State Board for Educator Certification
Board Retreat Minutes
January 9, 2009

The Board convened its Board Retreat at 9:04 a.m. on Friday, January 9, 2009 in Room 1-104 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas.

Present: Dr. Cain, Ms. Baszile, Ms. Pogue, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Barnes, Mr. Shirley, Ms. Druesedow, Ms. Acuff, Ms. Carter, Mr. Trevino, Dr. Glynn and Mr. Booker. Staff present: Dr. Loonam, Doug Phillips, Melva Cardenas, Carla Valadez and Maggie Heermans.

Absent: Mr. Barbic and Ms. Bridges

1. **Welcome by Dr. Cain**
2. **Teambuilding**

   Lynda Baker from Texas Education Agency's (TEA) Organizational Effectiveness division provided a presentation and conducted a teambuilding exercise**.**

3. **Updates**

   Dr. Loonam reviewed the 2009 Board meeting dates. The Board discussed the possibility of having additional workshops later in the year. Dr. Cain suggested that staff review meeting dates for 2010.

   Dr. Loonam referred to the written updates of SBEC Departments' activities for the Board's review. The Board discussed the process for setting standards for the Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test (BTLPT). Dr. Loonam informed the Board that there is a committee of educators from around the state that meet and make recommendations; these recommendations are then presented to the Board and the Board sets the standards. Also discussed was the number of program visits throughout the year, and the number and types of complaints received through Legal and Investigations.

4. **Discussion of and the Opportunity to Amend SBEC Philosophy**

   Dr. Loonam provided Board members the current Mission Statement and Core Principles. The Board discussed forming a subcommittee to review and update. Ms. Acuff, Ms. Pogue and Mr. Shirley agreed to be on the subcommittee. The whole Board discussed and agreed on the subcommittee's recommendation.

5. **Discussion of SBEC 2009 Priorities**

   Mr. Booker reviewed Board goals from 2007 and recommended that between 3-5 priorities be set. The Board discussed the existing goals.

   The Board had further discussion on the goals and four (4) goals were established. The Board requested that the revised goals be placed on the February agenda.

6. **Discussion of and the Opportunity to Amend Board Operating Policies and Procedures (BOPP)**

Dr. Loonam referred to minutes from the May 2007 Retreat which showed the Board members agreed not to participate in stakeholder meetings or attend conferences representing the Board. Dr. Loonam informed the Board that this was never incorporated into the BOPP. Dr. Cain requested that this be placed in the BOPP and placed on the February agenda.

The Board discussed the possibility of board member participation in educator preparation program visits, and agreed that members should not participate in program visits.

7. Discussion of Current Issues

David Anderson, TEA legal counsel, informed the Board that discussion on educator sanctions will be placed on the agenda during Executive Session at the February Board meeting.

Mr. Anderson discussed the process for final decisions coming from SOAH. He informed the Board that the number of cases presented to the Board may be increasing. He informed the Board that he could present to the Board options for hearing cases other than to the Board as a whole. The Board agreed that Mr. Anderson could draft options and present them to the Board at the April meeting.

Dr. Loonam advised the Board as of April 1, 2009 all certificate renewal notices will be sent electronically and educator certificates will only be mailed upon request. The official certificate is the online virtual certificate.

Mr. Booker reviewed stakeholder meeting minutes regarding Chapter 229 and Chapter 230.

The Board resumed its discussion on the Mission Statement and Core Principles, and discussed various revisions. The Board agreed that the revised Mission Statement and Core Principles should be placed on the February agenda.

Dr. Cain adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.