

**Commission Discussion on Presentation of
RDI-TPA Workgroup Initial Recommendations
2025.02.06**

Notes + Process:

- Commissioners overwhelmingly expressed their support for the work of the workgroup and the proposed Interim Actions
- The comments below are from recorded notes during their discussion
 - Many expressed support for ideas already mentioned by colleagues; these comments were not noted

Commissioner Responses/Recommendations by Category:

- Program Accountability (5)
- Local Scoring (5)
- Program Resources/Capacity (5)
- Embedded/Feedback (5)
- CSP/Asset-Based/Focus on Equity (2)
- Validity/Authenticity (2)
- Transparency of data (2)
- Surveys (2)
- Continuum (2)

Category	Commissioner	Comment
Program Accountability		
	Simmons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Programs need actionable data to be able to inform continuous improvement efforts<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Just as candidates are expected to use data as part of their TPA, programs should be expected to do the same
	Brown	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● More specific language within PS5<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Calls to use the data for continuous improvement
	Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● What does it mean to embed TPA accountability within accreditation?
	Pavri	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Recommendations 2A + 2B:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How will the Commission monitor how programs are supporting candidates?
	Olmos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If TPA pass rates are not already part of the accreditation process, they should be
Local Scoring		
	Simmons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If it's too much for faculty, maybe faculty are being asked to do too much and should be relieved of other responsibilities
	Francois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need to explore/flesh out what local scoring actually looks like and explore all options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Score by segment–UC/CSU/Independents ○ Score by region
	Brown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What might local scoring mean ● How might it help build relationships between faculty and the TPA
	Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concerns about bias ● Concerns about faculty workload
	Grenot-Scheyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What will local scoring look like?
Embedded in Programs/Feedback to Candidates		
	Francois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What got right: The focus on calling for and clarifying feedback for candidates and providing that feedback throughout
	Brown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need for feedback to be timely and actionable
	Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What does it actually mean to embed the TPA within the program? What does that actually look like?
	Grenot-Scheyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What will it mean for the TPAs to be embedded within the programs
	Sandy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The law calls for TPAs to be fully embedded

Program Resources/Capacity		
	Francois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to center equity and CSP costs money <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How should programs finance that work? ○ How reasonable is this, really, given our current financial situation?
	Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about faculty workload
	Pavri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the reforms at the program level: Who will do the work at the program level? • Concern about faculty being uncompensated for their work scoring
	Grenot-Scheyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about the impact on programs
	Lit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generating a long list of tasks for programs and/or staff may undercut the intentions of the recommendations
CSP/Asset-Based/Focus on Equity		
	Francois	<p>What got right:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rec 1 focus on centering CSP and equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concern that the diversity in the theoretical frameworks that undergird programs attention to csp and equity will lead to these just becoming more buzzwords
	Brown	<p>Idea that resonated with me:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize what candidates can do—asset-based <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aligns with what teachers are asked to do in their classrooms
Validity/Authenticity		
	Pavri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would be beneficial to speak to the validity and authenticity of the tasks themselves <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How well is the TPA aligned with what the candidates do every day?

	Lit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Offered a reminder about the value of authentic performance assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide the opportunity to demonstrate and deepen understandings of the knowledge and actions needed for teaching ○ Example: National Boards
Surveys		
	Francois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concern for candidate feedback fatigue; candidates continually being asked to provide their thoughts/feedback
	Brown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need to be able to show how the responses to the surveys are being considered and used to take action
Transparency of Data		
	Simmons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sharing of scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not sufficient to provide score just to programs; need more transparency ○ Public needs to know the information, too—for example, LEA personnel when making decisions about which IHEs to partner with for placing student teachers, potential applicants, etc. ○ Suggestion of creation of a dashboard that includes pass rates with opportunity to disaggregate data by pass rate, area, pathway, etc.
	Olmos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agree with the need for transparency in the pass rates for potential applicants ● Could the data be included within the Educator Roadmap?
Continuum		
	Simmons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Creation of Continuum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concern about becoming too granular
	Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Highlighting the potential to incorporate TPA scores within IDP

Other Comments		
	Simmons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statewide Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider modeling after BTSA clusters
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costs should be included within programs
	Francois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TPA provided a system of common things to think about; a common language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It helped to elevate the profession But the high stakes nature and cost have tarnished what could have been transformative work
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlight EdTrust comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TPA as a tool to support teachers' development and growth rather than a system that blocks
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciate candidates who shared their experiences
	Brown	Terms that resonated with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce unnecessary complexity
	Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Like the idea to highlight exemplary practices
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to take the time to do this work right
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to ensure have clear definitions
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Love the idea of partnering with LEAs
	Pavri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to clarify roles/responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is Pearson's role/responsibility? What is the program's role/responsibility?
	Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminating the condition codes Updating the support guidelines
	Lit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request that the Final Recommendations be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focused Streamlined Actionable

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tied to the Charge ○ Prioritized
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TPA should be one key measure of readiness
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need to continue to pay attention to the “pain points”: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High-stakes nature of ○ High cost ○ Lack of feedback
	Davis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Should not create a system of loans
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Question regarding remediation support: Does a candidate have to go back to their preparation program for that additional support or can they go to another institution?