

Item 7:

Election of State Board for Educator Certification Officers

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

DESIRED OUTCOME: The Board will elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary.

SUMMARY: Texas Education Code (TEC) requires the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) elect one of its members to serve as presiding officer for a term of two years and allows the Board to elect other officers from among its membership. The Board Operating Policies and Procedures (BOPP) mandates the Board elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary according to the terms of the BOPP.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Texas Education Code (TEC) §21.036 and Texas Constitution, Article 16, Section 17.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: TEC §21.036, Officers, requires the Board to elect one of its members to serve as presiding officer for a term of two years and allows the Board to elect other officers from among its membership.

According to the BOPP:

- Chairperson. The Board shall elect one of its members to serve as Chairperson. The Chairperson shall serve as presiding officer of the Board.
- Vice-Chairperson. The Board shall elect one of its members to serve as Vice-Chairperson. In the event of absence or disability of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall serve as presiding officer of the Board and carry out all duties of the Chairperson during that absence or disability. In case of vacancy of the office of Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall serve as presiding officer of the Board and carry out all duties of the Chairperson until the position of Chairperson is filled.
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ATTACHMENT

**Statutory Authority
Relating to Election of Board Officers**

Texas Education Code, §21.036, Officers:

The Board shall elect one of its members to serve as presiding officer for a term of two years. The presiding officer is entitled to vote on all matters before the board. The Board may elect other officers from among its membership.

Texas Constitution, Article 16, Section 17, Officers to Serve Until Successors Qualified: