1. Background:

The first read for TASB Board Policy Update 125, which focuses on seven (LOCAL) policy updates summarized below was held at the Board meeting on August 5, 2025.

BDAA (LOCAL) OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS: DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD OFFICERS

Revisions are recommended to this local policy on board officer duties and requirements. At Board Officers, the sentence indicating that the board may assign a district employee to provide clerical assistance is recommended for deletion since the superintendent, rather than the board, manages staff assignments, including providing support to the board.

BDB (LOCAL) BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION: BOARD COMMITTEES

This policy has been revised in coordination with BDF(LOCAL) to clarify the difference between board committees and advisory committees. Accordingly, the subtopic of this code has been changed from Internal Committees to Board Committees, and new provisions are recommended to establish how board committees are formed and outline their purpose. Text addressing Dissolution of board committees is also recommended for inclusion. The language previously at Special Committees has been moved to BDF(LOCAL).

BDF (LOCAL) BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION: ADVISORY COMMITTEES

This new local policy is recommended for inclusion to coordinate with the changes at BDB. The subtopic of this code has been changed from Citizen Advisory Committees to Advisory Committees. Language has been moved here from BDB(LOCAL) and updated to clarify how advisory committees are formed and the parameters of their responsibilities. A section on Dissolution of the committees is also recommended for inclusion.

EI (LOCAL) ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

At Partial Credit, recommended revisions replace the phrase "combined grade for" with "average of" to more accurately reflect the determination of awarding credit when a student earns a passing grade in only half of a course.

FDE (LOCAL) ADMISSIONS: SCHOOL SAFETY TRANSFERS

At Safe Schools Data, "bullying" is recommended for inclusion as an offense for which the district must collect and maintain data. The revision aligns with the Unsafe School Choice Option Guidance Handbook.

FEC (LOCAL) ATTENDANCE: ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT

Revisions throughout this policy are recommended for clarity per the conversation that was had during the district's recent policy review session. The information in the first sentence of the policy has been incorporated at Absences Considered for improved readability. Rather than directing the board to establish attendance committees, the policy now authorizes the establishment of those committees by the administration. At Methods for Regaining Credit or Awarding a Final Grade, specifics regarding petitions for credit are recommended for deletion in favor of a reference to administrative regulations. Revisions at Imposing Conditions for Awarding Credit or a Final Grade are recommended to clarify requirements regarding "seat time." For more information, see the TASB.org article TEKS Mastery, Not Seat Time, Required for Attendance for Credit.

FFAC (LOCAL) WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES: MEDICAL TREATMENT

The revisions to the legal framework at this code reflect the new Department of State Health Services rules on unassigned medication for respiratory distress. If your district currently maintains medication that can be used when a person is experiencing respiratory distress, please contact your policy consultant for appropriate text to include in your local policy.

Consider the approval of TASB Board Policy update 125 for LOCAL Policies BDAA, BDB, BDF, EI, FDE, FEC, and FFAC.

2. Process:

TASB's recommended the policy updates based on changes to corresponding (LEGAL) and (LOCAL) policies. TASB Board Policy updates were sent to all division leaders and administrators in charge of specific policies. Administrators were to review current policies for alignment and to ensure all necessary staff were alerted to any required changes and the changes in the policies or practices.

3. Fiscal Impact:

None.

4. Recommendation:

That the Board approve of TASB Board Policy Update 125 for additions, revisions, or deletions of policies BDAA (LOCAL), BDB (LOCAL), BDF (LOCAL), EI (LOCAL), FDE (LOCAL), FEC (LOCAL), and FFAC (LOCAL).

5. Required:

Board action.