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Welcome to the TSA Supt & Strategic Staff Meeting

September 13, 2023



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Superintendent and Strategic Staff Agenda
ZOOM Webinar | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- 10:00 – 10:20 a.m. **Welcome, Opening Remarks, & Introductions**
Magda Hernandez, President
HD Chambers, Executive Director
- Introductions of Officers / Board of Directors
 - Introductions of Consultants
- 10:20 – 12:00 p.m. **Legal and Legislative Updates**
- Legal Updates**
David Thompson, Thompson & Horton
- Impeachment Trial
 - Accountability Lawsuit
- Update on Current Rule Making**
TSA Consultants
- Safety / Security (HB 3)
 - Instructional Materials (HB 1605)
 - Library Books (HB 900)
 - Mandatory Vaping Disciplinary Consequences (HB 114)
- Texas Legislature Update**
Rep. Ernest Bailes (R-Shepard)
- Update on Special Session**
TSA Consultant
- Education Savings Accounts (Vouchers)
 - School Finance
 - Assessment & Accountability
- Texas School Alliance Initiatives**
HD Chambers, Executive Director
- 12:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks & Adjourn**
Magda Hernandez, President
HD Chambers, Executive Director

2023-2024 TSA Officers & Board of Directors

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Ms. Magda Hernandez

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Term Expires 2024	Term Expires 2025	Term Expires 2026
Fort Worth ISD 72,783 students	Lubbock ISD 25,247 students	Denton ISD 32,521 students
Pasadena ISD 48,726 students	San Angelo ISD 13,548 students	El Paso ISD 50,031 students
Spring ISD 34,114 students	Waco ISD 13,824 students	Klein ISD 53,712 students

TSA Consultants

- ✓ **HillCo Partners** provides lobbying, consulting, advising, assessment & accountability, and administrative support.
- ✓ **TASBO** provides advice, guidance, and expertise on all matters related to school finance.
- ✓ **Thompson & Horton** provides legislative guidance, counseling, legal advice, and consulting.
- ✓ **New West Communications** provides public relations, communications, and messaging services.
- ✓ **Dr. Curtis Culwell** provides legislative consulting and guidance.

Besides changes to growth cut scores, the agency will be incorporating a few additional changes in its final rule based on other feedback gathered during the rulemaking comment period:

- Alternative Education Accountability (AEA) STAAR Methodology: Within Domain 1, update the STAAR methodology for AEA campuses to better reflect the intention of AEA Taskforce recommendations.

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- Minimum Indicators for Student Achievement Domain Score: STAAR Component Only: Within Domain 3, reduce minimum number of indicators from four to three to allow campuses with only one lowest performing racial/ethnic group to be evaluated.
 - English Language Proficiency: Within Domain 3, allow progress in TELPAS Writing to count towards the current calculation.
 - Identification of Schools for Improvement: Additional Targeted Support (ATS) campuses will be identified based on student groups' performance relative to the cut point established for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) campus identification (bottom 5% of Title I schools' Closing the Gaps Scale Scores, by school type).

The agency is not considering other changes for the final rule from what was published in the proposed rule.



To the Administrator Addressed

Commissioner Mike Morath

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DATE:	September 12, 2023
SUBJECT:	Delay in 2023 A-F Academic Accountability Ratings
CATEGORY:	Notice
NEXT STEPS:	Share with appropriate staff

The purpose of this communication is to inform local educational agencies (LEAs) about a delay in the issuance of the final rule for the accountability manual and a delay in the issuance of 2023 A-F Accountability Ratings.

As a result, the agency will be delaying the issuance of the final rule for the accountability manual and delaying the issuance of ratings to conduct further analyses of the growth data to inform cut scores in Domain 2a-Academic Growth, and Domain 3-Closing the Gaps.

TEA anticipates the additional growth analysis will delay the issuance of final rules and ratings by approximately one month, and the agency will provide specific dates for 2023 ratings release at least two weeks ahead of the release of public ratings.

School Improvement

Once specific dates for 2023 ratings are available, TEA's School Improvement Division will also be providing revised timelines for targeted improvement plan submissions and grant funding for eligible identified campuses.

Texas Rep. Ernest Bailes
R-Shepherd
HD 18



**Named one of the Best
Legislators in 2023
by Texas Monthly**

Elected in 2016, State Representative Ernest Bailes represents House District 18. Bailes, a lifelong rancher and agriculturalist, was raised on his family's dairy and beef cattle operation in East Texas. He grew up in Shepherd and earned his B.S. from Texas A&M University in 2004. He currently serves on the House Committee(s) on Culture, Recreation & Tourism, and Energy Resources.

Ernest and his wife Courtney have been married for 17 years and have two sons, Cinco and Rigby, who attend Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD, where Courtney is a schoolteacher. Ernest is active in the community and serves on various boards, including the San Jacinto County Fair Association, San Jacinto County Farm Bureau, and the SISD Technology Advisory Committee. The Bailes family are active members of the First Baptist Church in Evergreen, Texas

2023-2025 TSA Initiatives

Establish a Texas School Alliance Center for Public Relations and Communications

Jason Embry (New West Communications) would help form the Texas School Alliance Center for Public Relations and Communications (or some name that represents this group). This group would be made up of TSA Public Relations and Communications staff members and work to lead, assist and promote matters of interest to TSA and Texas education. This would include but not be limited to:

- Creative and informed strategic messaging through social media
- Creation of video content messages to be used locally and statewide
- Creation of messaging related to 2024 Primary and General Elections

Establish an Accountability Forum with willing TSA Participants and John Tanner

Dee Carney would help as many TSA academic and assessment/accountability staff members as possible become familiar with a meaningful benefits-based accountability system. This opportunity would be led by John Tanner. (See draft outline attached)

2023-2025 TSA Initiatives (continued)

Establish a Texas School Alliance Think Tank Group

I would like to identify various challenges TSA districts are facing and establish a “think-tank” like experience for districts facing similar challenges. TSA would assemble districts that have a common interest in topics such as:

- School closure/consolidations
- Bond/TRE Elections
- CCMR Programs
- Literacy and Numeracy strategies
- ISD marketing, public relations and branding

Establish a Series of Meetings with Selected Legislative Members

I would like to identify approximately five to seven legislators to include in a series of seminars on public education issues. The objective is to find five to seven open-minded legislators and provide a series of consistent sessions on various aspects of public education. This might be done in cooperation with other organizations such as TASA, Fast Growth, TAMS, RYHT. Etc. Topic would include but not be limited to:

- Assessment and accountability
- School finance
- Property tax
- Existing Parental Rights/Choice



Texas School Alliance Meeting Schedule for 2023 - 2024

NOTE: Labor Day | Sept. 4, 2023
TASA/TASB | Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 2023 in Dallas, TX
TASA Mid-Winter | Jan. 28-31, 2024 in Austin, TX
AASA | Feb. 15-17, 2024 in San Diego, CA
Easter | March 31, 2024

Strategic Staff:

October 4, 2023 – ZOOM webinar|TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm
November 1, 2023 – ZOOM webinar|TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm
February 7, 2024 – ZOOM webinar|TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm
April 3, 2024 – ZOOM webinar|TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm
May 1, 2024 – ZOOM webinar|TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Superintendents and Strategic Staff:

September 13, 2023 – ZOOM webinar|TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm
October 11, 2023 – Austin, TX |TIME: 10:30am – 1:30pm @ Hilton Garden Inn Austin Airport
November 8, 2023 – ZOOM webinar|TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm
February 14, 2024 – ZOOM webinar|TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm
March 6, 2024 – ZOOM webinar|TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm
April 10, 2024 – Austin, TX | TIME: 10:30am – 1:30pm @ Hilton Garden Inn Austin Airport
May 8, 2024 – ZOOM webinar|TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm

NOTE: Special Meetings

August 2, 2023 – Officers & Board of Directors Only...Doubletree, Dallas Love Field, Dallas TX
September 30, 2023 – TSA Luncheon at TASA/TASB | Time 11:30am – 1:00pm Rooms C-155 and 156...Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, Dallas, TX
January 2024 TASA Midwinter Conference, Austin Convention Center, Austin, TX... TBD

There may be unscheduled ZOOM meetings during the 88th Legislative Special Sessions

2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

