

Summary

ATPE Board of Directors Meeting

Nov. 12-13, 2021 · Austin Marriott Downtown · Austin, Texas

ATPE Vision Statement

ATPE supports the state's largest community of educators who are dedicated to elevating public education in Texas.

ATPE Mission Statement

ATPE advocates for educators and delivers affordable, high-quality products and services that give members the peace of mind needed to inspire student success.

Summary of Discussion Items:

The ATPE Board of Directors met in Austin Nov. 12-13 to discuss and act on matters pertaining to the affairs of the association.

The Finance, Membership & Volunteer, and Policy committees met Friday evening to discuss key work plans, receive updates from the staff, and craft recommendations for the board's consideration.

On Saturday, staff and board members presented detailed updates on the work of board committees and discussed various business items, including:

- 2022-23 operational budget.
- 2021-22 Membership Campaign.
- ATPE's volunteer structure.
- 2022 ATPE Summit.
- Reports from ATPE standing committees (Nomination/Election, Leader Development, and Membership).
- Negotiations for the 2022-23 Educators Professional Liability Policy.

Commissioner of Education Mike Morath also spoke at the meeting about challenges in instructional delivery across the state, accelerating learning, and the professional satisfaction of teachers. He invited members to check out new resources related to instructional materials at [TexasResourceReview.org](https://www.texasresourcereview.org)

Actions taken by the Board:

- Voted to accept the 2020-21 independent auditors' report of Atchley & Associates.
- Voted to approve the ATPE Region and Local Unit Social Media Policy.
- Voted to approve the 2022 Election Rules.
- Voted to standardize the local unit dues amount collected by the state on both paper and online applications to \$10.

- Voted for recommendations made by the Leader Development Committee to be further considered by the Board Membership & Volunteer Committee.
- Approved the September 2021 board meeting minutes and 2021 House of Delegate minutes via consent agenda.

Next Meeting:

The Board will meet again Feb. 18–19, 2022, in Georgetown.

The President's Podcast:

Be on the lookout for a new episode of *The President's Podcast* with State President Karen Hames recapping the board meeting. Watch social media and your ATPE newsletter for the podcast release! Also, be sure to check out the first episode of [The President's Podcast](#), if you haven't already.

Call to Action:

Help ATPE Push Legislation to Fix the Social Security WEP Offset

ATPE is urging the Texas congressional delegation to cosponsor and help pass legislation that would repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) in federal law, which reduces the Social Security benefits of many educators and other public employees. U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX) reintroduced his bill known as the "Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act of 2021." H.R. 5834 would repeal and replace WEP with a more equitable formula to increase retirement income for many educators who are subject to the offset, including those who have already retired. Brady's bill has bipartisan support but needs additional cosponsors to help get it passed this year. ATPE encourages members to write their representatives in Congress and ask or thank them for their support of this bill using our [preformatted messages on Advocacy Central](#) (login required). It is quick and simple to add your voice, so please reach out to your representative today!

Sign Up for the 2021 Teacher Trot Virtual 5K

Time to lace up your tennis shoes and join us for the 2021 Teacher Trot: ATPE-PAC Virtual 5K Run/Walk! [Registration is now open](#), and 100% of the money raised will go to the ATPE Political Action Committee (ATPE-PAC) to help support pro-public education candidates.

The event is open to all ATPE members. You can go solo or invite your family or fellow ATPE members to join you. Just run, walk, hike, or skip a 5K any time between kickoff Monday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 28.

The member with the best finish time will win a really nice pair of Samsung Galaxy wireless earbuds! But don't worry if you aren't "racing." Everyone who signs up for the event will automatically be entered into a drawing to win one of [four prizes](#). You can even purchase a T-shirt and other items to commemorate the event via the ATPE-PAC store on [Bonfire](#).

Registration closes Sunday, Nov. 21, at 11:59 p.m. CST, so be sure to register today! [Click here](#) to register and for more information.