

# Leadership Team Times

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## *Kicking off 2019 with Gratitude*

Happy New Year! January was a special month for the TASB family. As schools across the state welcomed back 5.3 million students, we recognized the 7,133 board members charged with making important decisions on behalf of those students as a part of School Board Recognition Month. We are so proud to support you as you serve Texas schoolchildren. We're always a phone call or a drive away, so let us know how we can support you. Thanks for all you do.

## *Hitting the Road for Spring Workshops*

It's not too early to start thinking about Spring Workshops! Once again, we will be coming to YOU to bring you a variety of need-to-know information to support you in your board journey. More information is being posted weekly about this year's offerings, so be sure to visit [LTS.tasb.org](http://LTS.tasb.org), then click Events > Spring Workshops to get the most current session and registration information. In the meantime, have a look at the schedule for this year:

WORKSHOP	LOCATION	DATE
Wichita Falls	Region 9 Education Service Center	March 25
Kingsville	Texas A&M University—Kingsville	March 27
El Paso	Region 19 Education Service Center	April 10
Stephenville	Tarleton State University	April 11
Lubbock	Region 17 Education Service Center	April 16
Houston	Region 4 Education Service Center	April 24
Alpine	Sul Ross State University	May 6
Uvalde	Uvalde ISD-Benson Educational Complex	May 8
Commerce	Texas A & M University—Commerce	May 14
Nacogdoches	Stephen F. Austin State University	May 14
Canyon	West Texas A & M University	May 15
Abilene	Region 14 Education Service Center	May 16
South Padre	South Padre Island Convention Center	May 17–18
Huntsville	Region 6 Education Service Center	May 21
Waco	Region 12 Education Service Center	May 21
Victoria	Victoria College Emerging Technology Complex	May 22

## Training, Events, & Reminders

**TASB Online Learning Center (OLC):** Be sure to check out our new offerings.

**Winter Governance Seminar**  
February 21–23

**Summer Leadership Institute**  
June 13–15, San Antonio  
June 20–22, Fort Worth

For more information, e-mail [LTS@tasb.org](mailto:LTS@tasb.org) or call **800.580.8272, ext. 2452**.

## Did You Know?

Last year TASB gave scholarships to three doctoral students in Texas who are researching various aspects of school governance. One of the doctoral students is also currently serving as a board member in her district.

## TASA | TASB Convention

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Use the new Session Selector to suggest a presentation by March 1. Visit [tasa.tasb.org/program/session-selector.aspx](http://tasa.tasb.org/program/session-selector.aspx) to submit.



## XG Summit Wrap-up

TASB hosted its second eXceptional Governance (XG) Summit in January. The XG Summit put attendees face-to-face with school governance researchers from across the nation. Specifically, these researchers study how governance practices impact student outcomes. On top of hearing from some of the most prominent researchers in school governance, attendees heard presentations from several Texas school districts who shared their application of promising governance practices. Everyone left inspired and ready to take what they learned back to their home district. If you're interested in reviewing some of the presentations and handouts from XG Summit, visit [xg.tasb.org](http://xg.tasb.org) for links to those materials.

Evidence-based governance research is especially valuable when it applies

directly to Texas school boards. LTS is gathering information from boards across the state to get a holistic picture of what our governance looks like in Texas. Your district can contribute to the growing body of research by participating in the XG Self-Assessment. E-mail [lts@tasb.org](mailto:lts@tasb.org) to learn more about accessing the online assessment.

There will be sessions at the Winter Governance Seminar later this month and SLI in June that are governance focused, so keep an eye out for these upcoming learning opportunities.



## Are you ready for this year's Winter Governance Seminar?

Don't forget—This year's Winter Governance Seminar (WGS) is happening February 21–23 in Galveston, and it's sure to be an unforgettable experience filled with inspiring leadership and governance sessions and student-led learning opportunities to help you focus on what really matters—the success of Texas schoolchildren. Here are a few things new at WGS this year to keep an eye out for:

- Two preconference sessions have been added to this year's agenda for Wednesday, one for new board members and another for board officers. (These were NOT included in the original registration brochure.) New trustees elected in November can receive their required three hours of Texas Education Code training (Tier 1). The Board Officers' Workshop is uniquely designed for board officers to vote on topics of interest prior to attending the session.
- Districts can invite up to 10 high school students and two chaperones to attend the Student Voices sessions on Friday, February 22, at no charge. Students are an integral part of the program—not just as presenters but also as attendees. Poet Ali, the Saturday closing speaker, has agreed to do a session for students and district staff on Friday, 2–3 p.m.

## Timely Resources

These TASB resources may be especially useful this time of year:

- TASB Advocacy Agenda ([www.tasb.org/Legislative.aspx](http://www.tasb.org/Legislative.aspx))
- Guide for School Board Candidates

Go to [LTS.tasb.org](http://LTS.tasb.org) for a complete list of resources.

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