

**STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION
MEETING AGENDA**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 AT 1:00 PM & SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 AT 8:30 AM
1701 N. CONGRESS AVE. R02**

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. McCain presented this item to the Board. She explained the purpose and logistics of the consent agenda. The consent agenda took up agenda items 4 – 7. There was no public testimony on the consent agenda.

- 4. Approve July 18, 2024 Work Session Minutes**
- 5. Approve the July 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
- 6. Approve the 2025 SBEC Meeting dates**
- 7. Adoption of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, §230.11, General Requirements**

This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to adopt, subject to State Board of Education (SBOE) review, the proposed amendment to the English language proficiency (ELP) requirements outlined in 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, §230.11, General Requirements. The proposed amendment would expand the options for demonstrating ELP. No changes are recommended since published as proposed, but additional changes may be recommended at the time of the meeting based on public comment.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. MacDonald to approve the consent agenda 4 – 7 as presented. Second was made by Mr. Tamarez Torres and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Judgement on all cases numbered 1-32 on the agenda, except numbers 5 and 15, and issue Final Orders consistent with staff's recommendations. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Mr. Gore to grant staff's request for Issuance of Default Judgement and enter a Final Order issuing a sanction of permanent revocation on default case number 15. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

SOAH Defaults

1. In the Matter of Adam Mata; Action to be taken: Consideration of Issuance of Default Judgment

Staff recommendation: 1-year suspension

Staff was represented by Attorney Richa Kumar.

Respondent was represented by himself.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Dr. Brescia that Respondent Adam Mata did not have good cause for failing to appear on June 5, 2024 at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Ms. Weir abstained.

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Dr. Brescia to grant Staff's Request for the Issuance of SOAH Default Judgement and enter a Final Order consistent with Staff's recommendation in the matter of Adam Mata. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Ms. Weir abstained.

2. In the Matter of
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Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Ms. Weir that the Board grant Staff's Request for the Issuance of SOAH Default Judgement on SOAH default numbers 2 and 3 and enter Final Orders consistent with Staff's recommendation on the cases. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

B. Contested Cases

Proposals for Decision

1. Docket No. 701-24-01463.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v. Donald Hodgson II; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: Permanent Revocation and Do Not Hire Registry

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Mr. Gore, in the case of Docket No. 701-24-01463.EC, State Board of Educator Certification v. Donald Hodgson II, to accept the PFD and issue a Final Order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

2. Docket No. 701-24-03496.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v. Eduardo Orozco; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: Permanent Revocation

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ Revocation

Motion and Vote:

Motion was made by Mr. Coleman, in the case of Docket No. 701-24-03496.EC, State Board of Educator Certification v. Eduardo Orozco, to accept the PFD and issue a Final Order consistent with the ALJ's recommendation. Second was made by Ms. Dvorak and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

3. Docket No. 701-24-13406.EC, Texas Education Agency, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement Division v. Maria Lyssy; Action to be taken: Consideration of Proposal for Decision and Issuance of Final Order.

ALJ Recommendation: 8-month suspension

Staff Recommendation: Accept ALJ recommendation

Staff was represented by Attorney Margaret McGee.

The State Board of Educator Certification reconvened on September 20, 2024 at 8:34am.

14. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases

Ms. Sarah Wolf and Mr. David Rodriguez presented this item to the Board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss proposed revisions to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 249. Chapter 249 establishes the disciplinary proceedings process and sanctions for educators.

Public Testimony:

Julie Leahy
Lance Cain
Martha Owen

15. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 235 Classroom Teacher Certification Standards Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, Elementary School Certificate Standards, Subchapter C, Middle School Certificate Standards, and Subchapter D, Secondary School Certificate Standards

Ms. Beth Burkhart presented this item to the Board. This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to review and discuss the proposed new Teacher Pedagogy standards. The SBEC reviewed updates to the standards resulting from Board and stakeholder feedback since the July 2024 SBEC meeting.

Public Testimony:

Andrea Chevalier
Katelyn Damore
Tricia Cave
Kelsey Kling
Mollie Wright
Ana Sepulveda
Kelly Waters

INFORMATION ONLY

16. Update of State Board for Educator Certification Enabling Legislation

17. Board Operating Policies and Procedures (BOPP)

18. 2023–2026 Rule Review Plan for State Board for Educator Certification Rules

19. Adjournment

The State Board of Educator Certification adjourned at 11:42am on September 20, 2024.

The Board may go into closed session regarding any item on the agenda to the extent it is authorized to do so pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. The presiding officer of the

Board intends to be physically present in Room 1-104, William B. Travis Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue. Some members may attend via videoconferencing.