

**6.F.a. ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTING SCHEDULE ~ PART A**  
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**LIBRARY SYSTEMS ACT ADVISORY BOARD**

Statutory Authorization:    Gov't Code §441.124  
 Number of Members:        5  
 Committee Status:         Ongoing  
 Date Created:                09/01/1969  
 Date to Be Abolished:     08/31/2021  
 Strategy (Strategies):     1-1-2            AID TO LOCAL LIBRARIES

<b>Advisory Committee Costs</b>	<b>Expended 2009</b>	<b>Estimated 2010</b>	<b>Budgeted 2011</b>	<b>Requested 2012</b>	<b>Requested 2013</b>
Other Expenditures in Support of Committee Activities					
Personnel (0.15 FTE)	\$3,960	\$4,320	\$4,450	\$4,450	\$4,450
Other Operating	75	75	75	75	75
<b>Total, Committee Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,035</b>	<b>\$4,395</b>	<b>\$4,525</b>	<b>\$4,525</b>	<b>\$4,525</b>
Method of Financing					
General Revenue Fund	\$4,035	\$4,395	\$4,525	\$4,525	\$4,525
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<b>\$4,035</b>	<b>\$4,395</b>	<b>\$4,525</b>	<b>\$4,525</b>	<b>\$4,525</b>
<b>Meetings Per Fiscal Year</b>	3	3	3	3	3

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**Description and Justification for Continuation/Consequences of Abolishing**

The Library Systems Act Advisory Board was established by state statute to advise the Texas State Library & Archives Commission, State Librarian, and staff on matters concerning the management and operation of the Texas Library System. The Board reviews and recommends proposals for changes to the administrative rules, hears appeals for libraries that fail to qualify for membership in the Texas Library System, reviews biennial budgets and annual plans of service for the Texas Library System. Members serve for three-year terms and are appointed by the Texas State Library & Archives Commission. To date, the work of the Advisory Board has been very useful in guiding the agency. The complexity and volume of work attended to at the meetings has increased in recent years. Without the review of the Advisory Board, the agency would need to establish other formal mechanisms to receive advice and input from professionals and lay persons interested in libraries. The agency would also need to establish another mechanism to deal with problems and issues related to qualifications for membership in the Texas Library System and for appealing denial of system membership.

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**TEXAS HISTORICAL RECORDS ADV BOARD**

Statutory Authorization:    Gov't Code §441.243  
 Number of Members:        9  
 Committee Status:          Ongoing  
 Date Created:                12/22/1972  
 Date to Be Abolished:      08/31/2021  
 Strategy (Strategies):      2-1-1          PROVIDE ACCESS TO INFO & ARCHIVES

<b>Advisory Committee Costs</b>	<b>Expended 2009</b>	<b>Estimated 2010</b>	<b>Budgeted 2011</b>	<b>Requested 2012</b>	<b>Requested 2013</b>
Committee Members Direct Expenses					
Travel	\$1,583	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Other Operating	1,408	5,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Other Expenditures in Support of Committee Activities					
Personnel (0.10 FTE)	1,636	1,112	1,145	1,145	1,145
Other Operating	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total, Committee Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,627</b>	<b>\$6,612</b>	<b>\$9,645</b>	<b>\$9,645</b>	<b>\$9,645</b>
Method of Financing					
General Revenue Fund	\$1,636	\$1,112	\$1,145	\$1,145	\$1,145
Federal Funds	2,991	5,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<b>\$4,627</b>	<b>\$6,612</b>	<b>\$9,645</b>	<b>\$9,645</b>	<b>\$9,645</b>
<b>Meetings Per Fiscal Year</b>	4	0	4	4	4

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The Texas Historical Records Advisory Board (THRAB) promotes more efficient and comprehensive preservation of the state's documentary heritage, including state records, local government records, and historical manuscripts. Board members have experience or interest in the collection, administration, and use of historical records and are dedicated to the preservation and use of Texas' documentary heritage.

The governor appoints 2 public members and the State Archivist, who serves as THRAB Coordinator. Six remaining members, with demonstrated experience in the administration of records or archives are appointed by the agency director.

Key missions are to coordinate historical records planning within the state and to encourage and review the submission of grant requests to the federal National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) from Texas institutions and organizations who desire to use NHPRC grant monies to help in the battle to save papers and records from Texas' past. The board typically meets four times per year. Travel and operating costs are normally funded by an NHPRC grant to the agency. Commission staff provide a minimal amount of administrative support for the board.

To date grants totaling more than \$2 million have been awarded to Texas institutions and organizations to assist them in managing, preserving, and improving access to the valuable record and manuscript materials in their custody. The dissolution of the board would make it impossible for Texas to participate in the NHPRC grant program.