Lone Star Governance Progress Tracker 2024-2025

Quarter 3: January - March

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.

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

Time Use- 31.9%

Vision and Goals 1- 12/15 points

- Vision and Goals 2- 12/15 points
- Vision and Goals 3- 9/10 points
- Vision and Goals 4- 2/5 points
- Progress and Accountability 1- 9/15 points

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

Q2 Results: This self-evaluation was completed in February 2025 for October, November, and December 2024). The board will acknowledge work done on Constraint 3 as the language was refined to provide more clarity.

- Vision and Goals 1- 12/15 points
- Vision and Goals 2- 12/15 points
- Vision and Goals 3- 9/10 points
- Vision and Goals 4- 2/5 points
- Progress and Accountability 1- 12/15 points
 - Quarterly Time-Use- 37.24%

- Progress and Accountability 2- 4/5 points
 - The board engaged in an annual board self-evaluation on November 14, 2024
- Systems and Processes- 4/15 points
- Advocacy and Engagement- 1/10 points*
- Synergy and Teamwork- 0/10 points*

Quarter 3 Reporting (January - March 2025)

- Vision and Goals 1- 12/15 points
- Vision and Goals 2- 12/15 points
- Vision and Goals 3- 9/10 points
- Vision and Goals 4- 4/5 point: During the January 2025 board meeting, the board adopted language to clarify Constraint 3.
- Progress and Accountability 1- 12/15 points
 - January 16, 2025: 20%
 - o February 13, 2025: 28%
 - o March 20. 2025: 54%
 - o March 26, 2025; 94%
 - Quarterly Total Time: 46%
- Progress and Accountability 2- 4/5 points
- Systems and Processes- 1/15 points
 - The board adopted a revised Monitoring Calendar on March 20, 2025. This was needed, as GPMs were revised since the target was met. This is an expected step in this process. We will get back to the previous score next quarter.
- Advocacy and Engagement- 1/10 points*
- Synergy and Teamwork- 0/10 points*

Next Implementation Priorities:

- Move to "Masters Focus" in Progress and Accountability 1
 - This quarter board invested 46% of its time focused on student outcomes. Let's continue to focus our conversations and increase to 50%.
- Move to the "Meets Focus" level in Systems and Processes category.
 - This quarter, we moved from Meets to Approaches since the board adopted a revised monitoring calendar. We will get back to Aproaches during the next quarter.
 - To move to Meets Focus, we need to focus on the average of "other topics" to be 5 or less per quarter. Other
 topics refer to items that require board debate, discussion, and/or discernment during a board-authorized public
 meeting that are categorized as Other Topic Minutes according to the Time Use Tracker.
- Move to the "Approaches Focus" level in the "Synergy and Teamwork" category.
 - o Now that the board has adopted board constraints, it must establish a process to self-evaluate on them.

Next Quarterly Self-Evaluation:

- July 2025
- Evaluating April June 2025





Houston ISD Board of Managers Implementation Integrity Instrument

The intention of Lone Star Governance is to provide a continuous improvement model for governing teams—boards in collaboration with their superintendents—that choose to intensively focus on one primary objective: improving student outcomes. Lone Star Governance accomplishes this intense focus through tailored execution of the five pillars of the Texas Framework for School Board Development, as adopted by the State Board of Education: Vision and Goals, Progress and Accountability, Systems and Processes, Synergy and Teamwork, and Advocacy and Engagement. In addition to its singular focus on improving student outcomes, Lone Star Governance provides a system for governing the secondary, but vital, legal and fiscal responsibilities of the board.

The **Houston ISD** Board of Managers Implementation Integrity Instrument is based on the Lone Star Governance Instrument. It has been adapted to meet the exit criteria agreed upon with the Texas Education Agency. This instrument is designed to support the board of managers in their governance responsibilities

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TEXAS FRAMEW	TEXAS FRAMEWORK: VISION AND GOALS											
Vision and Goals 1: The board has adopted student outcome goals												
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.		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 a following are true.					
 □ The board does not have a vision. □ The board does not have goals. □ The board does not consistently distinguish between inputs, outputs, and outcomes. 	The board has adopted a vision statement; owned the vision development proce while working collaboratively with superintendent; adopted three to five goals; and owned the goal development proce while working collaboratively with superintendent.	the ve	All goals are specific, quantifiable, student outcome goals that include a population; a five-year deadling a month and year; a baseline of a monand a year; annual targets; and annual student grangets.	e of onth	All board members the superintenden agree that the stude outcome goals 1. will challenge the organization; 2. require adult behavior changes 3. are influenceab the superintend and 4. are the superintendent's priority for resonallocation. The board relied or root-cause analysis comprehensive students assessment or a similar research based tool to inforthe identification aprioritization of all student outcome goals.	t dent e e; le by ent; s first urce n a s, udent , ch- m	All board members at the superintendent ✓ have committed the vision and student outcome goals to memory; ☐ know the current status of each student outcome goal; and outcome goal; and student outcome goals through involvement and communication wis students, staff, and community members.	dent d ad aship on ome				



TEXAS FRAMEWORK: VISION AND GOALS

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

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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 if the following is true.	focus		the board approaches focus all prior conditions and the bollowing are true. The board meets focus if all prior conditions and the 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 adop GPMs for each stude outcome goal. The superintendent owned the GPM development proces while working collaboratively with board. The status of each adopted GPM is ab to be updated mult times during each school year.	dent t ess the	The board has ado no more than thre GPMs for each stu outcome goal*. All GPMs are stude outputs, not adult inputs or outputs, include 1. a population; 2. a five-year dead of a month and a ye 4. annual targets; 5. annual student group targets.	ent that line year; ar;	All board members at the superintendent at that the GPMs: ✓ will challenge the organization; ✓ require adult behave change; ✓ are influenceable the superintender and ✓ are all predictive of their respective stroutcome goals.	avior by at;	All board members at the superintendent at there is broad commownership of the GPI through involvement and communication with students, staff, a community members	agree unity Ms

^{*}Framework flexibility was provided for this indicator in collaboration with Houston ISD to ensure alignment with the district's focus on student outcomes, as determined by the Texas Education Agency.



Vision and Goa	Vision and Goals 3: The board has adopted constraints											
Does Not Meet Focus	0	Preparing To Focus	1	Approaches Focus	3	Meets Focus	9	Masters Focus	10			
The board does not meet if any of the following are		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 to following are true.		The board masters focu all prior conditions and following are true.				
The board does not h constraints.	ave	The board has adopted 1 to 5 superintendent constraints; and owned the constrated development process while working collaboratively with superintendent.	ess	Vach superintenden constraint describes single operational actor class of actions the superintendent may use or allow.	a tion e	The board has ado one to five board sconstraints. The board, where appropriate, relied a root-cause analyscomprehensive stuneeds assessment, or similar research based tool to infor the identification of superintendent constraints. All board members the superintenden agree that the constraints will challenge the organization to focon the vision and uphold community values.	on sis, ident f	☐ The board, in collaboration with superintendent, hadopted one or manded theories of action drive overall strated direction. ☐ All board membed the superintended agree there is brocommunity owne of the constraints through involvem and communicati with students, stated community members.	nas nore n to egic rs and nt bad rship s eent on iff, and			



TEXAS FRAMEWORK: VISION AND GOALS

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

Does Not Meet Focus	Preparing To Focus	Approaches Focus 2	Meets Focus	Masters Focus
The board does not meet focus if any of the following are true:	The board is preparing to foculif the following is true.	The board approaches focus if all prior conditions and the following are true.	The board meets focus if all prior conditions and the following are true.	The board masters focus if all prior conditions and the following are true.
The board does not have superintendent constraint progress measures (CPMs).	The board has adopted CPMs for each superintendent constraint. The superintendent owned the CPM development process while working collaboratively with the board. The status of each adopted CPM is able to be updated multiple times during each school year.	 ✓ The board has adopted no more than three CPMs for each superintendent constraint. ✓ All CPMs include: a one- to five-year deadline of a month and year; a baseline of a month and a year; and annual targets. 	All board members and the superintendent agree that the superintendent CPMs will challenge the organization to focus on the vision; will challenge the organization to uphold community values; are all predictive of their respective constraint; and are influenceable by the superintendent.	All board members and the superintendent agree there is broad community ownership of the superintendent CPMs through involvement and communication with students, staff, and community members.



TEXAS FRAMEWORK: Progress and Accountability

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

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 is preparing to 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.			ns and the	
 □ 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 botto adopt a calendar monitors 1. each student outcome goal at least four times pyear; 2. no more than twe student outcome goals per month 3. each constraint least once per year; The calendar spans length of the stude outcome goals. The board tracks its time in public meet identifying each mi according to the tiruse tracker.	ring nent, pard r that coer so e ; at ear. s the ent s ings, nute	v0% or more of the to quarterly minutes in board authorized pu meetings were investin improving student outcomes according the time use tracker.	blic ted to	25% or more of the to quarterly minutes in board authorized puretings were investing improving students outcomes according the time use tracker	i blic ted : to	50% or more of the to quarterly minutes in board authorized puretings were investin improving student outcomes according the time use tracker	iblic ted t	



TEXAS FRAMEWORK: Progress and Accountability

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

oward improving student outcomes										
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 if the following is true.	focus	if all prior conditions and the all prior conditions and the all prior condi		The board masters focus all prior conditions and a 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 selfevaluation within the past 12 months. 	The board has performed a selfevaluation within the previous 12 month using a research aligned instrument. performed a superintendent and evaluation no more than 15 months age. been provided cope of the superintended implementation plan(s), that include campus goals*, to make progress tow the student outcor goals; and not voted to approve the superintendent implementation plant unless required by	ies ent's e	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 on the results and progress toward the student outcome and constraints usinformation within monitoring report according to the monitoring calend	part ne goals sing	The board receive least annually, a re on the average corof staff time spent governance using staff use tracker. One quarter ago the board Performed a selevaluation using the LSG Integrit Instrument; and 2. voted to approve quarterly progrit tracker.	eport st on the ne f- gy il e the	The board unanimously appress the current quarter progress tracker; has not modified outcome goals, Greenstraints, CPMs or targets during to cycle applicable to annual superinter evaluation; and considers superinter evaluation; and considers superintendent perform as indistinguishab from system performance by evaluating the superintender on only results and progress toward student outcome goals and constration using information monitoring report according to the monitoring calend	PMs, s, the the ndent nance le uating at d ints in ts		

^{*}Campus goals should be aligned to the district's early childhood literacy and mathematics proficiency goals and CCMR goals required by House Bill 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

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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 if the following is true.	focus	The board approaches for if all prior conditions and following are true.		The board meets focus in all prior conditions and following are true.		The board masters focus all prior conditions and 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 the include 1. the student outcome goal and GPM or constraint and CPM being monitored; 2. the current status of the student outcome goal and GPM or constraint and CPM compared to previous annual, and deadling targets; 3. the superintendent interpretation of performance; and 4. supporting information that describes any needed next steps.	me M of me M ous, ne d's	All consent-eligiblitems were placed the consent agend more than 75% of items were voted ousing a consent agend monitoring calend has not been mod during the past questions.	on la and the on genda. dar ified	 □ Board authorized public meetings in last quarter did not exceed 1. an average of for meetings per m 2. an average of the hours per meeting 3. an average of fivother topics per meeting □ The board has 1. reviewed its exist local policies; ar 2. only adopted local policies pertainite board work. 	our out onth; aree ang; ve	■ Board authorized meetings in the last quarter did not ex 1. an average of the meetings per meetings per meeting and 3. an average of the other topics per meeting. ■ Board members received the final materials to be voon at least seven calendar days before the public meeting. ■ No edits to the boregularly schedule meeting agenda in the three days pricto, or during, the meeting (unless a state of emergence declared).	ted ore ard's ed or



Advocacy and Eng	Advocacy and Engagement: The board promotes 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 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 focus if all prior conditions and the 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 system in place where the board members at least one per year ✓ listen for and discusting the vision and valuation and valuation of their staff and community memb	em pard ce uss ues of duss	The board has □ provided time dur regular scheduled board-authorized public meetings to recognize the accomplishments its students and st regarding progres on student outcor goals; and □ hosted a commun meeting to discuss progress toward student outcome goals within each feeder pattern wit performing campuduring the previous 12-month period.	of aff s me ity s	□ displays and keeps updated the status targets of all stude outcome goals and GPMs permanently publicly in the room in which the board most frequently he regularly schedule meetings; and □ has led or co-led a least one training of Lone Star Governation for its community during the previous month period.	s and ent d y and m l olds d	□ Students have been included in at least Lone Star Governatraining or two-watcommunication meeting in the presentation of the presentation on the star Governance of the star Governa	t one ance by evious ard 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

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 j 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 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 hereviewed all policies governing board operating procedure. □ affirms that all members have signed the ethics and conflict of interest statement the past 12 months; □ agrees that a committees' role is to advise the board, not advise the staff; □ agrees that a board officers' role is to add the board, not to add the staff; and □ maintained a quorut throughout all regul scheduled meetings the past three monthese.	es; ed ict nt in ; to ot to dvise dvise larly s for	The board agrees that every member is respon for the outcomes all students, not justudents in their responsive the school system of the previous three months; and has set the expectation provided to one be member is provided all board members.	sible of st egion m; rage or all d er ation oard	The board maintained an averattendance of 80% higher throughout regularly schedule board meetings of the previous three months; agrees that all members have ad to all policies gove board operating procedures; agrees that every member has compall statutorily requirainings; and rather than the superintendent, let the completion of Star Governance for the superintendent.	hered rning	All board members at the superintendent have completed the Lone Star Governation Workshop; agree that all boar members have added to all adopted boar constraints during previous three morand agree that no boar member has given operational advice instructions to star members during the previous three more	d hered rd g the onths;



QUARTERLY	QUARTERLY PROGRESS TRACKER												
School Board: Ho	ouston ISD		Date: April 16, 202	Quarter: 3									
Framework	Three Quarters Ago	Two Quarters Ago	One Quarter 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	9	9	9	9	10							
Vision and Goals 4	2	2	2	4	4	5							
Progress and Accountability 1	4	9	12	12	15	15							
Progress and Accountability 2	0	4	4	4	4	5							
Systems and Processes	4	4	4	1	4	15							
Total	37	52	55	54	60	80							

The Lone Star Governance Integrity Instrument has been revised to align with the requirements outlined in the exit criteria agreement between Houston ISD and the Texas Education Agency.

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				
	46%						

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 <u>LSG@tea.texas.gov</u>.

QUARTERLY	QUARTERLY PROGRESS TRACKER											
School Board: Ho	ouston ISD		Date: April 16, 20	Quarter: ₃								
Framework	Three Quarters Ago	Two Quarters Ago	One Quarter Ago	Current Quarter	Next Quarter Targets	Total Points Possible						
Advocacy and Engagement	1	1	1	1	1	10						
Synergy and Teamwork	0	0	0	0	0	10						









