



Rockdale
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL
2025-2026

School Library Advisory Council (SLAC) Meeting Minutes
Rockdale ISD Conference Center
September 24, 2025 | 5:00 pm

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Kathy Pelzel, Assistant Superintendent. A quorum was determined, and the council began with introductions.
- 2. Attendance:** Felicia Alexander, Mahialani Cain, Laura Cullen, Melissa Delozier, Dell Giles, Monica Harrison, Karen Langford, Wendy Mahan, Kathy Pelzel, Shannon Pourmanafzadeh, Veronica Rivera, Keari Spence
- 3. Organization of the SLAC:** Mrs. Pelzel explained that only parent members nominated and approved by the Board of Trustees would serve as voting members and chairperson. She will support the SLAC and chairperson as co-chair.

Mrs. Pelzel asked for volunteers for chairperson. Melissa Delozier volunteered, and no other members expressed interest. A vote was held, and Melissa Delozier was elected Chairperson by a vote of 5–0. Mrs. Pelzel noted that she would assist with implementation, communication, and processes and act as the co-chair

- 4. Discussion: Senate Bill 13:** Mrs. Pelzel provided an overview of Senate Bill 13, signed into law on June 20, 2025. Topics included:
 - Definition of library materials
 - Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) library standards
 - Parental access to library catalogs
 - Parent access to their child's library records
 - Roles and responsibilities of the SLAC
 - Acquisition of library materials
 - Challenges and appeals related to library materials

The council engaged in a detailed discussion about the law, its connection to school board policy, and recommendations from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The SLAC agreed to wait for further guidance from TEA before making final recommendations on policies and procedures for classroom libraries.

- 5. Action Item: Rockdale ISD Library Materials Challenge Process:** Following discussion, the SLAC voted 5–0 to implement the Rockdale ISD Library Materials Challenge Process as presented, with the following revisions:

- The SLAC will review only the areas of concern within a challenged material, rather than the entire work.
- The challenge form will include an additional question: "Is there any other criteria not included above that you would like reviewed?"

6. Review of Posted Library Collections: The SLAC reviewed the posted library collections made available to the public since September 17, 2025. Discussion focused on who recommends books for purchase, how books are vetted, and how they are added to the collection. After careful consideration, the SLAC voted 5–0 to recommend the books to the Board of Trustees for approval.

7. Adjournment: With no other business to attend, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kathy Pelzel, SLAC Co-chair