

## Item 10:

# Appointment of Committee Chair and Members to the SBEC EPP Commendations Committee

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION

**SUMMARY:** This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) Chair an opportunity to appoint a committee chair and members to the SBEC Educator Preparation Program (EPP) Commendations Committee. The Board committee recommends high-performing EPPs to the full Board for commendations.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** ASEP accreditation statuses and sanctions for EPPs are authorized by the Texas Education Code (TEC) §21.045 and §21.0452.

TEC, §21.045, as amended by SB 1839, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, states that the board shall propose rules establishing standards to govern the approval and continuing accountability of all EPPs.

TEC, §21.0452, as amended by SB 668 and SB 573, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, states that to assist persons interested in obtaining teaching certification in selecting an EPP and to assist school districts in making staffing decisions, the SBEC shall make certain specified information regarding educator programs in this state available to the public through the SBEC's Internet website.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon SBEC Chair appointment.

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:** At the October 2019 SBEC meeting, the Board approved a framework and procedures for calculations for EPP commendations. At the February 2020 SBEC meeting, the Board established an SBEC EPP Commendations Committee.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:** At the October 2019 SBEC meeting, the Board adopted the following commendation categories into rule to recognize high-performing EPPs:

1. **Rigorous and Robust Preparation:** based on first test pass rates;
2. **Preparing the Educators Texas Needs:** based on actively recruiting educators in shortage areas, of color, and for rural schools;
3. **Preparing Educators for Long-Term Success:** based on educators' retention in the profession and teacher growth into other professional roles; and
4. **Innovative Educator Preparation:** based on petitions provided to the SBEC regarding EPPs that go above and beyond seeking new pathways in preparing candidates for educator preparation.

At the October 2019 SBEC meeting, the Board also adopted the EPP accountability manual (Figure 19 TAC §229.1(c)) into rule. This manual describes the procedures for determination of EPP commendations. Per the manual with regard to the Innovative Educator Preparation

category, “Appropriate applications are reviewed by an SBEC subcommittee and approved by the full SBEC. Recognition is awarded at the discretion of the committee and the SBEC.”

At the February 2020 SBEC meeting, the Board Chair appointed Mr. Jose Rodriguez as Committee Chair and the following Board members served on the committee: Ms. Emily Garcia, Dr. John Kelly, Ms. Shareefah Mason, Dr. Alma Rodriguez. and Ms. Jean Streepey. The Board Committee met on December 11, 2020 and February 11, 2021 and fulfilled their charge to identify EPPs for recognition under the Innovative Educator Preparation category.

This item provides the SBEC Chair an opportunity to appoint a committee chair and members to inform, review, and evaluate EPP application submissions for consideration of designation for category four, Innovative Educator Preparation, for the 2020–2021 reporting year. The committee will make recommendations to the full Board for commendations in this category at a subsequent meeting.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

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