

TO: Board of Directors
Region One Education Service Center

SUBJECT: Waiver Status of Ruben Cortez, Jr., Region One Education Service Center
Board of Directors, Place 5-Cameron County

DATE: December 17, 2013

ITEM 16: Action

BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: This agenda item will allow for Board discussion and possible action regarding the waiver status of Ruben Cortez, Jr., Region One ESC Board of Directors, Place 5-Cameron County.

As you are aware, Mr. Rubén Cortez, Jr., member and Vice Chairman of the Region One ESC Board of Directors, Place 5-Cameron County, has been serving on the State Board of Education as the District 2 member representing school districts from portions of Regions One, Two, Three and Four as of January 30, 2013. As he assumed the SBOE role in January 2013, Mr. Cortez expressed an interest in remaining on the ESC Board for the remainder of his elected term. Mr. Cortez was granted a waiver from the rule in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 53.1001 (b)(1) by Texas Education Commissioner Michael L. Williams to serve the remainder of his term which expires at the end of May 2014.

As the ESC prepares to call for elections at their January 2014 meeting, the upcoming vacancy of Region One Education Service Center Board Of Director, Place 5 warrants a discussion as to whether Mr. Cortez needs a waiver from Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 53.1001 (b)(1) to be able to run for Place 5 if he is re-elected, which addresses Regional ESC Board Member qualifications.

RELATED GOAL: ESC Governance

COST AND FUNDING SOURCES: N/A

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of Board-determined action for Region One ESC Board of Directors, Place 5-Cameron County.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez
Executive Director

**Status of Region One Education Service Center
Board of Directors, Place 5-Cameron County**

Action Taken

_____ made a motion to approve Board-determined action for Region
One ESC Board of Directors, Place 5-Cameron County.

Seconded by: _____

Vote: _____