

Leadership Team Times

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Leadership TASB—36 People, 5 Destinations, 1 Mission—Part One

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Leadership TASB (LTASB) is the premier leadership development program offered by TASB. Created in 1993, its primary goal is to extend leadership opportunities for Texas public school trustees. Now, with over 900 graduates, LTASB is about to begin its 26th class. Throughout the years, schools change, people change, and issues change; but LTASB's purpose has not—**36 people, 5 destinations, 1 mission**. For the first installment of this LTASB series, we will focus on the 36 people.



Participation in this one-of-a-kind, dynamic program is limited to 36 trustees, and there is an application process.

Step One: Request an application by emailing leadershiptasb@tasb.org. The application period is May 1–July 1. On the application, you may request scholarship assistance to help with tuition and travel. Do not let money dissuade you. The class of 2018 received over \$25,000 in scholarship assistance; and, suffice to say, without it some could not have participated. To date, more than \$125,000 has been awarded in scholarships.

Step Two: Complete the application and email it to leadershiptasb@tasb.org. Be thorough in your responses to questions on the application.

Step Three: A selection committee composed of LTASB graduates is appointed by the TASB president, and it meets in mid-July. From the applications, the committee selects a diverse class of **36 people** coming from all regions of Texas, coming from districts of varying enrollment sizes, and coming from districts of varying levels of property wealth. Differences among the **36 people** is important. In the class of 2018, the largest district represented has over 194,000 students, and the smallest has 161 students. Fourteen come from Chapter 41 districts, and virtually every ESC is represented. Ethnic and gender differences are also important.

Step Four: Notification letters are mailed August 1, and the new class begins during the TASA/TASB Convention in the fall.

LTASB is not for first-year trustees. Rather, with a minimum CEC eligibility requirement of 36 hours, LTASB is designed for more experienced trustees who want to see school governance through a broader perspective.

Think you want to be one of the **36 people**? Request an application today and get more information by visiting tasb.org/leadershiptasb or emailing bill.rutherford@tasb.org.

Continuing the series in the June *LTT*, we will look at the 5 destinations.

Training, Events, & Reminders

Spring Workshops:

El Paso, May 2
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.

Did You Know?

TASB can handle your SB 1566 training needs! Four sessions will be offered during SLI at no additional charge for registered attendees to help you meet the September 1 deadline for completing the training. Not attending SLI? You may still register for the SB 1566 training on Wednesday or Saturday in each location for a \$50 fee, which covers food and materials.

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SLI Shout Out!

Summer Leadership Institute, or SLI as most call it, wouldn't be the conference it is without the support of so many. Some might immediately think of the TASB staff who present sessions or work registration, but we're actually talking about YOU, our members! For those of you who faithfully attend each year, that step up and offer to moderate sessions or play host to special guest speakers, to the leaders who volunteer to 'man' that hub of social activity and networking the SLIlibrary—you have our heartfelt thanks!

And to the districts that share their stories, we are sending lots of SLI kudos to you for ensuring we offer a rich and diverse program. SLI kudos to the 2018 presenting districts and associations:

Alief, Anna, Arlington, Austin, Beeville, Brenham, Boerne, Bryan, Castleberry, Denton, Dilley, Eagle Mountain-Saginaw, Edna, Fort Bend, Garland, Gorman, Houston, Hurst-Euleless-Bedford, Iraan-Sheffield, Jacksonville, Lancaster, Longview, Louise, Luling, Manor, Mineola, New Diana, Plano, Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City, Spring, Spring Hill, Sunray, Sweetwater, Uvalde, Valley View-Cooke County, Wylie-Collin County, Ysleta

Go Public!, Mexican American School Boards Association (MASBA), Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members

The LTS team looks forward to seeing everyone at this year's SLI, June 14-16 in San Antonio and June 28-30 in Fort Worth.

Professional Development for New Board Members and Board Officers

If you have new board members or new board officers, then the TASB Institute for School Trustee Development (TASB ISD) and the Board Officers' Academy (BOA) are good places for them to begin their professional development respectively. Offerings from both TASB ISD and BOA will be presented in June at the Summer Leadership Institutes in San Antonio and Fort Worth. For additional information, new board members can go to tasb.org/welcome, and board officers can go to lts.tasb.org/officers. While the curriculum for TASB ISD and BOA are designed for new members and new board officers, all trustees and superintendents are welcome to attend these workshops. If you have questions about the courses, email lts@tasb.org.

New Event Registration System

TASB's online calendar and registration process have been redesigned, and it is now easier for you to search and register for events. If you have not yet navigated the new system, you may want to take a look at some helpful tips and pointers to get you started by visiting tasb.org/event-registration-tips. Whether you are trying to register for SLI, TASA/TASB Convention, or an event hosted by another TASB department, it can now all be done in one place! Questions? Email registrar@tasb.org or call **800.580.8272, extension 2453 or 2454**.



Timely Resources

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

- Foundations of Public School Finance
- Take This Job and Love It

Go to LTS.tasb.org for a complete list of resources.

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