

MINUTES

District Advisory Team Meeting

September 17, 2026, 4:17 – 5:13 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Dr. Chris Jackson

In Attendance

Debra Beck, Madison Yarger, Natalie Bicknell, Nicole Doty, Amy Sims, Lauren Bentley, Susan Hubenschmidt, Cara Ledbetter, Rhonda Maxwell, Jana Beaty, Olivia Bucher, Bobby Mayes, Savannah Pathak, Betsy Wolfskill, Brennen Harris, Matthew James, Mandy Krger, Briana Seider, India Garms, Laith Tucker, Marisol Lira, Kim Tuggle, Melissa Reaves, Dr. Myrna Blanchard, Dr. Chris Jackson, Rickie Leck, Dr. Mark McClure, Shawn Shockler, Sarah Taylor, Dr. Amber White
Guest: Brandy Myatt

Welcome – Dr. Chris Jackson

- Everyone introduced themselves
- Good things shared

Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2025

- Read silently
- Rickie Leck made a motion to approve; Shawn Shockler seconded. Motion carried

Role of Site-Based Committee – Dr. Chris Jackson

- Committee required by TEA, Texas Education Agency, to improve student performance
- Responsibilities:
 - Establish District Improvement Plan (DIP) and recommend to the Board
 - Establish school calendar
 - Serves as decision-makers on any special projects
 - Communication tool to campuses
 - Plays as an advisory role to the Board

Sick Leave Bank Representatives – Wendy Cook

- Brandy Myatt explained there must be three (3) District Advisory Team members in addition to Chief Financial Officer and Director of HR to make up the Sick Leave Bank Committee
- Must be a catastrophic illness or injury to go before this committee
- Dr. Myrna Blanchard, Sarah Taylor, Natalie Bicknell, Nicole Doty, and Amy Sims volunteered
- BANK
 - Requires membership enrollment which happens in the Fall
 - Two days can be donated
 - Lifetime limit of 60 days
 - Must rejoin if you leave the district
 - Anonymous

- POOL
 - Up to three days can be donated
 - Lifetime limit of 120 days
 - Must have at least five local days available before donating
 - If all days are not used by employee, days return to the donors
 - Not anonymous

District of Innovation – Dr. Chris Jackson

- Provides greater local control
- Create flexibility
- Defines specific areas of innovation
- Members split into groups of four for 20 minutes to make revisions, additions and/or deletions
- Compile clarifying questions with a rationale with reasons you'd like this certain recommendation as a DOI
- Review a few other districts' DOI plans
- Dr. Jackson will collect at the end of the allotted time to review with Cabinet