

TASB

Policy Update 51

First Reading

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TASB 51 Update Overview

Revisions to legal frameworks incorporate clarification of existing materials and new materials arising from the 89th Regular Legislative Session, as well as amendments to state rules.

References to legislative bills throughout these explanatory notes refer to Senate Bills (SB) or House Bills (HB) from the 89th Regular Legislative Session. All referenced bills have already gone into effect unless otherwise noted.

Section B – Local Governance

- **Board Members: Vacancies and Removal from Office(BBC Local) *Addition***
 - This new recommended local policy addresses the process for filling a board vacancy in a single-member district. Existing law requires the board to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy. The policy provides Appointment Procedures, including procedures addressing a Call for Applications, Review of Applications, and Selection of an applicant, and clarifies an appointed board member's Duration of Appointment.

Filling a Vacancy

When a vacancy occurs on the Board, the Board shall fill the position by appointment, in accordance with law and the appointment procedures below, within 180 days, but, if determined necessary by the Board, the Board may extend the deadline to fill the vacancy. In any event, the Board shall fill the vacancy before the position's term expires.

Exception for Involuntary Removal from Office

If a Board member is removed from office in accordance with law, the Board shall appoint a candidate to fill the vacancy at the first regularly scheduled Board meeting following the removal. The Board may adjust the deadlines described by this policy as necessary to satisfy this timeline.

Appointment Procedures	To fill a vacancy by appointment, the Board shall accept applications from prospective candidates. The Board shall establish the requirements and deadline for submitting an application.
<i>Call for Applications</i>	<p>The Board shall, for at least 14 days, post a call for applications on the College District's website. Additionally, the Board shall publicize the call for applications in any other manner the Board determines best suited to reach the highest number of eligible candidates.</p> <p>The call for applications must include the applicant eligibility requirements and the requirements and deadline for submission of an application.</p>
<i>Review of Applications</i>	<p>At a regularly scheduled Board meeting following the application deadline or at a special meeting called for that purpose, the Board shall review the applications and may interview select applicants.</p> <p>Alternatively, the Board may form a Board committee to assess the applicants and recommend an applicant or applicants for consideration by the Board. [See BCB]</p>
<i>Selection</i>	An applicant must receive the affirmative vote of a majority of Board members to be appointed to the Board.
<i>Duration of Appointment</i>	An appointed Board member shall serve for the unexpired term.

Section B – Local Governance

- **Administrative Organization: Councils and Faculty Senates (BGC Local) *Edits***

- Recommended revisions clarify when a faculty council must post Notice of a faculty council meeting.

Faculty Council Meetings

Notice

quorum.

The **College President** shall develop regulations addressing faculty council meeting procedures, in accordance with law.

~~No more than~~At least seven days before a meeting, the faculty council shall post on the College District's website:

1. An agenda for the meeting indicating the items that will be discussed or subject to a vote; and
2. Any curriculum proposals that will be discussed or voted on at the meeting.

Section C – Business & Support Services

- **Information Security (CS Local) *Edits***

- Revisions to this local policy at Information Security Assessment incorporate amendments to rules from DIR intended to implement HB 1500, which eliminated the information security components of the assessments that were relevant to community colleges.

Biennial Information Security Plan

The College District shall submit a biennial information security plan to DIR in accordance with law.

~~Information Security Assessment~~

~~In accordance with law, at least every two years, the College District shall submit the results of its information security assessment to DIR and, if requested, the office of the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives.~~

Section F – Students

- **Admissions (FB Local) *Edits***

- Recommended revisions clarify that a college may not award credits for courses that are disregarded for admissions purposes under the Academic Fresh Start program.

Academic Fresh Start

A resident of Texas may apply for admission and enroll as a student under the Academic Fresh Start program pursuant to the admissions procedures.

If an applicant elects to seek admission under the Academic Fresh Start program, the College District, in considering an applicant for admission, shall not consider academic course credits or grades earned by the applicant **10** or more years prior to the starting date of the semester in which the applicant seeks to enroll. The College District shall disregard ~~all course~~those credits ~~or grades earned during the 10 years prior to the student's enrollment and may not award any~~and grades and shall not award credit for those courses. [See EGA]

Section F – Students

- **Tuition and Fees: Residency (FDA Local) *Edits***

- The title of the Residence Status Determination Official has been updated to reflect newly adopted Coordinating Board rules related to residency determinations.

Residence Status
Determination
Official

The Board shall designate a residence status determination official for the College District. The legal residence of each applicant, for tuition purposes, shall be determined by the residence status determination official in accordance with procedures adopted for that purpose to comply with state law.

Questions