

ATPE BOD Meeting Summary

September 20-21, 2024 · 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. 20-21, 2024, 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: **Cesarea Germain (Region 2), Eddie Hill (Region 7), Carl Garner (Region 10), Nicole Fuller (Region 14), Michelle Adams (Region 18), and Evelyn Miles-Hoskin (Region 20).**

Staff and committee leaders presented detailed updates on the work of ATPE board committees and discussed various business items. State President Jason Forbis presented the officer priorities for 2024-25, which include educating members on the ATPE Legislative Program, promoting recurring ATPE-PAC donations, and working to attract and support campus representatives. Staff also presented a demonstration of the *ATPE News* website (atpenews.org) and provided information on the advocacy program and microcredentialing process that will be used for legislative visits during the upcoming session. 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 2024-25 Strategic Plan.

- Voted to approve the 2024-25 fall standing committee appointments.
- Voted to approve the Executive Director's Evaluation and the Executive Director's Employment Agreement.

Next Meeting:

The Board will meet virtually Nov. 11, 2024.

President's Message:

Stay tuned for more information on a podcast from State President Jason Forbis with a recap of the board meeting.

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, 2023-24 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 at atpe.org/protection.)
- Mark these important election dates on your calendar:
 - Oct. 7: Last day to register to vote
 - Oct. 21: First day of early voting
 - Oct. 25: Receipt (not postmark) deadline for ballots by mail
 - Nov. 1: Last day of early voting
 - Nov. 5: Election Day
- Help us encourage educators to vote by recording a quick video about the importance of voting: <https://atpevoices.gov-one.com/?gld=2552&rld=16797>
- Nominations are now open for the 2024-25 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.