

# Leadership Team Times

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## TASB Talks Podcast

Staying informed on public education matters just got easier with the new TASB Talks podcast. Each podcast will be a first-rate production that brings you expert perspective on trending education issues, good governance, school finance, and more. In addition to taking advantage of this new, convenient resource, consider recommending it to others who might not be directly involved with public school work. The podcast is a handy advocacy tool.

The TASB Talks podcast can be found on iTunes and SoundCloud. If you would like to provide feedback and suggestions on content, e-mail [tasb@tasb.org](mailto:tasb@tasb.org).

## SLI is Next Month

We'll kick off our annual Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) next month starting in San Antonio June 15–17 and wrapping up in Fort Worth June 22–24. Conference pre-registration for both San Antonio and Fort Worth opened April 24. The pre-registration deadline is May 24 for San Antonio and June 2 for Fort Worth.

As you register for sessions, consider session topics that challenge you or that you might not normally sign up for. We are committed to growing with you and are doing our best to learn and share new material at every conference.

If you can't make it to SLI this year, you can catch four sessions happening in Fort Worth on Thursday and another four on Friday via TASB Live at SLI, a livestream webfeed available on the TASB Facebook page. You can watch from your phone, tablet, or laptop, as long as you have access to Facebook. Anyone is welcome to watch live, but you will need to successfully complete a quiz through TASB's Online Learning Center if you want to earn continuing education credits. The cost is \$25/credit.



## Calling all Leaders

Applications for the 2017–18 Leadership TASB class will be accepted May 1–July 1. Request an application by e-mailing [leadershiptasb@tasb.org](mailto:leadershiptasb@tasb.org) or calling **800.580.8272, extension 2452**. Scholarships for both tuition and travel may be requested on the application, so don't let fears of cost or economic uncertainty dissuade the emerging leader inside you. More details at [LTS.tasb.org](http://LTS.tasb.org).



## Board Officers' Academy and TASB ISD

If you are a new school board member or new board officer it's time to begin planning your professional development. A full array of courses will be offered for you at SLI in June. New trustees are encouraged to take courses from the TASB Institute for

## Training, Events, & Reminders

**Summer Leadership Institute (SLI):** June 15–17, San Antonio; June 22–24, Fort Worth; details at [LTS.tasb.org](http://LTS.tasb.org).

### Spring Workshops:

- Abilene, May 11
- Alpine, May 9
- Canyon, May 17
- Commerce, May 16
- Huntsville, May 24
- Nacogdoches, May 16
- South Padre, May 19-20
- Uvalde, May 11
- Victoria, May 17
- Waco, May 23

**TASA/TASB Convention:** October 6–8, Dallas

**TASB's Online Learning Center:** Courses available 24/7 at [onlinelearning.tasb.org](http://onlinelearning.tasb.org).

## Did You Know?

Sign up for TASB Legislative updates and have updates delivered to your inbox daily during session. Visit [gr.tasb.org](http://gr.tasb.org) for more information and to sign up.

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School Trustee Development (TASB ISD) curriculum. New and aspiring board officers can participate in workshops in the Board Officers' Academy (BOA).

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, e-mail [lts@tasb.org](mailto:lts@tasb.org).

## eXceptional Governance Coming to Spring Workshops

You may recall that Leadership Team Services hosted its first ever eXceptional Governance (XG) Summit in January of this year. One of the most exciting things about the XG Summit was that a handful of Texas school districts came to Austin to share their own approach to proven governance practices. Now, many more districts are getting the opportunity to chime in on the XG conversation as we bring XG to Spring Workshops across the state.



This year for Spring Workshops, Leadership Team Services, Policy Service, Legal Services, and HR Services have teamed up to look at eXceptional Governance from four perspectives. We're a little over halfway through the workshops and the learning experience has been foundational to establishing and maintaining the best public school governance practices in Texas. As we all work to make headway in understanding the board's role in student performance, your insight and experiences will help us paint a clearer picture. Be on the lookout for future opportunities to get involved in the XG movement. Learn more about some of the governance principles and practices that drive XG by e-mailing [lts@tasb.org](mailto:lts@tasb.org).

## On the Road Again

*By Orin Moore, LTS Consultant II*

It was a short journey to a great experience when I visited the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSBVI) to facilitate a discussion on ethics and advocacy. My experience with the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD), another state agency that operates similarly to TSBVI, taught me to expect a well-informed leadership team. My expectations were fully met, and I opened my mind and heart to a learning experience.

As state agencies, TSD and TSBVI operate similarly to independent school districts in some matters but quite differently in others. Both schools have nine-member boards appointed by the Governor and the Senate. Appointments for TSBVI and TSD are guided by trustee qualifications set forth in Education Code 30.022(a) and 30.052(a), respectively.

All or most of the trustees on these boards are involved in a number of other associations or activities related to the mission of their schools. Consequently, all or most of the trustees have been promoting and advocating the TSD and TSBVI missions long before they were appointed as trustees. Their informed oversight of the institutions they serve is something to be admired.

While the collective knowledge of the TSBVI and TSD boards is impressive, the student accomplishments are certainly worthy of praise. I made good on an invitation to watch a play put on by students of TSD, and I was floored! I'm looking forward to watching an upcoming musical at TSBVI, and I'm expecting another stellar event. I'd highly encourage some of you to check out their websites and support some of their events when you're in the area.

## Timely Resources

In anticipation of upcoming elections, these publications may be especially useful this time of year:

- New Board Member "Leadership to GO" Package
- Board Presidents "Leadership to GO" Package

Go to [LTS.tasb.org](http://LTS.tasb.org) for a complete list of resources. Order these publications at [store.tasb.org](http://store.tasb.org) or call **800.580.8272, extension 1068**.

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