

ATPE BOD Meeting Summary

Sept. 18-19, 2026 • 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 Sept. 18-19, 2026, in Austin to discuss and act on matters pertaining to the affairs of the association.

The Board welcomed six new members to their first meeting: **Sonia Wolfrom (Region 6), Julie Fore (Region 10), Kiree Bons (Region 12), Miguel Renteria (Region 16), Ashley DeBusk (Region 18), and State Treasurer Dani Boepple.**

Staff and committee chairs presented detailed updates on the work of ATPE board committees and discussed various business items. The Team White and Team Red board committees discussed potential changes to the state standing committees. State President Eli Rodrigues presented the officer priorities for 2026-27, which are to increase recurring PAC donations, review and improve state committee structure, and review and improve ATPE's awards program. Staff also began a discussion on AI implications for association liability. Executive Director Shannon Holmes presented the association's vision statement, mission statement, and strategic plan goals for consideration and took input from the directors.

Actions Taken by the Board:

- Voted to approve new board committee charges and assignments.
- Voted to approve the 2026-27 Strategic Plan.
- Voted to approve the 2026-27 fall standing committee appointments.
- Voted to approve the Executive Director's Evaluation and the Executive Director's Contract and Incentive Agreement.

Next Meeting:

The Board will meet virtually Nov. 17, 2026.

Board Summary:

This board summary will be posted on the ATPE website and in the ATPE Mobile App and emailed to all members on behalf of region directors.

Call to Action:

- Don't forget that **Monday, Sept. 30**, is an important ATPE membership deadline. Educators who join ATPE after Sept. 30 but who were eligible to join earlier will have to wait 30 days to be eligible for employment rights protection insurance. Also, 2025-26 members who renew by Sept. 30 will not experience a lapse in coverage. Make sure nonrenewed members and potential members are aware of this key deadline. (Find more details and terms and conditions at atpe.org/protection.) Please continue to engage in recruitment efforts at the local and region levels and encourage volunteer leaders in your region to do the same.
- If you have not submitted your 2026-27 officer and/or campus rep list, please [log in to Leader Central to do so today](#).
- The application period for members interested in serving on the Public Information Committee and Summit Programming Committee will begin **Oct. 1**. Watch for additional information coming soon in ATPE newsletters and emails. Learn more about the standing committees [here](#).
- Election Day is **Nov. 3**, and the deadline to register to vote is **Monday, Oct. 5**. Make sure your voter registration is up to date, particularly if you've moved. [Verify your voter registration on the Secretary of State's website](#).
- 2025-26 Treasurer's Reports are due **Nov. 30, 2026**. [Submit your Treasurer's Report in Leader Central](#).
- Nominations will soon open for the 2026-27 Charles Pickitt Educator of the Year, Floyd Trimble Local Unit of the Year, and Doug Rogers Campus Representative of the Year awards. The nomination deadline is **Dec. 1**. Please nominate worthy individuals or local units! Find more information at atpe.org/awards.