

## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS' COUNCIL

### Summary Notes

February 19, 2026

1:30 – 3:00 PM McKibben Rm 131

**In Attendance:** Daniella Anyabine, Aubrey Jones, Mi Hae Bae, Carrie Baker, Lisa Bentley, Erin Childress, Denise Davis, Bonnie Fyffe, Joyce Johnston, Dustin Knepp, Summer Koltanski, Alyssa Landreneaux, Jane Long, Caitlin Luna, Jennifer Malmberg, Mike Martin, Ronda McClain, Melanie Mercer, Michelle Miller, Mark Montgomery, Heather Munro, Claire Murphy, Wycliffe Njororai, Barbara Qualls, Susan Reily, Chay Runnels, Chris Sams, Heather Samuelson, Candis Scallan, Christina Sinclair, Lisa Stone, Nikkie Strahan, Joe Strahl, Amber Wagon, Leslie West, And Tingting Xu.

### 1. Welcome

- Dr. Sinclair called the meeting to order and facilitated member introductions.
- Approval of November 2025 Summary Notes
  - Motion from Dr. Scallan to approve with an edit to correctly reflect the programs Dr Qualls and Dr. Uriegas coordinate-
  - The motion was seconded by Dr. Wagon
  - The motion passed unanimously
- Dr. Sinclair talked about Reorganization Updates-
  - The Office of Assessment and Accountability will be going into the Perkins College of Education Humanities and Social Sciences.
  - Dr. Knepp gave updates indicating there will be two departments in the new college: Education Studies and Education Resources. Chair searches for each department are underway. July 1 is the start date for the college.
- Daphne Curl, Director of Testing Services
  - Testing Center Updates
    - After the contract was signed with TEA to continue using Pearson VUE for certification testing, Pearson VUE reduced the compensation paid to testing centers. Previously, testing centers were paid \$5 per hour; however, the rate has now been reduced to \$1 per hour. As an independent testing center, we cannot sustain operations at that rate and still adequately fund the center.
    - As a result, the Testing Center located on the SFA campus is in danger of not being able to administer teacher certification exams.
    - She will provide TEA's contact information so that individuals may share their concerns directly with the agency in hopes that changes can be made. She will also continue to keep us informed following each meeting.
    - At this time, it appears that many testing centers across Texas may discontinue offering these exams as well.

- Jannah Nerren, Ed Studies Department Chair
  - Ed Studies Updates
  - Lifelong Learning Conference
    - The conference is a collaborative platform for local educators and SFA alumni to immerse themselves in a learning community that shares innovative teaching practices and emerging research.
      - Proposal Deadline: March 13, 2026
      - Registration opens March 30, 2026
      - Conference Date: June 26, 2026
      - <https://www.sfasu.edu/edstudies/lifelong-learning-conference>
- Nominations for student members UG & Grad
  - Graduate Student – Superintendent Program, Tyler Vernon
    - Motion to approve: Dr. Sinclair
    - Second- Dr. Qualls
    - Motion unanimously approved for Tyler Vernon to join PEC
  - We still need UG nominations

## 2. Assessment & Accountability

**Dr. Christina Sinclair,  
Ms. Carrie Baker, Mr. Joe Strahl**

- **TEA Updates (Christina Sinclair, Carrie Baker)**
  - Change to certification exam score reporting from Pearson Testing company

### Pearson Score Reporting Schedule

| Exam   | Reporting Date | Exam   | Reporting Date               |
|--|----------------|--|------------------------------|
| 116 – Science 4-8                                  | within 7 days  | 279 – Dance 6-12                                       | within 7 days                |
| 118 – Social Studies 4-8                           | within 7 days  | 391 – Core Subjects EC-6                               | within 7 days                |
| 151 – Reading Specialist                           | within 7 days  | 072 - TASC   | within 28 days               |
| 177 – Music EC-12                                  | within 7 days  | 073 - TASC   | within 28 days               |
| 178 – Art EC-12                                    | within 7 days  | 283 – Braille  | within 28 days               |
| 180 – Theatre EC-12                                | within 7 days  | 253 – Educational Diagnostician                        | within 28 days               |
| 181 – Deaf and Hard of Hearing                     | within 7 days  | 331 – English Language Arts and Reading 7-12           | within 28 days               |
| 182 – Visually Impaired                            | within 7 days  | 257 – Health EC-12                                     | within 28 days               |
| 195 – Superintendent                               | within 7 days  | 258 – Physical Education                               | within 28 days               |
| 200 – Family and Consumer Sciences                 | within 7 days  | 268 – Principal as Instructional Leader                | within 28 days               |
| 215 – Mathematics 4-8                              | within 7 days  | 293 – Science of Teaching Reading                      | within 28 days               |
| 232 – Social Studies 7-12                          | within 7 days  | 186 – Special Education Specialist EC-12               | within 28 days               |
| 233 – History 7-12                                 | within 7 days  | 613 – Languages Other Than English (LOTE) Spanish      | within 28 days               |
| 235 – Mathematics 7-12                             | within 7 days  | 217 – English Language Arts and Reading 4-8            | within 28 days               |
| 237 – Physical Science 6-12                        | within 7 days  | 368 – Performance Assessment for School Leaders (PASL) | May 15th Resubmit – July 7th |
| 238 – Life Science                                 | within 7 days  |  |                              |
| 240 – Chemistry 7-12                               | within 7 days  |  |                              |
| 272 – Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources 6-12 | within 7 days  |  |                              |

- February – Michelle Miller won a free Month of 240 Tutoring for all SFA teacher candidates while attending and presenting the state

conference (CSOTTEE). An email was sent to candidates and program coordinators.

- Fall 2026 edTPA discussion and input
  - Dr. Sinclair provided context for the assessment decision, noting that TEA requires teacher candidates not on the new enhanced certification pathway to pass either the edTPA or the PPR. Dr. Sinclair has secured grant funds to pay for all SFA teacher candidate edTPA first time submissions since 2019. The edTPA costs \$311 with no grant funding currently available, meaning students absorb the full cost, while the PPR costs \$117 — a \$194 difference per student. SFA would be the only educator preparation program in Texas offering edTPA without voucher support.
  - Dr. Sinclair acknowledged that characterizing edTPA as the superior assessment is a contested position, though there is broader agreement that the PPR is not a strong measure. SFA has used edTPA since 2019, supported by grant funding, and students perform well on both assessments. Pass rates on either exam have not created accreditation concerns.
  - Dr. Sinclair posed the question of whether SFA can justify being the sole program in Texas charging students the highest exam cost during a period of statewide enrollment decline. She also named the practical burden of switching assessments now, only to transition again when a new state exam is implemented — while equally acknowledging the burden placed on students absorbing costs no peer institution is requiring. Faculty were provided with a QR code to provide input using a survey.
  - Dr. Sinclair also reported that a proposal was submitted to increase the EPP fee to \$185 — a one-time fee assessed when a student is admitted into the EPP. The proposal is currently under review by the UT System Board of Regents.
  
- **Candidate Data and Monitoring (Carrie Baker, Melanie Mercer)**
  - PEC was reminded about the Initial level program GPA Requirement for admission to the EPP (UG & MAT). Students whose first SFA enrollment is Fall 2025 or later must meet and maintain a 2.75 GPA for EPP admission and continuation; students enrolled prior to Fall 2025 must maintain a 2.50 GPA.

■ SFA Educator Preparation recommendations to TEA for certification  
**24-25 Initial Certification Recommendations**

| Certificate Area     | Recommended | Certificate Area          | Recommended |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Ag Food Nat Res 6-12 | 9           | JTCH - Life Science 7-12  | 1           |
| AFNR 6-12 (ACP)      | 1           | Life Science 7-12 (ACP)   | 0           |
| Art EC-12            | 6           | Math 4-8                  | 9           |
| Art EC-12 (ACP)      | 3           | JTCH - Math 7-12          | 5           |
| Core Subjects 4-8    | 8           | Math 7-12 (ACP)           | 1           |
| Core Subjects EC-6   | 149         | Music EC-12               | 46          |
| Dance 6-12           | 5           | PE EC-12                  | 20          |
| Dance 6-12 (ACP)     | 2           | PE EC-12 (ACP)            | 2           |
| DHH EC-12            | 8           | Science 4-8               | 4           |
| ELAR 4-8             | 1           | Social Studies 4-8        | 6           |
| ELAR 7-12            | 12          | Social Studies 7-12 (ACP) | 1           |
| FCS 6-12             | 1           | Special Education EC-12   | 16          |
| History 7-12         | 6           | Theatre EC-12             | 16          |
| History 7-12 (ACP)   | 2           |                           |             |

Total Initial Recommendations = 340  
 Undergraduate recommendations = 328  
 ACP recommendations = 12

■ **24-25 Professional  
 Certification Recommendations**

| Certificate Area                | Recommended |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Ed. Diag. EC-12                 | 21          |
| Principal as Inst. Leader EC-12 | 34          |
| Reading Specialist EC-12        | 1           |
| School Counselor EC-12          | 2           |
| Superintendent EC-12            | 6           |
| TSVI EC-12                      | 10          |

■ Total recommendations = 74

**Fall 2025 Initial  
 Certification Recommendations**

| Certificate Area     | Recommended | Certificate Area        | Recommended |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Ag Food Nat Res 6-12 | 3           | History 7-12            | 2           |
| AGNR 6-12 (ACP)      | 1           | Life Science 7-12       | 1           |
| Art EC-12            | 4           | Life Science 7-12 (ACP) | 0           |
| Art EC-12 (ACP)      | 0           | Math 4-8                | 1           |
| Chemistry (8-12)     | 0           | Math 7-12               | 1           |
| Core Subjects 4-8    | 2           | Music EC-12             | 7           |
| Core Subjects EC-6   | 44          | PE EC-12                | 7           |
| Dance 6-12           | 2           | PE EC-12 (ACP)          | 0           |
| DHH EC-12            | 2           | Science 4-8             | 1           |
| ELAR 4-8             | 1           | Social Studies 4-8      | 2           |
| ELAR 7-12            | 2           | SPED EC-12              | 13          |
| ELAR 7-12 (ACP)      | 0           | Theatre EC-12           | 1           |
| FCS 6-12             | 0           | Theatre EC-12 (ACP)     | 0           |

■ Total Initial Recommendations = 97  
 Undergraduate recommendations = 96  
 ACP recommendations = 1



## YLR Districts not in LASO

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Alto ISD            | Self-funding    |
| Central Heights ISD | Self-funding    |
| Elkhart ISD         | TSS Grant ESC 7 |
| Rusk ISD            | TSS Grant ESC 7 |
| Klein ISD           | Self-funding    |

- Spring 2026 Meet the Districts event
  - January 29<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am – 12:00pm
    - We had approx. 125 students attend
    - 40 Districts in attendance
- Fall 2026 Clinical Teaching/Residency Updates
  - Application closed on February 15, 2026
  - Updates on numbers to date

## Fall 2026 Clinical Teaching and Residency Numbers

- 85 students applied for Fall 2026 Clinical Teaching
  - 19 of the 85 students working as paraprofessionals
- 43 students applied for Fall 2026 Residency
- Fall 2026 testing deadline:
  - EC-6 and MLGE
    - May 8<sup>th</sup>
  - SEED, SPED, DFHH and JCTH
    - July 24<sup>th</sup>
- Estimated **\$874,500** in the pockets of our SFA students!
  - Testing deadline:
    - EC-6 and MLGE – May 8<sup>th</sup>
    - SEED, SPED, DFHH and JCTH – July 24<sup>th</sup>
- Ed Studies Graduation Stole Ceremony & Exemplary Clinical Teacher and Resident Awards
  - May 7, 2026 at 10:00 am
  - Grace Bible Church Auditorium
- Spring 2027 Clinical Teaching and Residency application

- Opens July 1, 2026 and closes September 15, 2026
- Fall 2027 Meet the Districts event
  - September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
  - ECRC 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor common areas

**3. Items from the Floor- NONE**

**4. Adjourn- 3pm**

- **NEXT MEETING**
  - April 23, 2026