



**TACO Business Meeting
June 1, 2015
St. Edward's University**

Legislative Update --- Melva Cardenas, TASPAA (See attached Powerpoint PDF for added details)

Melva Cardenas of TASPAA gave the membership an overview of recent legislative action, beginning with a brief overview of some of the major bills of the 83rd session (2013) and then the 84th (current 2015) session. Bills that have passed and been sent to the governor's desk, unless vetoed, will take effect September 1, 2015.

A good number of the bills deal with military members who wish to move into the education field. Bills covered include:

- HB 218
 - Re: Bilingual education: no change to certificate, just to the assignment
 - If you are teaching English portion you can have ESL certificate
 - If you are teaching in a language other than English, you have to have Bilingual certificate
- HB 1300
 - 10% Rule stands
 - For programs that use the 10% Rule, candidates must pass the content test before they are allowed into the program if their GPAs are lower than 2.5. (Initial Certification)
- HB 2014
 - Military Personnel (while in military) with work experience to obtain certification to teach career and technology education classes in public schools.
- SB 168
 - Temporary superintendent certificate waiver
 - The commissioner may waive the requirement for certification of a superintendent
- SB 1309
 - ROTC Teaching Certificate

- HB 2205
 - Increase SBEC Board from 14 to 15, to include two non-voting members (a dean of education at a university and an ACP (non-university affiliated) representative)
 - Admission GPA of 2.5 (instead of 2.75)
 - The overall GPA of each incoming class admitted (cohort) into the EPP may not be less than a 3.0 or higher overall GPA
 - EPPs will be reviewed for renewal at least every 5 years
 - Teacher satisfaction surveys of new teachers at the end of teacher's first year
 - SBEC shall make available the average ration of field supervisor to candidates
 - Risk level of EPP
 - Complaint process, including a requirement to notify candidates
 - A person may not retake a single certification exam more than FOUR times without approval from SBEC
 - September 1, 2015 starts the re-take limitation rule
 - School District Board may issue a school district teaching permit to a person who will teach courses in career and technical education based on qualifications
 - The commissioner may issue a subpoena to compel the production of relevant evidence that is located in the sate during investigation by the commissioner. Districts have refused to provide evidence of student because of FERPA
 - Legislative material may be found at the TASPAs website www.taspa.org
 - Link: Bills to watch
 - Rose Benitez, new Executive Director
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Business Meeting

- Introduction of new officers
 - President: Katie Snyder
 - President Elect: Daniella Varela
 - Secretary: Wendy Storms
 - Treasurer: Connie Sabo-Risley
 - Past President: Sandra Parnell

Connie Sabo-Risley presented an appreciation gift to outgoing President Parnell on behalf of the membership.
- Recognition of new and retiring members
- Approval of minutes (October 2014 CSOTTE TACO Meeting): Wendy Storms
 - Motion for approval: Kathleen Vinger
 - Seconded: Connie Sabo-Risley
 - All approved

- Financial Report: Connie Sabo-Risley
 - Motion for approval: Paula Hollis
 - Seconded: John Miazga
 - All approved
- New Business
 - Membership Dues
 - Leadership team will review dues structure if future summer meetings require registration fees
 - Listserv – reserved for members only
- CSOTTE 2015: October 25-27
Embassy Suites Dallas-Frisco Hotel and Convention Center & Spa
Call for proposals deadline: July 15, 2015
TACO Meeting: Sunday, October 25 4:00-5:00 pm
- Door Prizes: 2 CSOTTE Registrations
Winners: Katheryn Hartshorne, Texas A&M Texarkana
Brenda Strong, Tarleton State University