

Item 10:
Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

SUMMARY: Texas Government Code (TGC), §2001.039, establishes a four-year rule review cycle for all state agency rules, including State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rules. This item presents for SBEC approval the adoption of review of 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 241, Certification as Principal. The rules being reviewed provide requirements for issuance of a principal certificate.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Statutory authority for the rule review is the TGC, §2001.039. The statutory authority for 19 TAC Chapter 241 is the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a); 21.040(2); 21.041(b)(1)-(4); 21.046(b), (c), and (d); and 21.054(a) and (e).

The full text of statutory citations can be found in the statutory authority section of this agenda.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION: At the February 11, 2022 meeting, the SBEC voted to publish the proposed review of 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal, in the *Texas Register*.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION: The SBEC rules in 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal, establish all of the requirements for certification and educator preparation program minimum standards for issuance of a principal certificate.

The rule text of 19 TAC Chapter 241 is viewable on the Texas Education Agency (TEA)'s website at: <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/laws-and-rules/sbec-rules-tac/sbec-tac-currently-in-effect/19-tac-chapter-241>

If authorized by the SBEC, the notice of adopted review stating the reasons for adoption continue to exist will be filed with the *Texas Register* following the April 2022 SBEC meeting.

ANTICIPATED REVISIONS TO RULES: TEA staff will present proposed changes to 19 TAC Chapter 241 for discussion at this meeting to implement House Bill (HB) 159, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, regarding instructing students with disabilities and to align with provisions in HB 403, 86th Texas Legislature, 2019, regarding identifying and reporting human trafficking, sexual abuse, and other maltreatment of students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The TEA filed the notice of proposed review of 19 TAC Chapter 241 with the *Texas Register* following the February 2022 SBEC meeting. The public comment period on the proposed rule review began March 18, 2022, and ended April 18, 2022. Any comments received will be provided to the SBEC under separate cover prior to the April 29, 2022 meeting. The SBEC will take registered oral and written comments on this item at the April 29, 2022 meeting in accordance with the SBEC board operating policies and procedures.

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the review of 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal.

Staff Member Responsible:

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