

Educator Preparation Advisory Committee (EPAC) Discussion

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Educator
Preparation
Advisory
Committee

EPAC is the only standing advisory committee to the SBEC

EPAC serves at the will of the SBEC to provide input and reflection on policy

The composition of the EPAC was recently updated to reflect SBEC's statutory charge

The purpose of this committee is to advise the SBEC and TEA staff ***on matters relating to educator preparation*** in support of the Board's statutory charge of ***ensuring all candidates for certification demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the performance of the diverse student population of this state.***

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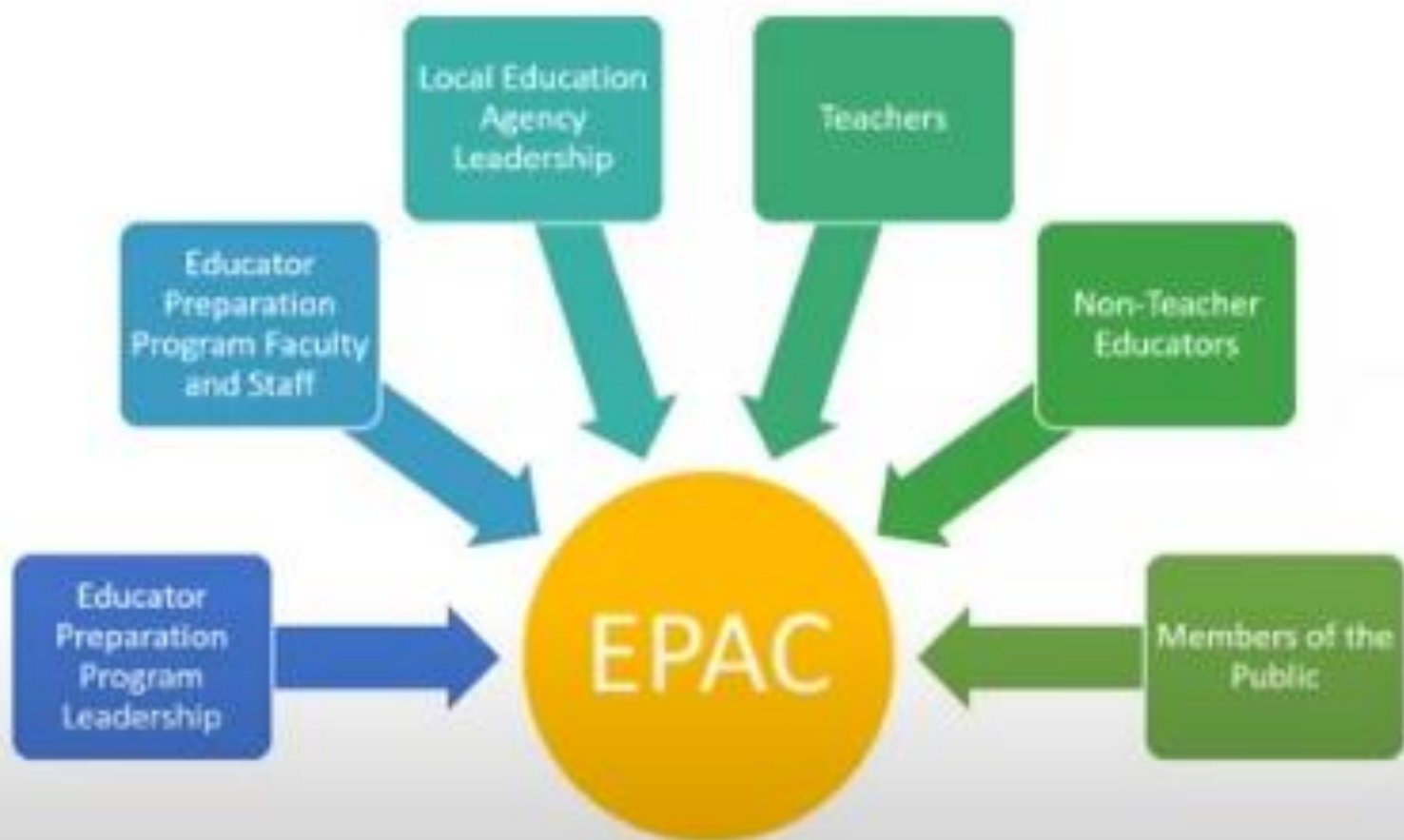
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EPAC Input Opportunities

- **SBEC will receive input on policy decisions that span the Board's oversight**
 - Rules regarding the curriculum, coursework, and training that educators should receive prior to certification
 - Rules regarding mentors, cooperating teachers, internships, practicums, and clinical experiences
 - Rules that impact the certification procedures and requirements for Texas educators
 - Rules that impact staffing decisions and enforcement actions
 - Best practices in preparing educators and implementation timelines

Updated EPAC Composition: Membership Aligns with Those Impacted by SBEC Decisions



Updated Structure

- 21 Members from organizations
- 10 Open seats from nominations
 - 5 reserved for at-large EPP members
- Members are nominated and approved by the SBEC

CSOTTE Organizations represented on EPAC

Associate and Assistant
Directors and Deans-
(ADoT)

Gina Anderson

Texas Association of
Community College
Teacher Education
Programs (TACCTEP)
Rebecca Burton

Texas Coordinators for
Teacher Certification
Testing (TCTCT)

Heather Doyle

Texas Association of
Certification Officers
(TACO)

Susan Sharp

Texas Association of
Teacher Educators
(TxATE)

Liz Ward

Texas Association of
Colleges for Teacher
Education (TACTE)

Lisa Huffman

Education Deans of
Independent Colleges
and Universities of Texas
(EDICUT)

Cynthia Savage

Texas Directors of Field
Experience (TDFE)

Tim Sutton

How will this work?

- TEA staff will send EPAC SBEC Board Book prior the SBEC meetings
- EPAC will meet following SBEC meetings to get updates and respond to questions and charges from the Board. TEA staff will provide any prework prior to the EPAC meetings to gather feedback
- EPAC will report back to TEA to inform policy development, refinement, and implementation
- TEA will solicit topics from EPAC members
- We imagine 5 regular meetings a year, with additional specialized or subcommittee meetings

- **EPAC members as representatives of organizations**
 - Members solicit feedback & input from those they represent to ensure the collective voices are heard at committee meetings
 - Members share out from the committee meetings to ensure those they represent are aware of discussions and recommendations to the SBEC



- **EPAC structure as multi-layered**
 - Members with expertise lead technical or affinity area subcommittees
 - Subcommittee structure retains specialized knowledge bases and can incorporate additional stakeholders





EPAC 2021 Meeting Dates – Two Weeks Following SBEC Meeting

SBEC Meetings

April 30



July 23



October 1



December 10



EPAC Meetings

May 14

August 6

October 15

January 15 (ish), 2022

CSOTTE Conference-October 10-12