

**TALE Board Meeting**  
**September 28, 2022 Agenda**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom:**  
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6:30 pm CST

## OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Pearl Garden, Liza LaRue, Jackie Ingram, Rebekah Piper, Lori Garcia, Amy Burke, Kelly Johnston, Angela Venters, Jill Culmo, Leah Carruth

Others Present: Kamshia Childs, Pam Koutrakos,

Board Members Absent:

(Complete upon start of meeting) A quorum (50% + 1%) of Board members **was**/was **not** present.

*"A simple majority of the Board of Directors with at least three (3) of whom are part of the Executive Committee will constitute a quorum."*

## Call To Order: 6:42 PM

**Mission:** *The mission of the Texas Association for Literacy Education is to promote literacy that will enhance the lives of all Texas citizens personally, socially and economically.*

## CONFIRMATION OF THE APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

*I have read and approved the minutes from the August 15, 2022 meeting minutes (sent prior to the Board meeting by email at this link): [Meeting Minutes - August 15, 2022](#)*

Electronic Signatures: Jackie Ingram, Amy Burke, Pearl Garden, Jill Culmo, Lori Garcia, Liza LaRue, Rebekah Piper, Leah Carruth, Kelly Johnston

Board Documents:

[TALE Policies and Procedures Handbook](#)

- [Board Member Commitment Statement](#)

[TALE Bylaws](#) (last updated 2017)

## Reports from COMMITTEES & TASK FORCE

### TAIR Emerging Leaders Grant (Carol Revelle, Childs, Golding, Hernandez, Sawatsky)

- Been promoting online and sent to membership. Application deadline: 10/1/22
- Will also need two board member mentors once candidates are selected. Please email Carol.revelle@tamuc names of board members willing to be mentors.
- More info: <http://www.texasreaders.org/tair-emerging-literacy-leaders-grant.html>
- Board members should consider individuals who are leaders in the field, and encourage them to apply.

### Jack Cassidy Memorial Scholarship Committee (Stephanie Grote-Garcia)

- The call for applications has been posted on the TALE website and on Social Media.
- The due date for applications is November 1, 2022
- Serving on the committee are Alida Hudson, Rebekah Piper, and Tammy Francis

### Advocacy Development: (Sara Ranzau)

- On 9/8 Sara participated in a call with Raise Your Hand Texas and a staffer from Sen. Donna Campbell's Office - [see notes here](#)
- Liza recorded a podcast that should be posted by the weekend
- We are planning to give a legislator award this year - Liza has nominated Representative [James Talarico](#); please share if you have other legislators you would like to nominate
- We will be sending out nominations for our Leadership in Literacy Awards by Halloween
- On October 8th, Sara will be participating in a candidate forum in Boerne with Raise Your Hand Texas - this is being changed since only one candidate got back to us. It will likely now be an Advocacy Bootcamp with RYHT

### Communications Development: ()

- Newsletter: Pearl will work on after the September meeting.
- Social Media: Will conduct a meeting in Oct. for the three board members who mentioned they were interested in contributing content or being the social media contact. Are we interested in doing a "Twitter Space" conversation for members or for certain committees?
- **TJLE:** 7 submissions were sent out to review by Drs. K.Childs and Laura Slay. Sept 12th was the deadline for reviewers to finish. Still waiting on a few more reviews. On Oct. 1st will begin the next phase of publishing. First Issue under the A&M-Commerce team coming soon. Still aiming to publish sometime between Oct. 15-25, 2022. Issues will be published in the Fall and Spring (around conference time).

Community Involvement: (Kelly Johnston)

- Community Service oriented/focus
- <http://www.texasreaders.org/community-involvement.html>

Educator Empowerment: (Angela Venters)

- Book Study, Professional Development, etc.
- <http://www.texasreaders.org/educator-empowerment.html>

Bylaws Committee:

- The Bylaws Committee will study the bylaws and will recommend changes according to procedures for amending the bylaws. The committee will consist of the Director and at least two (2) members selected by the Director.

Membership Development: (Jackie Ingram)

- As of 9/26, TALE has 466 members with 46 (9.9%) past due. Emails are sent to remind members to pay their annual dues and/or update their credit card information if they are on autopay. In January and July, past due memberships are downloaded to a spreadsheet and then deleted from MembershipWorks.

Local Councils/Special Interest Committees:

- GHALE Houston (Malene):
- READ@TALE (ileana Jennings):

ILA Coordinator: (Mary)

- Quarterly meetings with embedded training for chapter members - Topics include *Engaging Membership*
- [New ILA President Address](#)

Treasurer: (Amy Burke)

- [TALE Budget July 2022-June 2023](#)
  - [Treasurer's Report \(July 2022\)](#)

<b>Beginning Balance as of August 1, 2022</b>	<b>\$140,885.83</b>
<b>TAIR Funds</b>	<b>( \$39,904.90)</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$1,186.09</b>

**Organization Deposits**

Memberships/Stripe transfers	\$379.37
Petty cash	\$5.00

### Conference Deposits

Conference Registrations (outstanding POs from 22 conference) \$801.72

**Total Expenses** \$1,333.49

### Organization Expenses

Membership Works \$84.21  
Frost Online Banking Subscription \$5.00  
Square Weebly \$153.50  
Betsy Kaye conference stipend paid to TWU \$1,000.00

**Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2022** \$140,738.43

**TAIR Funds** (\$39,904.90)

### New Business:

- A committee Fair - Bring membership together to share information about ways to collaborate and be more involved.
- [Committee Sign-up Form](#)
- 2023 Conference (Roberta & Malene) "The conference committee has been actively securing speakers, working on logistics of the venue, and adding to the website." See the TALE Conference website for more information [TALE Conference](#)

### Other:

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### SCHEDULING OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ADJOURNMENT 7:11 PM