtney MacDonald, Ms. Shareefah Mason, Ms. Sandie Mullins, Dr. Rex Peebles, Mr. Tim Regal, Mr. Jose Rodriguez, Dr. Laurie Turner, and Mr. Carlos Villagrana.

Absent: Dr. Arturo Cavazos, Dr. Edward Hill

**3. Legislative Update**

TEA staff provided the SBEC with an update on SBEC-related legislation as a result of the 86th Texas Legislative Session.

**4. Discussion of Teaching Profession**

Jessica Conlon, Director of Human Resources at TEA facilitated a discussion requested by an SBEC member to provide the Board with an opportunity to receive an update on current agency initiatives and discuss opportunities to raise the esteem and public perception of the teaching profession. The Board provided input that will be discussed at a future SBEC meeting.

**5. Investigations, Disciplinary Cases, and Enforcement**

Ms. Moriarty and Mr. Rodriguez presented this item to the Board. Ms. Moriarty engaged the Board in an in-depth discussion of the current Board rules regarding contract abandonment. Additionally, Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Moriarty engaged the Board in a discussion of the procedures for investigations and contested cases involving allegations of educator misconduct.

**6. Educator Preparation Program Overview**

Dr. Jones and Dr. Olofson presented this item to the Board. Dr. Jones walked the Board through the life cycle of an educator preparation program from the pre-approval site visit to

the five-year continuing approval review, noting where SBEC action was required throughout the five years. Dr. Olofson highlighted on the life cycle where ASEP ratings impacted programs from year one to year five. Dr. Olofson then discussed the annual process that ASEP follows leading to accreditation statuses of EPPs. Dr. Jones briefed the Board on the review process that is used with EPPs every five years, including the risk assessment model and the differences between the on-site visit reviews versus the desk reviews. Dr. Jones and Dr. Olofson completed the item by discussing the SBEC actions that may be taken for EPPs for ASEP accreditation statuses and for the results of the five-year reviews.

## **7. Special Education Certification Redesign Overview**

Ms. Wu presented this item to the Board. Ms. Wu reviewed the purpose of the Special Education forums. The Board reviewed state and national data and corresponding certification structures. The Board noted that other states require specialized Special Education certifications (either by grade-band or disability) as well as requiring a reading certification examination. The Board discussed options to balance teacher quality and teacher supply.

## **8. Discussion and Update on the edTPA pilot**

Ms. Wu presented this item to the Board. Ms. Wu updated the Board on the edTPA pilot and referenced the participating educator preparation programs and candidates. Mr. Regal reviewed the purpose and construct of T-TESS (Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System). Ms. Wu discussed with the Board the agency activities in exploring alternatives to edTPA and the requirements for performance assessment alternatives.

## **9. Review of July 26, 2019 SBEC Agenda Items**

Dr. Olofson and Dr. Jones presented this item to the Board. Dr. Olofson provided additional information about Agenda Item 12: Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs. Based on feedback from the Board and stakeholders at the April SBEC meeting, staff provided alternatives for scoring the principal and teacher surveys. Dr. Olofson noted feedback from the Educator Preparation Advisory Committee and Data Workgroup about the pass rate for ASEP Indicator 1a, and the suggestion to have ASEP Indicator 2 be report only for the 2018–2019 reporting year.

Dr. Jones provided additional information about Agenda Item 13: Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates, Subchapter A, Admission to Educator Preparation Programs. He provided additional information and context about the implementation date for the proposed changes to the PACT.

## **10. Adjournment**

Ms. Druesedow adjourned the work session at 5:21 PM.