

Item 10:**Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Request to Approve New Class of Certificate at Harris County Department of Education****DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

SUMMARY: This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to approve a request by Harris County Department of Education, an approved and accredited educator preparation program (EPP) located in Houston, Texas, to offer the Superintendent class of certificate. Texas Education Agency (TEA Certification,

Requirements, and Chapter 242, Superintendent Certificate. General Certification

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: The statutory authority related to the approval of new classes of certification are the Texas Education Code, §21.0443 and §21.044.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon SBEC approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION: The SBEC approves all new classes of certificates that are offered through an EPP. An EPP must be rated "Accredited" under the Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs to be eligible to add new classes to program offerings. The EPP prepares an extensive and complete application addressing the SBEC required components of governance, admissions criteria, curriculum, program delivery and on-going support, evaluation, professional conduct, complaint process, issuance of certificates, and submission of required data. The proposal is reviewed by several TEA staff members who hold extensive discussions with the applying entity to ensure compliance with the SBEC rules for the certification class being requested. The Harris County Department of Education application meets the minimum requirements for approval by the SBEC.

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Attachments:

- I. Statutory Citations Relating to the Approval of New Classes of Certification
- II. Executive Summary for Harris County Department of Education, Superintendent Certification

ATTACHMENT I

Statutory Citations Relating to the Approval of New Classes of Certification

Texas Education Code, §21.0443, Educator Preparation (excerpts

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