



Action Item

Date: September 14, 2026

Division: Chief of Staff

Subject: Appointment of District of Innovation Committee for Renewal Process

Background Information:

- Passed in 2015, HB 1842 created Districts of Innovation (DOI) under Section 12A of the Texas Education Code. A district may apply for designation as a DOI to be exempt from specific statutes of the TEC so long as the district's most recent performance rating is at least acceptable("C"). Designation as a District of Innovation provides Lewisville ISD with more local control, customization, and flexibility.
- On May 2, 2022, the Lewisville ISD Board of Trustees approved the current Local Innovation Plan that was created and voted favorably by a board-appointed District of Innovation (DOI) Committee. A DOI plan may not exceed five years. The current Lewisville ISD DOI plan is set to expire on May 2, 2027.
- A District of Innovation can be exempt from certain requirements imposed by state law. The current plan has eight exemptions utilized by Lewisville ISD include a uniform start date for the academic calendar, probationary contracts for experienced teachers, educator certification for teachers in state-identified shortage areas, school library advisory counsel, acquisition of library materials, reconsideration of library materials, grievances under TEC 26A.001-004, unpaid leave under TEC 21.211(b).

Administrative Consideration:

- Prior to beginning a renewal process for a District of Innovation designation from the Texas Education Agency, a new DOI Committee must be appointed.
- Committee members were selected based on their role within the district and geographic area to ensure balanced representation across LISD's campuses, communities, grade levels, content areas, and students served.
- Returning DOI Committee members in good standing will continue their service to preserve committee continuity. Replacements have been selected for members who stepped down due to relocation, role changes, or no longer having children enrolled in LISD.
- The proposed committee membership establishes a balanced baseline of representation across the district. Required baseline categories include:
 - 5 teachers reps (one from each feeder pattern);
 - 5 parent reps (one from each feeder pattern);
 - 5 campus administrators (one from each feeder pattern);
 - 5 district leadership reps (designed based on department); and

- o 3 representatives from professional teacher organizations.
- In addition to the core required categories, the roster includes Board-appointed members and returning members who bring valuable experience from the district's prior DOI process. Members whose roles have changed since their initial appointment are recommended to continue serving to provide continuity throughout the renewal process.
- Additionally, each member of the Board of Trustees has the opportunity to appoint a representative to serve on the committee.
- Upon board approval, the DOI Committee will begin the consideration for renewal process for designation as a District of Innovation.
- Members appointed to the DOI Committee will serve a five-year term, equal to the duration of the Local Innovation Plan, and may terminate their participation at the end of each year. If a member steps down, replacement members will be designated through district leadership appointment to ensure continuous representation. The Board will be notified of all roster changes at the beginning of each year.
- During non-renewal years, the committee convenes twice annually to review plan implementation, monitor outcomes, and review amendments driven by legislative updates or district priorities.

Recommendations:

- Appoint the LISD District of Innovation Committee membership as listed.

Timeline/Report:

- October - January - The DOI Committee convenes to review existing exemptions and consider amendments or changes to the Local Innovation Plan and will provide an update to the Board in January.
- February - The board must notify the Commissioner of Education of the intent to vote on plan renewal.
- February - Final proposed plan is posted on the district website for the required 30-day public comment period.
- March - The DOI Committee holds a public meeting to consider and approve the final plan by majority vote.
- April - The board votes on adoption of the renewed Local Innovation Plan, requires a 2/3 majority vote.