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Financial Futures Committee

*Building a Strong Financial Future
for Our Community*



What is the Financial Futures Committee (FFC)?

- The FFC is a group of community stakeholders tasked with providing findings and recommendations to the Board of Trustees relating to financial planning, budgeting, and fiscal oversight.
- The committee serves in an advisory capacity to Trustees.



Legal Framework

The Committee is charged to operate within applicable AISD policies and regulations and applicable law.

The committee represents equally all citizens, all students, all school campuses, and all taxpayers within the boundaries of the Arlington ISD. Individual members of the Committee cannot exercise authority for the Committee as a whole and should not act independently of the Committee.



Committee Composition

Five at-large members who reside in the District

One employee representative from each of three teacher associations
ATPE, TSTA, UEA

One AISD Campus Principal

One representative from each of the six high school networks
Arlington, Bowie, Lamar, Martin, Sam Houston, Seguin

Three at-large AISD employee members
Secondary Teacher,
Elementary Teacher,
Salary Non-exempt Employee

The Committee is comprised of a maximum of 18 members appointed by the Board of Trustees. The Board may appoint alternates.

Eligibility and Terms

Eligibility

Members must be community residents and meet specific criteria.

Term Length

Nine of the members will be appointed to one-year terms, and nine will be appointed to two-year terms.

Volunteer Role

FFC members serve on a volunteer basis without compensation.



Roles of Committee Members

- ***Review Annual Budget:*** Assist in the review of proposed and ongoing budgets for alignment with community priorities.
- ***Recommendations:*** Offer informed recommendations on budget, cost containment, or new funding initiatives.
- ***Long-term Planning:*** Help in forecasting future financial needs and planning for sustainable economic growth.
- ***Monitor Fiscal Health:*** Track the financial performance of programs and ensure alignment with strategic goals.

Benefits and Challenges

BENEFITS:

- **Transparency and Accountability:** Ensures the community is informed of how taxpayer dollars are spent.
- **Public Confidence:** Helps build trust by providing independent oversight
- **Cost Efficiency:** Helps identify potential cost savings

CHALLENGES:

- **Time Commitment:** Members must dedicate time to attend meetings and review documents
- **Technical Knowledge:** Members often need to familiarize themselves with reports, audits, and budgets
- **Impartiality:** Members must represent all citizens, students, and campuses

Citizens Bond Oversight Committee

*Ensuring Transparency and
Accountability for Bond Program
Implementation*



What is the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC)?

- A CBOC is a group of volunteers tasked with overseeing the proper use of funds generated by a voter-approved bond election.
- The committee ensures that bond revenues are spent appropriately and in alignment with the plan that was presented to and approved by the community.



Legal Framework

The Committee is charged with operating within applicable AISD policies, state regulations and applicable state law.



Committee Composition

All members are At-Large members who reside within the district

One representative from each of the six high school networks
Arlington, Bowie, Lamar, Martin, Sam Houston, Seguin

Four employee representatives from various campuses at each level

The Committee is comprised of a maximum of 15 members appointed by the Board of Trustees. The Board may appoint alternates.

Eligibility and Terms

Eligibility

Members must be community residents and be paid current on AISD property taxes.

Term Length

Members serve two-year staggered terms. Non-voting student members serve one-year terms.

Volunteer Role

CBOC members serve on a volunteer basis without compensation.



Roles of Committee Members

- ***Ensures Accountability:*** Monitors the bond program spending practices to ensure that bond funds are used exclusively for voter-approved projects.
- ***Increases Transparency:*** Provides the public with an independent review of how taxpayer money is being spent.
- ***Builds Public Trust:*** Engages the community in the decision-making process and enhances public trust.
- ***Communications:*** Provides the community with representation regarding how the district manages the bond program implementation process.



Key Responsibilities of CBOC Members

Meetings

Attend regular committee meetings.

Review

Analyze bond fund expenditures and project updates.

Site Visits

Participate in site visits to ensure projects are progressing as planned.

Recommendations

Provide recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of bond-funded projects.

Public Communication

Maintain transparency by keeping the public informed about progress.

Benefits and Challenges

BENEFITS:

- **Collaboration:** Strong relationships between committee members, project managers, and district leadership.
- **Engagement:** Active participation from members and strong community involvement
- **Training:** Ongoing education for committee members on construction management, public finance, and reporting processes.

CHALLENGES:

- **Complex Projects:** Understanding large, complex construction or capital projects.
- **Public Perception:** Managing public expectations, especially when there are project delays or cost overruns.
- **Limited Authority:** Balancing oversight responsibilities without overstepping advisory authority.

Importance of the FFC and CBOC Committees

- **Informed Decisions:** Local leaders can make more informed decisions with advice from a diverse group.
- **Greater Accountability:** Enhances accountability in how taxpayer dollars and bond funds are expended.
- **Increased Public Engagement:** Fosters a sense of community ownership over public funds and services.



Conclusion

Why is this important for “Future Leaders”:

Being part of the FFC or CBOC provides future leaders and opportunity to be involved in a civic process that enhances transparency, accountability, and the efficient use of public funds.

GET INVOLVED!

