

# Leadership Team Times

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## Winter Governance and Legal Seminar Gives a Voice to Students

By Mandy Begley, Senior Meeting Planner

At Winter Governance and Legal Seminar (WGLS) in Galveston March 1–3, board members can earn 14+ hours of continuing education credit with sessions for all experience levels. Last year we introduced sessions presented and co-presented by students and have expanded the number of offerings this year. In addition to reminding us why we do the work we do, studies consistently show that students succeed when they invest in the learning process, and this is achieved by supporting students to serve as co-creators and partners.



For school districts, the student perspective is integral to a complete picture of the system. In these ways, students can bring added value to both education policy and practice.

TASB is excited to welcome the following districts to WGLS to present a Student Voices session:

- Alief ISD
- Beeville ISD
- Channelview ISD
- Clear Creek ISD
- Cypress-Fairbanks ISD
- Fort Bend ISD
- Galveston ISD
- Lyford CISD
- Marion ISD
- Midlothian ISD
- Natalia ISD
- Teague ISD
- Texarkana ISD

Also joining us: Student Voice Team, Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence (Kentucky)

## Informing Your Board Candidates

By David Koempel, Senior Consultant

The filing period for school board candidates is open now through February 16 (write-in candidates have until February 20). TASB has a wealth of information for community members considering running for office, which can be found at [LTS.tasb.org/candidates](https://LTS.tasb.org/candidates). One of the resources is *Preparing to Serve: A Webinar for School Board Candidates*.

## Training, Events, & Reminders

### 2018 Winter Legal Seminar:

February 13, Tyler, Holiday Inn Tyler  
February 20, El Paso, ESC Region 19

### TASB Conference for Administrative Professionals:

February 22–23, Austin, TASB Headquarters

### Winter Governance and Legal Seminar:

March 1–3, Galveston, Galveston Island Convention Center

### Spring Workshops:

Kingsville, March 28  
Wichita Falls, April 5  
El Paso, April 5  
Lubbock, April 17  
Stephenville, April 19  
Houston, April 25  
Alpine, May 8  
Uvalde, May 10  
Commerce, May 15  
Nacogdoches, May 15  
Victoria, May 16  
Canyon, May 16  
Abilene, May 17  
South Padre, May 18–19  
Waco, May 22  
Huntsville, May 23

### Online Learning Center (OLC):

Courses available 24/7 at [onlinelearning.tasb.org](https://onlinelearning.tasb.org).

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This webinar is designed to help viewers learn more about candidate qualifications, constructive campaigns, and the role of a board member. It will be offered at noon and 6:30 p.m. on February 12 and March 6, so potential candidates can select a date and time that best fits their schedules. Complete details and registration are available at [LTS.tasb.org](http://LTS.tasb.org) > **Training > Webinars**.

There is no cost to participate, but preregistration is required. Questions? Call us at **512.505.2459**.

## On the Road Again—XG in the Hill Country

By David Koempel, Senior Consultant

Kerrville Independent School District (KISD), located in the beautiful Texas Hill Country, is one of 12 districts that has begun the eXceptional Governance (XG) Board Development series. The board, superintendent, and key administrators have completed four of the five sessions of the XG process.



During the series, the staff and board of KISD have learned about and discussed what's at stake for their students, how well they think they are currently doing to meet the needs of students, how research indicates a board and superintendent team can focus on student achievement, and what data they need to improve decision making as trustees. They have also completed and discussed the XG self-assessment tool.

One of the highlights of these sessions for many participants has been the robust discussions about the board's role in focusing on student achievement and how to do this from the "proper altitude."

"It's given me a deeper understanding of what my true role is as a board member, and what I need to be focused on to help our children really learn in our district," said Trustee Andree Hays, a former educator.

Board President Dr. David Sprouse said the training helped him understand the board's role in student achievement. "What can our board do without being micromanagers. This program seems like an excellent way to do that."

When asked about the XG sessions Dr. Sprouse added, "It is a big time commitment, and so far it seems like it will be very beneficial."

"Definitely do it," echoed Hays. "It will open your eyes to how you can change to be a better board. To really help improve your students' learning in your district." To learn more about XG Board Development visit [XG.tasb.org](http://XG.tasb.org).

## Timely Resources

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

- A President's Guide to Facilitating Superintendent Evaluations
- A New Board Member's Guide to Superintendent Evaluations
- The Board's Role in Improving Student Achievement

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

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## Did You Know?

In 2017, TASB events and workshops hosted 10,019 attendees and 3,129 districts. Collectively, those attendees earned 62,397 continuing education credits. We'd like to take this time to shout out a warm "Thank You!" to our members.