



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TEXAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
Omni Corpus Christi Hotel
July 26, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the TSTA Board of Directors convened at approximately 8:30 a.m. on July 26, 2015, at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel.

II. OATH OF OFFICE

Executive Director Richard Kouri administered the oath of office to new board members.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Directors recited the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

IV. ROLL CALL

President, Noel Candelaria
Vice President, Ovidia Molina
Region 1A, Mary Alice Loya
Region 1B, Julie Gimbel
Region 1C, Alejandra Lightner
Region 1D, Shelley Potter
Region 1E, Marivel Gonzalez
Region 2A, Angelica Soto
Region 2B, Arlinda Valencia
Region 2C, Billy D. Hall
Region 2D, Susan Seaton
Region 2F, David Ring
Region 2G, Norma De La Rosa
Region 3B, Debby Pepper
Region 3C, Kristina Lewis
Region 3D, Jessica Powell

Region 3E, Antoinette Motley
Region 4A, Barbara Davis-Staley
Region 4B, Doris Hill
Region 4C, Susan Bicknell
Region 4D, Delna Bryan
NEA Dir., PI.2, Jessica Powell
NEA Dir., PI.3, Linda Estrada
Supervisory At-Large, J.L. Martinez
TSTA/NEA Board ESP At-Large, Karen Barnes
TSTA ESP At-Large, Lorenzo Hernandez
TSTA-R, Louise Watkins
TSTA-SP, Robert Berger
TFA, Michael Coulehan

Absent:

The following Board Members notified TSTA of their absence prior to the meeting:

NEA Dir., PI.1, Angela Davis
Region 2E: Trasell Underwood
Region 3A: Debra Carr
NEA ESP At-Large: Rae Nwosu

V. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The President declared the presence of a quorum.

VI. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion (Bryan/De La Rosa) to adopt the agenda as printed: Passed.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Executive Director Richard Kouri and Anezka Carmona, CEG Governance Coordinator, were in attendance.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES— April 9, 2015.

Motion (Soto/Bryan) to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2015, and June 5, 2015, meetings: Passed.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Adoption of Board of Directors Norms

Motion (Lightner/Soto) to approve the proposed Board Norms: Passed.

B. Adoption of Rules of Procedure of the Board of Directors for 2015-16

Motion (Seaton/De La Rosa) to approve the proposed Rules of Procedure of the Board of Directors for 2015-16: Passed.

C. Adoption of Statewide Election Timelines

Motion (Martinez/Loya) to accept the election timelines for NEA Director, Place 1, TSTA Board of Directors At-Large Members, NEA State Delegates, NEA Supervisory Cluster Delegates: Passed.

D. Confirmation of Appointments to Standing Committees

Motion (Powell/Loya) to approve the Standing Committees Appointments List: Passed.

E. Election of Five Advisory Committee Members

The board elected the following members to the Advisory Committee for 2015-16:

Place 1 Jessica Powell, Region 3D (uncontested; declared winner)

Place 2 Linda Estrada, Region 1E (uncontested; declared winner)

Place 3 was a contested race. J.L. Martinez was elected on the following vote:

J.L. Martinez, Supervisory At-Large	(15 votes)
Susan Seaton, Region 2D	(13 votes)

Place 4 was a contested race. Arlinda Valencia was elected on the following vote:

Arlinda Valencia, Region 2B	(18 votes)
Debby Pepper, Region 3B	(10 votes)

Place 5 was a contested race. Angela Davis was elected on the following vote:

Angela Davis, NEA Director, Place 1	(15 votes)
Karen Barnes, ESP-at-Large	(13 votes)

F. Election of Five Hearing Committee Members

The board elected the following members to the Hearing Committee for 2015-16: Delna Bryan, Alejandra Lightner, Kristina Lewis, Robert Berger, and Doris Hill.

The Hearing Committee election was a contested race.

Delna Bryan, Region 4D	(25 Votes)
Alejandra Lightner, Region 1C	(21 Votes)
Kristina Lewis, Region 3C	(20 Votes)
Robert Berger, TSTA -SP	(20 Votes)
Doris Hill, Region 4B	(14 Votes)
Mary Alice Loya, Region 1A	(13 Votes)
Debby Pepper, Region 3B	(13 Votes)
Barbara Davis-Staley, Region 4A	(9 Votes)

G. Election of Two Friend of Education Award Committee Members

The board elected the following members to the Friend of Education Award Committee for 2015-16: Susan Seaton and Karen Barnes.

The Friend of Education Award Committee election was a contested race.

Susan Seaton, Region 2D	(20 Votes)
Karen Barnes, ESP-at-Large	(13 Votes)
Delna Bryan, Region 4D	(11 Votes)
Debby Pepper, Region 3B	(7 Votes)

X. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Board Reports

Board members reported on the organizing activities and initiatives in their areas that are being made to advance the TSTA/NEA Mission and Strategic Goals.

B. Executive Director Report

In addition to the written reports, Executive Director Kouri briefly reported on the status of TSTA grant, building update, and the work of each TSTA Organizing Center.

C. Officers Reports

In addition to his written report, President Noel Candelaria updated the board on the events at the NEA-RA Assembly and the Organizing Institute.

In addition to her written report, Vice President Ovidia Molina briefed the board on events and projects.

President Candelaria named the following persons to the Budget Committee: Alejandra Lightner (Region 1C), Angelica Soto (Region 2A), Karen Barnes (TSTA/NEA ESP At-Large), Susan Seaton (Region 2D), and Mary Alice Loya (Region 1A).

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.