



Texas Association of Certification Officers

Promoting communication among educator preparation programs, school districts, and state agencies in Texas

General Meeting Minutes Monday, October 13, 2024 CSOTTE- San Marcos, Texas

Called To Order: 1:03pm

Attendance: 49 Attendees, 5 Officers

Welcome: Jessica Powell, TACO President

Introduction of 2024-2025 Officers:

- ❖ Jessica Powell, University of North Texas, *President*
- ❖ Raney Edmiston, McMurry University, *President-Elect*
- ❖ Teryana Lamb, Harris County Department of Education, *Immediate Past President*
- ❖ Wendy Sklenarik, Angelo State University, *Secretary*
- ❖ Connie Sabo-Risley, University of Incarnate Word, *Treasurer*

Approval of June 2024 Meeting Minutes: Wendy Sklenarik

Motion To Approve: Sandra Parnell

Seconded: Susan Sharp

All In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report: Connie Sabo-Risley

Motion To Approve: Sandra Parnell

Seconded: Teryana Lamb

All in Favor: All

Opposed: None

Recognition of New Members from:

- Texas A&M
- Wayland Baptist
- Texas State
- Lone Star College

Recognition of Retiring Members

- Susan Sharp is contemplating retirement

Activity: Wendy

- Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament

Pearson: Kim Grady

- Stopped in to say hello and to let us know about Pearson's upcoming session tomorrow, October 14th during Breakout Session 5 at 3:45pm. The session will include information about:
 - Information about the new Core Subject EC-6 launch
 - TX TPA
 - Testing Accommodations

Business:

- Dues
 - First Member \$30, any additional members \$15
 - Thank you for getting your dues paid
 - The majority of our dues are used for the Classroom Teacher Grant
- TACO Talk
 - Is a resource for paid members
 - 160-170 members currently in the TACO Talk Listserv
 - Valuable resource for members
 - If your email changes, please let Connie know so she can update your contact information
 - In some instances, if your email is bouncing, we have to add members multiple times
 - Please be patient and understand we process TACO paperwork, needs, and requests as we can.
 - There are no longer any TEA staff on TACO Talk
 - Keep in mind that any email from TACO Talk can be forwarded
- Classroom Grants
 - Thank you for participating with the Classroom Grants
 - Certification Officers are the ones dispersing the applications
 - Applications must be signed by the Certification Officer, then the applicant submits the application
 - Winners are not always easy to reach. Many are not using their university emails anymore; therefore it is best they submit the paperwork so we have a good way to contact them if they are chosen as a winner.
 - Melissa Beene chairs the review committee. Susan Sharp, Teryana Lamb, Jean Hubbard, and Jessica Powell all blind review the applications submitted.
 - We will need to review the parameters for the qualifications of the grant to make sure the requirements are meeting the intent of the grant for the majority of programs. However, for now we will keep the application as is.
 - 12 grants for \$250 each, the winners will be recognized at the Awards Dinner
- Educator Preparation Stakeholder Group (EPSG): Susan Sharp
 - Initial advisory group was EPAC to advise SBEC
 - This group has gone through multiple name changes.
 - Currently known as the Educator Preparation Stakeholder Group (EPSG)

- An email was forwarded from Marilyn Cook by Susan. The email contains a survey, please fill that out by the closing date of this Friday.
 - Jessica Powell will forward the email to TACO Talk again.
- The big focus of this group lately has been:
 - Revisions to TAC 228
 - Effective Preparation Framework
 - Yearlong Teacher Residencies
 - AI
- Texas Coalition for Educator Preparation (TCEP): Jessica
 - Jessica is our representative for the group
 - This group offers and gives testimony during SBEC Meetings
 - Focuses on advocacy

Discussion:

- TACO Mentorship
 - If you are a veteran Certification Officer and would like to help mentor, please let someone on the Leadership Team know.
 - If you are a new Certification Officer and you would like a mentor, please let us know. You can reach out to any of the Leadership Team, and we can coordinate a mentor for you, or we can just answer a question for you if that is what you need.
 - Last year we had 12 members request to have a mentor.
- ASEP Cleanup
 - Users
 - Now is a great time check all those that have access to your ASEP Data and clean that list up.
 - Certification Files
 - Now is the time to make sure everything is back in order after competing reporting.
 - Other Enrolled List
 - Make sure you check and edit your Other Enrolled list to make sure it is accurate.

Upcoming Events:

- Let's Do Lunch Networking
 - Monday, October 14th at 12:15pm
 - Joint Session with TACO, TACA, and TCTCT
- Breakout Session 4: TACO Leadership Presentation on Certification and Reporting
 - Monday, October 14th at 2:45pm
 - Spring Lake B
- TEA Office Hours Monday, October 14th 1pm-5pm at the Grill
- CSOTTE Professional Journal will be hiring a new publication managing editor.
- Casino Night is tonight at 7pm
- Project Give Back
 - \$5 donation gets you one ticket for Casino Night

- Summer Organization Joint Meetings will be June 9-10 at Sam Houston in The Woodlands

Adjourned: 1:59pm