

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES:
LIBRARY MATERIALS

EFB
(REGULATION)

DISTRICT OF INNOVATION	In August 2025, the Board of Trustees amended the District of Innovation Plan to adopt exemptions to Texas Education Code §§ 33.025, 33.026, and 33.027 relating to the Local School Library Advisory Council, acquisition of library materials, and challenge of library materials.
LOCAL SCHOOL LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL	The Board established a Local School Library Advisory Council (SLAC) in alignment with the Innovation Plan in lieu of the statutory requirements of Texas Education Code § 33.025 in 2025. The Board updated the SLAC's duties and operations by resolution in 2026. The Board resolution states the SLAC will have the duties, voting members, optional non-voting members, chair, and meeting practices set out in this section.
Duties	The SLAC's duties are to make recommendations, to the extent required by law, Board Policy, and administrative regulations, on: 1. To the Board of Trustees whether library materials proposed for acquisition are appropriate for each grade level of the District or campus for which the library materials are sought; 2. Policies and procedures for the acquisition of library materials consistent with local community values; 3. If feasible, joint use agreements or strategies for collaboration between the District and local public libraries and community organizations; 4. The removal of any library materials that the SLAC determines to be harmful material or material containing indecent content or profane content that is inconsistent with local community values or age appropriateness; and 5. The action to be taken by the District in response to a challenge following campus challenge committee decision and administrative appeals.
Voting Members	The Board will appoint SLAC members annually. The SLAC will consist of at least seven voting members (each Trustee appointing an equal number of members). The Board may appoint more than seven members, including members to serve as alternates as needed. A majority of the voting members of the SLAC must be people who are parents of students enrolled in the District and who are not employed by the District.
Chair	One member of the SLAC will serve as the Chair.
Nonvoting Members	The Board may also appoint one or more persons to serve as nonvoting members of the SLAC from any of the following groups: 1. Classroom teachers employed by the District; 2. Librarians employed by the District; 3. School counselors certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, employed by the District; 4. School administrators employed by the District; 5. The business community; or 6. The clergy.
Meetings	The SLAC shall meet at least two times each year and at other times necessary to fulfill their duties. For each meeting, the SLAC shall:

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1. Provide a list of the approved titles upon request to the public.
2. Prepare and maintain minutes of each meeting that state the subject and content of each deliberation and each vote, order, decision, or other action taken by the SLAC during the meeting.
3. Not later than the 10th business day after the date of the meeting, submit the minutes of the meeting to the Director of Curriculum.
4. Maintain minutes of each meeting in accordance with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's retention schedule and District policies and regulations.

Administrative
Support

The Director of Curriculum will attend all SLAC meetings and provide administrative support to the SLAC.

RECONSIDERATION
AND CHALLENGES
TO LIBRARY
MATERIALS

When the District or campus receives an objection to the appropriateness of library material, the appropriate librarian or administrator shall try to resolve the matter informally. Individuals may request that library materials be reconsidered or challenged in accordance with Board Policy EFB (Local). A request to reconsider or challenge library materials will only be considered after the individual submits a completed Request for Library Materials Reconsideration/Challenge using the District-issued form to the campus librarian and/or campus administrator. [See EFB (Exhibit)] If an individual fails to complete all sections of the request form, the form will be returned to the individual with instructions to provide all required information before the review will begin.

Reconsideration

A request for reconsideration or challenge will be reviewed by a reconsideration committee as set out in Board Policy EFB (Local). The reconsideration committee will evaluate the material's alignment with the TSLAC School Library Programs Standards and Guidelines and applicable District policy and state law. The reconsideration committee will use the Checklist for Library Materials Reconsideration/Challenge as a tool for their review. [See EFB (Exhibit)] The reconsideration committee will issue a written decision to the individual. A sample decision notice is available at EFB (Exhibit).

Appeal

An individual dissatisfied with the reconsideration committee's decision may file a formal complaint using the appropriate formal complaint process under Board Policy FNG (Local) or DGBA (Local), beginning at Level One.

SLAC Review of
Level Three
Appeal

If the individual continues their appeal to the Board at Level Three, the SLAC will review the appeal, the decision of the reconsideration committee, and the challenged material. The SLAC will make a written recommendation to the Board in advance of the Level Three Hearing. In making their recommendation, the SLAC may consider guidance from educators, school administrators, and relevant professionals with expertise relating to the challenged material, its intended use, and the age and maturity level of the students for which the challenged material is intended to be used. The appeal will be considered by the Board in accordance with the applicable Board policy on formal complaints.