



Superintendents' Special Called Meeting: January 9, 2025

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TOPIC		PRESENTER
10:00 a.m.	Welcome	Dr. Rodney Watson, Executive Director Region 4 ESC
10:05 a.m.	Call to Order	Dr. Jenny McGown, Superintendent, Klein ISD; Superintendent Executive Committee Study Group Vice Chair
10:10 a.m.	College, Career, and Military Preparation (CCMP)	TEA Commissioner of Education, Mike Morath
11:30 a.m.	Lunch & Networking	Lyndon's BBQ: Chopped brisket or grilled chicken sandwiches, chips, and cookie; veggie option: salad

TASA Legislative Committee Update

Dr. Jennifer Blaine, Spring Branch ISD

TASA Executive Committee Update

Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Tomball ISD, President

Dr. Walter Jackson, La Porte ISD, Regional Member

Dr. Roosevelt Nivens, Lamar CISD, Advocacy Committee Chair

Ms. Paula Patterson, Crosby ISD, At-Large Member

Dr. LaTonya Goffney, Aldine ISD, Past President

Texas Association of Community Schools (TACS) Executive Committee Update

Dr. Benny Soileau, Huffman ISD, Vice President

Dr. Jessica Johnson, Dayton ISD, Exec. Committee and State Membership Chair

Ms. Paula Patterson, Crosby ISD Legislative Committee

Mr. Richard Kershner, Royal ISD, VP Membership

Texas Association of Mid-Size Schools (TAMS) Update

Dr. Benny Soileau, Huffman ISD, President

Dr. Robert Bostic, Stafford MSD, Region 4 Board Member

Mr. Richard Kershner, Royal ISD, VP Membership

State Board of Education Superintendent Representatives

Dr. Benny Soileau, Huffman ISD

Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Tomball ISD

Texas Rural Schools Task Force

Dr. Robert Bostic, Stafford MSD

Commissioner's Advisory Cabinet of Superintendents

Dr. LaTonya Goffney, Aldine ISD

Dr. Jenny McGown, Klein ISD

Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Tomball ISD

TEA Teacher Vacancy Task Force and Texas Accountability Advisory Group (TAAG)

Dr. LaTonya Goffney, Aldine ISD, Chair

Region 4 Superintendents Study Group Executive Committee Officers 2024-2025

Dr. Randal O'Brien, Chair

Dr. Jenny McGown, Vice Chair

Paula Patterson, Secretary

Dr. Elizabeth Fagen, Past Chair



Mike Morath

Commissioner's Biography

Appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott, Mike Morath took office as Commissioner of Education in January 2016 and was unanimously confirmed by the Texas Senate (85th Legislature) in March 2017. As Commissioner, he heads the Texas Education Agency, which oversees pre-kindergarten through high school education for more than 5.5 million students enrolled in both traditional independent school districts and public charter schools.

Prior to becoming the state's Education Commissioner, Morath served on the Dallas Independent School District board of trustees for more than four years. During that time, he focused on academic

improvements. And by his final year on the board, DISD had seen improvement in various areas including rise in kindergarten readiness, math proficiency and graduation rates.

A strong advocate of public education, Commissioner Morath graduated from Garland High School in the Garland Independent School District. And thanks to the great public school education he received in Texas, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, summa cum laude, from George Washington University in two-and-a-half years.

While starting his first company, Commissioner Morath was asked to teach an advanced computer science class at his high school alma mater after the previous teacher resigned suddenly. He taught through the school year until a permanent teacher was hired and remains amazed at how difficult it is to teach.

With a belief system that continually calls him to serve others, Commissioner Morath has participated in numerous volunteer activities, including church Missions Team, schools and juvenile justice facilities and serving as a mentor Big Brother. While in Dallas, he helped organize a trip to orphanages in southern India to set up clean running water systems, and volunteered at an eye clinic in rural Mexico, where he met another volunteer, Dr. Laura Vondra, who is now his wife. They are the proud parents of two daughters and two sons.