



# Summer Leadership Institute

## 2026 SLI - PROPOSAL GUIDELINES AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

TASB Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) is seeking concurrent session proposals grounded in adult learning principles and best practices, informed by theory, research, and experience.

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### Important Dates

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| Submission <b>Close:</b>                  | <b>March 15, 2026, at 5 p.m. (CT)</b>                                     |
| Registration and Housing Open:            | April 15, 2026, 9 a.m. CST  |
| Notification <b>of Submission Status:</b> | By May 6, 2026  |
| Conference <b>Dates:</b>                  | <b>San Antonio:</b> June 10-June 13    <b>Fort Worth:</b> June 17-June 20 |

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**Primary Audience:** Texas school board members. Submissions should be tailored to the trustee's governance role and scope of responsibility, adopting goals and priorities and monitoring success, establishing and reviewing policies, hiring and evaluating the superintendent, approving the budget and setting the tax rate, and communicating effectively with the community.

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**Locations:** Attendees choose between two locations: **San Antonio** or **Fort Worth**. General Session Keynotes are booked for both weeks, and at least 90% of breakout content is consistent across both. **Review your June schedule carefully and select your available location(s) on the application. Preference is given to those sessions that can be offered at both locations.**

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### Content

- Should reflect [TASB's mission and Cornerstone Principles](#).
- Showcase innovation and evidence-based practice.
- Present a business case with evidence supported by research or data.
- Address important public education issues.

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### Instructional Design

- Stimulate dynamic discussion and outcome-focused engagement
- Facilitate knowledge transfer and development of practical competencies
- Demonstrate real-world relevance through case-based learning
- Challenge participants to explore innovative perspectives and actionable solutions

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### Session Formats

- **Open Discussion:** Moderator-facilitated, in-depth conversation with participants serving as key contributors around a specific issue or topic concerning education.
- **Panel:** Moderator-led discussion with experts in the field with an opportunity for audience Q&A.
- **Presentation:** Formal presentation by an expert, often featuring a visual component (e.g., PowerPoint) designed to inform the audience about a specific issue or topic and demonstrate key components of a particular education approach.

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## Session Content Categories

Content should focus on developing the knowledge or skills of trustees in any of the themes of the [Framework for School Board Development](#). View the [Standard Session Categories](#) for definitions and examples.

- Vision and Goals
- Systems and Processes
- Progress and Accountability
- Advocacy and Engagement
- Synergy and Teamwork

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## Session Details

- **Presenters:** Consist of Trustees, District leadership, TASB experts and other K-12 thought leaders, **including at least one (1) TEA Registered Provider.** *While continuity is important, co-presenters may vary between locations.*
- **Scheduled:** Thursday and Friday. (Wednesday and Saturday are reserved for pre-conference and post-conference sessions.)
- **Length:** 60 minutes; including interactive engagement with attendees and Q&A. *Sessions ending more than five (5) minutes early may not be considered for future events.*

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## Proposal Guidelines & Selection Criteria

- Applications are accepted online only.
- Maximum of (3) applications per school district or organization will be eligible for consideration.
- "To Be Determined" or blank placeholders for panelists or co-presenters will not be accepted.
- **Nonpartisan Events:** TASB events are nonpartisan, and TASB does not support or oppose candidates for public office.
- It is essential to emphasize that any session perceived by attendees as commercially oriented will not be accepted. The following standards must be met:
  - **Educational and Neutral:** Submissions must be educational, neutral, unbiased, and free from commercial intent.
  - **Vendor-Led Proposals:** Sales/Vendor presentations will NOT be accepted, with the exception of event sponsors, who are held to the same standards. (ESCs and Universities are not considered vendors.)

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## Presenter Agreement and Reminders

- Submitting a session(s) does not guarantee acceptance.
- **TASB communicates only with submitters/primary contact.** It is the submitter's responsibility to share all session guidelines and requirements with the co-presenters, including:
  - Review, understanding and acceptance of the [Presenter Agreement](#)
  - Agreement to [Event Terms and Conditions](#) during registration (including payments and refunds, cancellation, civility, consent to photography and recording, non-endorsement, and marketing/solicitation)
- **Housing Update for 2026:** Housing will open on **April 15** for both attendees and presenters. Opening reservations at the same time helps ensure a fair opportunity for our entire conference community to secure accommodations.
- **All** presenters, co-presenters, and support staff **must register** for the conference, including paying the appropriate fee to attend.
- **Complimentary Registration Exceptions:**
  - **TASB Member Districts**, with an accepted ISD session, are eligible to receive a maximum of two (2) complementary full-conference registrations, intended for the Superintendent and Board President.
  - The total number of complimentary full registrations is limited to two (2) per district, regardless of how many sessions are accepted.

**Note:** Non-ISD presenters, including companies, organizations, and consultants, are **not eligible** for complimentary registration.

# 2026 SLI - SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

## Session Title

- **70-character** limit including punctuation and spaces
- Aim for a concise, engaging title between 10 and 15 words.
- Use [AP Style title case](#) (capitalize principal words and proper nouns).

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## Session Descriptor

- **700-character** limit including punctuation and spaces
- Craft a clear and compelling description between 65-100 words.
- Highlight the session's focus, key takeaways, and relevance for a board audience.

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## Session Submission Format and Content Categories

Select the appropriate session format and content categories for each submission.

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## Where would you like to present this session?

Priority will be given to sessions presented at both locations.

- **San Antonio**, June 10-13
- **Fort Worth**, June 17-20
- **Both** San Antonio & Fort Worth

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## Has this session been presented before?

- **If yes**, which event(s) and where?

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## Please let us know if there are any potential conflicts that could occur for you or a co-presenter.

First Public Meeting, Legislative Advisory Council (LAC II), Budget & Finance Meeting, LTASB Current Class, and/or Presenting for Texas Trustee Institute (TTI)

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## Will students be a part of your presentation?

- **If yes**, please note if your session is accepted, TASB will provide complimentary registration for up to 10 students and 2 chaperones.

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## Standard Room Set and AV

- List any special setup or AV requirements that differ from the standard set. (requested changes not guaranteed)

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## TEA Provider Information

- First/Last Name
- TEA Provider #

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## Submitter Contact Information

- Company/Organization/ISD
- Job Title
- Phone Number

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## Presenter Agreement Signature

- Confirm that you have read, understand, and accept the Presenter Agreement.
- If multiple presenters are listed, select **one Primary Presenter**.

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## Presenter Information

Provide the following information for each person added.

Maximum of five (5) presenters printed in program.

### Required Information:

- First and Last Name
- Email Address
- Direct Phone Number (including extension)
- Mobile Phone (for onsite communication only)
- Company Type (select one):
  - **Texas Public School District**
  - **TASB Employee**
  - **Organization/Company**

Job Title [Rank or Role] of [Department or Function] ex. Director of Education, Chief Advisor of Accountability

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### Is this individual a TEA Provider?

If **yes**, be prepared to provide the TEA Provider number and expiration date. *Each session only needs one TEA provider to offer credit.*

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## Contact Definitions

### Submitter/Primary Contact:

The individual completing the application. Responsible for communicating session details and updates to all presenters. This person is the main contact TASB will communicate with and may or may not be a presenter.

**Primary Presenter:** The individual responsible for leading the presentation, moderating a panel, or delivering the core content and engaging with the audience during the session.

**TEA Provider:** An individual approved as a registered provider for CEC through the TEA. May also serve as the primary presenter or a co-presenter.

**Co-presenter:** An individual or team of supporting speakers or panelists who contribute to the presentation by sharing specific insights, examples, or sections of content alongside the primary presenter.

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## Tips and Important notes

- TASB Members log-in with their TASB credentials
- Non-TASB Members / First-time users will log in will set a permanent password during login.
- Click Save Draft to ensure progress is saved.
- Only one draft submission in progress
- Click Complete to submit. You will receive a confirmation e-mail if submission is successful.
- Edits accepted until **March 15, 5 p.m.** via the speaker portal.
  - Select the session to edit.
  - Select View Submission at the very bottom.

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## Visit [TASB.org/SLI](http://TASB.org/SLI) to access

- Session Submission Link
- [Presenter Agreement](#)
- [Event Terms and Conditions](#)
- [TASB's TEA Provider Application Guide](#)
- [Best Practices for Meeting SBOE Training Content Requirements](#)