

## Item 20:

# Approval of Continuing Education and Training Clearinghouse Advisory Group

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION

**SUMMARY:** This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) the opportunity to approve the Continuing Education and Training Clearinghouse Advisory Group, "Clearinghouse Advisory Group" (CAG), as required by Senate Bill (SB) 1267, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** SB 1267 created new TEC, §21.4514, Continuing Education and Training Clearinghouse; Advisory Group.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Recent legislation in Senate Bill (SB) 1267, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, requires the SBEC to publish a comprehensive clearinghouse of information regarding continuing professional education and training requirements for educators and other school personnel ("Clearinghouse") by June 1, 2022. It will include best practices and industry recommendations for the frequency for training of those individuals. School districts are required to review the Clearinghouse annually and use it as a guide for developing their professional development policies.

The SBEC is required to approve the Continuing Education and Training Clearinghouse Advisory Group, "Clearinghouse Advisory Group" (CAG), consisting of educators, including classroom teachers, and representatives of organizations that represent educators to provide input and guidance for the Board's consideration. The CAG will review and recommend best practices and industry recommendations for the frequency for training of educators and other school personnel, for the SBEC's consideration. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to submit recommended frequencies for the CAG consideration. TEA staff will solicit that feedback from stakeholders that provided public testimony during the legislative session on SB 1267 and to the SBEC at the October 1, 2021 SBEC meeting.

No later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, the CAG shall complete a review of the clearinghouse and submit a report to the legislature of the group's recommendations regarding whether any required continuing education or training may be reduced, eliminated, or consolidated with other existing continuing education or training. To comply with this requirement, the committee will meet bi-annually and TEA staff will submit a report to the legislature on behalf of the CAG.

As shared with the Board at the October 2021 meeting, TEA staff requested nominations from the SBEC, the Texas Workforce Workgroup that was involved with the legislation, the Educator Preparation Advisory Committee (EPAC), and those stakeholders who reached out interested in serving on the advisory group.

TEA staff received 38 nominations; 35 met the requirement of nominees representing the two categories of educators (classroom teachers, counselors, and administrators) and organizations representing educators. Three nominees did not meet the requirement as prescribed in SB 1267

of either being educators or representatives from organizations that represent educators. Two were from Texans Care for Children and one was from Texas District Charter Alliance, both of which are policy organizations, not organizations that represent educators, as prescribed in SB 1267. However, they will be asked to provide recommended best practices and industry recommendations for training of educators and other personnel to the CAG.

Outlined below are the nomination categories and the number of nominations received for educators and organizations that represent educators.

- **Educators**
  - Counselors – 2
  - Administrators – 7
  - Classroom Teachers – 18
- **Organizations Representing Educators – 8**

To ensure we have a solid working number of advisory group members, TEA staff recommend the CAG consist of 23 members: all organizations, counselors, administrators, and 6 of the classroom teachers, given that 5 of the organizations representing educators also represent classroom teachers. Therefore, TEA staff recommend that the remaining 12 classroom teachers be approved as alternates in the event vacancies arise. Attachment II includes the proposed CAG members and alternates.

To meet the statutory mandate of the Continuing Education and Training Clearinghouse publication date of June 1, 2022, below outlines the anticipated meeting dates and timelines:

- December 10, 2021 SBEC Meeting – CAG members approved and TEA staff will send an email confirmation of their membership to the CAG and initiate first meeting date options
- January 2022 (will secure a date after the SBEC meeting) – First CAG meeting to outline process recommendation criteria
- January – February 2022 – TEA staff will solicit for the CAG's review, input regarding the best practices and industry recommendations to be included in the clearinghouse
- March 2022 – Second CAG meeting to review stakeholder input
- April 29, 2022 SBEC Meeting – the Board will approve the Continuing Education and Training Clearinghouse, that includes frequency recommendations by the CAG

TEA staff will also provide an update at the February 2022 SBEC meeting of the status and work of the CAG.

#### **ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the proposed Continuing Education and Training Clearinghouse Advisory Group members and alternates as presented.

#### **Staff Members Responsible:**

Christie Pogue, Director, SBEC Policy Development and Support

Viviana Lopez, Program Specialist, Educator Preparation, Certification, and Enforcement

**Attachments**

- I. Statutory Citations
- II. Proposed Continuing Education and Training Clearinghouse Advisory Group Members and Alternates

**ATTACHMENT I****Statutory Citations Relating to the Continuing Education and Training Clearinghouse Advisory Group****Sec. 21.4514. CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING CLEARINGHOUSE; ADVISORY GROUP.**

- (a) In this section:
- (1) "Board" means the State Board for Educator Certification.
  - (2) "Clearinghouse advisory group" means the clearinghouse advisory group established under Subsection (d).
- (b) The board shall publish a comprehensive clearinghouse of information regarding continuing education and training requirements for:
- (1) educators; and
  - (2) other school personnel.
- (c) The clearinghouse must:
- (1) include best practices and industry recommendations for the frequency for training of educators and other school personnel; and
  - (2) be published in consultation with the clearinghouse advisory group.
- (d) The board shall establish a clearinghouse advisory group consisting of educators, including classroom teachers, and representatives of organizations that represent educators to review and provide input regarding the best practices and industry recommendations included in the clearinghouse. In publishing the clearinghouse, the board shall ensure the clearinghouse reflects input provided by the clearinghouse advisory group.
- (e) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, the clearinghouse advisory group shall complete a review of the clearinghouse and submit a report to the legislature of the group's recommendations regarding whether any required continuing education or training may be reduced, eliminated, or consolidated with other existing continuing education or training.

**ATTACHMENT II****Proposed Continuing Education and Training Clearinghouse Advisory Group Members and Alternates****Proposed CAG Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title/Organization</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Role</b>
Jennifer Akins	Senior Director of Guidance and Counseling	McKinney	Educator – Administrator
Sharon Bradley	Director of Family and Social Services	Plano	Educator – Administrator
Dr. Ruben Castro Jr.	Bilingual/ESL Instructional Strategist	Donna	Educator – Administrator
Dr. Andrea Chavelier	Association of Texas Professional Educators	NA	Organization that Represents Educators
Monya Crow	Texas School Counselor Association	NA	Organization that Represents Educators
Dr. Sundie Dahlkamp	HR Executive Director	Pearland	Educator – Administrator
Holly Eaton	Texas Classroom Teachers Association	NA	Organization that Represents Educators
Carrie Griffith	Texas State Teachers Association	NA	Organization that Represents Educators
Ryan Higgins	High School Social Studies Teacher/Coach	Hurst-Eules-Bedford	Educator – Classroom Teacher
Angie Jackson	Elementary Special Education Teacher	Weslaco	Educator – Classroom Teacher
Cheryl Loving	Director of Counseling	Allen	Educator – Administrator
Courtney Nuckols	School Counselor	Taylor	Educator – Counselor
Jose Piñeda	Music Teacher (5-8)	Ysleta	Educator – Classroom Teacher
Patty Quinzi	Texas American Federation of Teachers	NA	Organization that Represents Educators
Le'Ann Solmonson	Texas Counseling Association	NA	Organization that Represents Educators
Katora Thomas	Middle School Math Teacher	YES Prep Public Schools	Educator – Classroom Teacher
Betty White	School Counselor	San Angelo	Educator – Counselor

Elizabeth Wilbanks	Teacher	Ector County	Educator – Classroom Teacher
LaPia Wilson	Elementary Special Education Teacher	Dallas	Educator – Classroom Teacher
Jennifer Winter	Innovative Teachers of Texas	NA	Organization that Represents Educators
Shannon Withers	Academic Dean of Science	San Antonio	Educator – Administrator
Carol Wright	Assistant Principal	Round Rock	Educator – Administrator
Dr. Eli Zambrano	Texas Association for Counselor Education	NA	Organization that Represents Educators

**Proposed CAG Alternates:**

Name	Title	Location	Role
Katrina Abe	Middle School Math Teacher	Spring Branch	Educator – Classroom Teacher
Antonio Antoine	Middle School English Teacher	Galena Park	Educator – Classroom Teacher
Jamie Avalos	High School Physics Teacher	Fort Worth	Educator – Classroom Teacher
Lesley Bozman	Middle School Social Studies Teacher	Longview	Educator – Classroom Teacher
Angela Burley	Middle School Social Studies Teacher	Dallas	Educator – Classroom Teacher
Kevin Childers	Social Studies Teacher / Coach	Fairfield	Educator – Classroom Teacher
Kelly Emadi	Reading Academies Cohort Leader	Lockhart	Educator – Classroom Teacher
Adriane Geronimo	High School English Teacher	Midland	Educator – Classroom Teacher
Jana Hughey	Elementary Math Teacher	Lubbock	Educator – Classroom Teacher
Gwen Pauloski	High School English Teacher	Houston	Educator – Classroom Teacher
Sheena Salcido	Middle School Social Studies Teacher	Ector County	Educator – Classroom Teacher
Karla Smith	Middle School Science Teacher	Dallas	Educator – Classroom Teacher