Lone Star Governance Annual Evaluation

Why Board Self-Evaluation Matters

The Board exists to represent the community's vision and values in its promise to improve student outcomes—the sole reason for a school system's existence. Lone Star Governance is a framework designed to drive the board's ability to function most effectively and deliver on its promise to improve student outcomes.

Self-evaluation is the process of calibration and recalibration that allows the board to align and realign its behaviors with those most effective in creating the context for improving student outcomes. These behaviors are often not intuitive; therefore, it can be easy for board members to fall back to the behaviors that are more intuitive, which, more often than not, are more appropriate in the realm of project management and work that belongs to the Superintendent. The Board assessing itself with the LSG instrument in a consistent fashion (quarterly) assists the board in shifting and maintaining its focus on governance vs. management.

Aligning Saying with Doing

In collaboration with a Lone Star Governance Coach, the board has adopted an implementation timeline to identify the scope and sequence that will be deployed as its members implement the LSG framework. This is what the board says they intend to do. Along the process of implementing the framework, it should be expected that conditions may change, and the work plan must be adapted to align with reality. The quarterly progress tracker is a tool for the board to assess how well its intention of becoming most effective is aligned with the reality of how it is actually governing.

Self-evaluation is a continuous improvement exercise and is not about laying blame and pointing fingers. It serves as a reminder for the board to match its doings with its sayings. A board that says it wants to be student outcomes-focused will need to employ behaviors that create the conditions for systemwide focus on improving student outcomes. As the board continues to improve, the board's growth and accomplishments are cause for celebration. In the times when the board's intentions become misaligned with its reality, it is proper to identify this fact and adapt the plan as necessary.

Previous Results

BASELINE: The board conducted a baseline self-evaluation in September 2023 at a regional LSG workshop. Unsurprisingly, the board's baseline was zero.

Q1 Results: The self-evaluation score for work completed in this quarter was 31 points. This progress was made because the board had completed the process of adopting their student outcome goals, goal progress measures, superintendent constraints, and constraint progress measures in the Fall and early Winter.

Q2 Results: The self-evaluation score for work completed in this quarter was 53 points. This increase came as a result of the board's progress monitoring practice and efficiencies in The Board's meeting management processes. Because this quarter is when the board began progress monitoring, the governance team also began keeping track of how much of that time was spent monitoring progress toward achieving the student outcome goals. During this quarter, the board spent 51.68% of its Board Authorized Public Meeting Minutes focused on their adopted Goals.

Q3 Results: The board of managers estimates their self-evaluation score to be 35 points for the months of April, May, and June 2024. The score declined primarily due to a reduction in the time spent in board-authorized public meetings monitoring student outcome goals. It is common for this metric to fluctuate across quarters. The takeaway from this quarter is that the board has met the 50% time-use threshold in the previous quarter, and it is reasonable to believe that the board can and will meet that threshold again.

- Vision and Goals 1- 12/15 points
- Vision and Goals 2- 12/15 points
- Vision and Goals 3- 3/10 points
- Vision and Goals 4- 2/5 points
- Progress and Accountability 1- 1/15 points

- Progress and Accountability 2- 0/5 points
- Systems and Processes- 4/15 points
- Advocacy and Engagement- 1/10 points*
- Synergy and Teamwork- 0/10 points*
- Time Use- 14.77%

*Sections shown in red font are not included in TEA's exit criteria.

Q4 Reporting- Overall Q4 evaluation results are rolled into the annual results

• Time Use- 31.9%

Annual Results

- Vision and Goals 1- 12/15 points
- Vision and Goals 2- 12/15 points
- Vision and Goals 3- 9/10 points
 - Up from 3 points last quarter because the board has formalized board constraints.
- Vision and Goals 4- 2/5 points
- Progress and Accountability 1- 9/15 points
- Progress and Accountability 2- 4/5 points
 - Up from 0 points last quarter because of the following changes:
 - Annual board self-evaluation at least 45 days before the superintendent's annual evaluation.
 - Annual superintendent evaluation that considers, in part, the progress/achievement of the board's adopted goals and constraints using information in progress monitoring reports in accordance with the monitoring calendar.
 - Received a report on the cost of staff time dedicated to supporting governance no later than the annual
- Systems and Processes- 4/15 points
- Advocacy and Engagement- 1/10 points*
- Synergy and Teamwork- 0/10 points*
- Annual Time Use- 33.4%
- Staff Time- missing from this calculation are the suggested "other" category, and the delineation between time required by the board and time that would have been spent anyway. These are elements to include next time.

Month	Avg Hrs Preparing	Avg Hrs Attending	Avg Hrs Debriefing	Total Hours	Cost of Staff Time
March	101.75	195.15	15	348.4	\$30,629
February	91.25	137.4	2	293.4	\$23,654
January	90	120.5	1	234.75	\$18,981
Average Monthly	94.3	151	6	292.18	\$24,421
Average Annual Cost	1131.6	1812	72	3506	\$293,052

Next Implementation Priorities: The board has the following Steps to achieve the 64-point target by the next quarter

• Move to "Meets Focus" in Vision and Goals 4

- Refine Constraint #3 language to clarify the definitions of "significant" and "programming options" and make it clearer that the constraint does not block program changes, only that significant changes should be supported by data-driven decision-making so that the CPM can be more reflective of the desired behavior change.
- Move to the "masters focus" level in the "Progress and Accountability 1" category.
 - Spend an average of at least 50% of minutes in all board-authorized public meetings monitoring student outcome goals.
- Move to the "Approaches Focus" level in the "Synergy and Teamwork" category.
 - Although this section is not part of TEA's formal exit criteria, the board still must spend 50% of their board meetings monitoring goals. This is rarely sustainable in the absence of a comprehensive governing policy review and refinement. When boards align their governing policies with processes that have been informally implemented through the continuous improvement process, they create the conditions for changes in governing behavior to sustain for boards that will come after them. This is how the board literally rewrites the governing behaviors that create the conditions for systemic transformation.

Vision and Goals 1: The board has adopted student outcome goals

Does Not	Preparing To	1	Approaches	Л	Meets	12	Masters	15
Meet Focus 0 The board does not meet focus if any of the following are true: 1 The board does not have a vision. 1 The board does not have goals. 1 The board does not consistently distinguish between inputs, outputs, and outcomes. 1	Preparing To Focus The board is preparing to if the following is true. The board has ✓ adopted a vision statement; ✓ owned the vision development proce while working collaboratively with superintendent; ✓ adopted three to fix goals; and ✓ owned the goal development proce while working collaboratively with superintendent.	focus ess o the ve ess	Approaches Focus The board approaches for if all prior conditions and following are true. All goals are specific, quantifiable, student outcome goals that include ✓ a population; ✓ a five-year deadlin a month and year; ✓ a baseline of a mo and a year; ✓ annual targets; an ✓ annual student great targets.	e of nth d	 Meets Focus The board meets focus in all prior conditions and following are true. ✓ All board member the superintender agree that the stuoer the superintender agree that the stuoutcome goals 1. will challenge the organization; 2. require adult behavior chang 3. are influenceab the superintenden and 4. are the superintendent priority for reso allocation. ✓ The board relied or root-cause analysis comprehensive strueeds assessment or a similar resear based tool to infor the identification of all student outcome 	the rs and nt dent dent e; ole by dent; 's first urce on a is, udent t, rch- rm and	 Masters Focus The board masters focus all prior conditions and to following are true. All board members a the superintendent ✓ have committed the vision and student outcome goals to memory; know the current status of each stude outcome goal; and agree there is broat community owner of the board's vision and student outcom goals through involvement and communication wi students, staff, and community memb 	the ind t d ad ship on ome ith



Vision and Goals 2: The board has adopted goal progress measures (GPMs) aligned to each student outcome goal

Does Not Meet Focus	Preparing To Focus	1	Approaches Focus	4	Meets Focus	12	Masters Focus	15
The board does not meet focus if any of the following are true:	The board is preparing to foc if the following is true.	cus	The board approaches for if all prior conditions and following are true.		The board meets focus if all prior conditions and t following are true.		The board masters focus all prior conditions and t following are true.	
 The board does not have goal progress measures (GPMs). The board is treating the annual targets for student outcome goals as if they are GPMs. 	 The board has adopte GPMs for each studen outcome goal. The superintendent owned the GPM development process while working collaboratively with th board. The status of each adopted GPM is able to be updated multiple times during each school year. 	nt	 The board has add no more than thre GPMs for each stu- outcome goal. All GPMs are stude outputs, not adult inputs or outputs, include a population; a five-year dead of a month and g a baseline of a month and a ye annual targets; annual student group targets. 	e dent ent that line year; ar;	 All board members a the superintendent a that the GPMs: ✓ will challenge the organization; ✓ require adult beha change; ✓ are influenceable the superintenden and ✓ are all predictive of their respective struoutcome goals. 	gree vior by t;	All board members a the superintendent a there is broad comm ownership of the GPI through involvement and communication with students, staff, a community members	gree unity Ms ind

Vision and Goals 3: The board has adopted constraints

Does Not Meet Focus	Preparing To Focus	1	Approaches Focus	3	Meets Focus	9	Masters Focus	10
The board does not meet focus if any of the following are true:	The board is preparing to if the following is true.	focus	The board approaches fo if all prior conditions and following are true.		The board meets focus if all prior conditions and t following are true.	he	The board masters focus all prior conditions and t following are true.	
The board does not have constraints.	 The board has ▲ adopted 1 to 5 superintendent constraints; and ▲ owned the constra development proce while working collaboratively with superintendent. 	ess	Each superintendent constraint describes single operational act or class of actions the superintendent may use or allow.	a ion e	 The board has add one to five board s constraints. The board, where appropriate, relied a root-cause analy comprehensive stu needs assessment or similar research based tool to infor the identification of and prioritization of superintendent constraints. All board members the superintendent agree that the constraints will challenge the organization to foo on the vision and uphold community values. 	self- l on sis, udent , m of : s and t	 The board, in collaboration with superintendent, ha adopted one or mot theories of action drive overall strate direction. All board members the superintenden agree there is broac community owners of the constraints through involveme and communicatio with students, staf community memb 	as ore to gic s and t ad ship ent f, and



Vision and Goals 4: The board has adopted superintendent constraint progress measures (CPMs)

Does Not Meet Focus	Preparing To Focus	1	Approaches Focus	2	Meets Focus	4	Masters Focus	5
The board does not meet focus if any of the following are true:	The board is preparing to fo if the following is true.	ocus	The board approaches fo if all prior conditions and following are true.		The board meets focus if all prior conditions and t following are true.		The board masters focus all prior conditions and t following are true.	
The board does not have superintendent constraint progress measures (CPMs).	 The board has adopted CPMs for each superintenden constraint. The superintendent owned the CPM development proces while working collaboratively with t board. The status of each adopted CPM is able to be updated multip times during each school year. 	ss the	 The board has adopted no more than three CPMs for each superintende constraint. All CPMs include: a one- to five-yead deadline of a more and year; a baseline of a month and a yead and annual targets. 	ent ar onth	 All board members a the superintendent a that the superintendent a that the superintender of the superintender organization to for on the vision; will challenge the organization to up community values are all predictive of their respective constraint; and are influenceable the superintender 	gree ent cus hold ;	All board members a the superintendent agree there is broad community ownershi the superintendent C through involvement and communication with students, staff, a community members	p of PMs

TEXAS FRAMEWORK: Progress and Accountability

Progress and Accountability 1: The board invests at least half of its time to improving student outcomes

Does Not Meet Focus	Preparing To Focus	1	Approaches Focus	4	Meets Focus	12	Masters Focus	15
The board does not meet focus if any of the following are true:			The board approaches for if all prior conditions and following are true.		The board meets focus if all prior conditions and t following are true.		The board masters focus all prior conditions and t following are true.	
 The board does not have student outcome goals, GPMs, superintendent constraints, superintendent CPMs, or annual targets. The board does not track its use of time in board authorized public meetings. The board does not have a monitoring calendar. 	 The superintenden owned the monitor calendar developm working with the bot to adopt a calendar monitors 1. each student outcome goal at least four times pyear; 2. no more than tw student outcom goals per month 3. each constraint least once per year The calendar spans length of the stude outcome goals. The board tracks itt time in public meet identifying each mi according to the tir use tracker. 	ring nent, oard r that oer oer ; at ear. s the ear. s the ent s tings, nute	0% or more of the ta quarterly minutes in board authorized pu meetings were inves in improving student outcomes according the time use tracker	blic ted to	25% or more of the to quarterly minutes in board authorized pu meetings were invest in improving student outcomes according the time use tracker .	blic ted to	50% or more of the to quarterly minutes in board authorized pu meetings were invest in improving student outcomes according the time use tracker .	iblic ted to



TEXAS FRAMEWORK: Progress and Accountability

Progress and Accountability 2: The board evaluates, but does not interfere with, progress toward improving student outcomes

Does Not Meet Focus	Preparing To Focus		Approaches Focus	Meets Focus	4	Masters Focus	5
The board does not meet focus if any of the following are true:	The board is preparing to focu if the following is true.	us	The board approaches focus if all prior conditions and the following are true.	The board meets focus if all prior conditions and t following are true.		The board masters focus all prior conditions and t following are true.	
 Any individual board member does not know if the school system is in low performing status and for how long. Any individual board member does not know if any campus is in low performing status and for how long. Any individual board member agrees that their first loyalty is owed to staff or vendors, rather than the vision, community values, and improving student outcomes. The board has not voted to approve a self- evaluation within the past 12 months. 	 The board has performed a self-evaluation within the previous 12 months using a research aligned instrument; performed a superintendent annua evaluation no more than 15 months ago; been provided copies of the superintendent' implementation plan(s), that include campus goals*, to make progress toward the student outcome goals; and not voted to approve the superintendent's implementation plan unless required by law 	s	 The board performs self- evaluations using the LSG Integrity Instrument; Performed a self- evaluation no more than 45 days prior to the most recent superintendent's evaluation; and evaluates the superintendent in part on the results and progress toward the student outcome goals and constraints using information within monitoring reports according to the monitoring calendar. 	 The board receives least annually, a reconstruction on the average coss of staff time spent governance using staff use tracker. One quarter ago th board Performed a self evaluation using the LSG Integrity Instrument; and voted to approve quarterly progret tracker. 	eport st on the ne f- g y l e the	 The board ✓ unanimously approthe current quarter progress tracker; ✓ has not modified outcome goals, GP constraints, CPMs or targets during to cycle applicable to annual superintem evaluation; and □ considers superintem evaluation; and □ considers superintem as indistinguishabl from system performance by evalu the superintendent perform as tudent outcome goals and constrait using information monitoring report according to the monitoring calence 	rly Ms, he the dent ance e ating t d nts in s

*Campus goals should be aligned to the district's early childhood literacy and mathematics proficiency goals and CCMR goals required by H.B. 3 (86th Texas Legislature)

TEXAS FRAMEWORK: Systems and Processes

Systems and Processes: The board operates in a way that allows the superintendent to accomplish the vision

Does Not Meet Focus	Preparing To Focus	1	Approaches Focus	4	Meets Focus	12	Masters Focus	15
The board does not meet focus if any of the following are true:	The board is preparing to fo if the following is true.	focus	The board approaches for if all prior conditions and following are true.		The board meets focus if all prior conditions and t following are true.		The board masters focus all prior conditions and t following are true.	
 The board has not received a monitoring report. There were six or more board authorized public meetings in a month (unless a state of emergency was declared). Any meeting of the board lasted longer than eight hours. Board members did not receive the final version of materials to be voted on at least three calendar days in advance of the board authorized public meeting. 	 The board receives and votes to accept monitoring reports that include ✓. the student outcom goal and GPM or constraint and CPM being monitored; ✓ the current status of the student outcom goal and GPM or constraint and CPM compared to previou annual, and deadline targets; ✓. the superintendent's interpretation of performance; and ✓ supporting informati that describes any needed next steps. 	ne f ne us, e	 All consent-eligible items were placed the consent agend more than 75% of items were voted of using a consent ag The adopted monitoring calence has not been modid during the past quite 	on a and the on enda. lar ified	 Board authorized public meetings in last quarter did no exceed 1. an average of fo meetings per moderings per meetings per meeting. an average of the hours per meeting. The board has reviewed its exist local policies; an only adopted local policies pertaining board work. 	ur onth; ree ng; re ting d cal	 Board authorized (meetings in the lass quarter did not exect 1. an average of the meetings per model 2. an average of two hours per meeting and an average of the other topics per meeting. Board members received the final materials to be vote on at least seven calendar days befor the public meeting No edits to the boar regularly schedule meeting agenda in the three days priot to, or during, the meeting (unless a state of emergency declared). 	st ceed ree onth; o ng; ree ced ore s: ard's d or



TEXAS FRAMEWO	ORK: Advocad	:y ar	nd Engageme	nt				
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Does Not Meet Focus	Preparing To Focus	1	Approaches Focus	3	Meets Focus	9	Masters Focus	10
The board does not meet focus if any of the following are true:	The board is preparing to if the following is true.	o focus	The board approaches for if all prior conditions and following are true.		The board meets focus if all prior conditions and t following are true.		The board masters focu all prior conditions and following are true.	
 The board has not publicly communicated the board adopted student outcome goals. The board has not arranged for any community engagement activities during the previous 12-month period beyond public comments during board authorized public meetings and/or required hearings. 	The board has a two- communication syste in place where the bo- members at least one per year ✓ listen for and discu- the vision and valu- their students; and ✓ listen for and discu- the vision and valu- of their staff and community memb	em bard ce uss les of d uss les	 The board has provided time during regular scheduled board-authorized public meetings to recognize the accomplishments on students and st regarding progress on student outcor goals; and hosted a communimeeting to discuss progress toward student outcome goals within each feeder pattern with performing campuduring the previou 12-month period. 	of aff s ne ty h low ses	 The board displays and keeps updated the status targets of all stude outcome goals and GPMs permanently publicly in the roor in which the board most frequently he regularly schedule meetings; and has led or co-led ar least one training of Lone Star Governa for its community during the previou month period. 	s and ent d y and m blds d t on ance	 Students have beincluded in at leas Lone Star Govern training or two-w communication meeting in the print 12-month period. Newly selected box members have rean orientation on Star Governance fellow board memor an LSG Coach pto being seated. 	at one bance ay evious bard ceived Lone by bers

TEXAS FRAMEWORK: Synergy and Teamwork

Synergy and Teamwork: The board works collaboratively and with the superintendent to lead toward the vision.

Does Not Meet Focus	Preparing To Focus	1	Approaches Focus	3	Meets Focus	9	Masters Focus	10
The board does not meet focus if any of the following are true:	The board is preparing to foc if the following is true.	us	The board approaches fo if all prior conditions and following are true.		The board meets focus if all prior conditions and t following are true.		The board masters focus all prior conditions and t following are true.	,
 The board has not adopted board operating procedures. The board does not have a policy that contains a template of ethics and conflicts of interest statement; The board has not achieved a quorum in two or more board- authorized public meetings during the previous three months. Board members serve on committees formed by superintendent or staff, unless serving is required by law. A board member voted on an item for which they had a conflict of interest, as defined by law, during the previous three months. 	 The board affirms that at least every two years, it has reviewed all policies governing board operating procedures; affirms that all members have signed the ethics and conflict of interest statement i the past 12 months; agrees that a committees' role is to advise the board, not t advise the staff; agrees that a board officers' role is to advise the board, not to advise the staff; and maintained a quorum throughout all regular scheduled meetings for the past three months 	to see	 The board ▲ agrees that every member is responsion for the outcomes of all students, not justudents in their resoft the school system ▲ maintained an averattendance of 70% higher throughout regularly schedule board meetings ow the previous three months; and ▲ has set the expectathat information provided to one board member is provide all board members 	of st egion m; rage or all d rer ation oard ed to	 The board □ maintained an ave attendance of 80% higher throughout regularly schedule board meetings ow the previous three months; ☑ agrees that all members have adl to all policies gove board operating procedures; ☑ agrees that every member has compall statutorily requ trainings; and □ rather than the superintendent, le the completion of Star Governance to the statuart of the s	o or all d ver hered rning bleted ired d Lone	 All board members a the superintendent have completed th Lone Star Governa Workshop; agree that all board members have add to all adopted board constraints during previous three mo and agree that no board member has given operational advice instructions to staff members during the previous three mo 	d hered rd g the nths; rd or ff he



QUARTERLY	PROGRESS	TRACKER				
School Board: Ho	ouston ISD			Date: 9/14/2024		Quarter: 4
Framework	Three Quarters Ago	Two Quarters Ago	One Quarters Ago	Current Quarter	Next Quarter Targets	Total Points Possible
Vision and Goals 1	12	12	12	12	12	15
Vision and Goals 2	12	12	12	12	12	15
Vision and Goals 3	3	3	3	9	9	10
Vision and Goals 4	4	4	2	2	4	5
Progress and Accountability 1	0	15	4	99	15	15
Progress and Accountability 2	0	2	0	4	4	5
Systems and Processes	0	4	4	4	4	15
Advocacy and Engagement	0	1	1	1	1	10
Synergy and Teamwork	0	0	0	00	3	10
Total	31 31	53 53	35 38	53	64	100

By signing below, I affirm that the Lone Star Governance Integrity Instrument was completed and is accurate

Board Member Signatures:	% Student Outcome Minutes	Vote Count for	Vote Count Against
	31 931.9%		

EVALUATION NOTES

The standard of evidence for items where board action is required will be the minutes of the meeting during which the board voted to take the described action. Where an opinion of the board is required, a resolution or vote passed by the board will meet the standard of evidence. Any board completing a self-evaluation using the LSG Integrity Instrument that is supported or reviewed by an LSG Coach may submit the review for the LSG Leaderboard. If the board would like their self-evaluation reviewed by an LSG Coach, please email the completed LSG Integrity Instrument to LSG@tea.texas.gov.