



PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCREDITATION IN TEXAS: PROPOSED CHANGES

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TSLAC/TLA JOINT TASK FORCE

Two groups

- Review TLA Public Library Standards
- Review TSLAC Minimum Criteria for Accreditation

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/atf>

ACCREDITATION TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Co-Chair: Dale Fleeger — Weatherford Public Library

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Katherine Brown – Sterling Municipal Library,
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Lon Nichols – Lumberton Public Library

John Trischitti – Midland County Public Library

Gretchen Pruett – New Braunfels Public Library

Cecilia Barham – North Richland Hills Public Library

Adolfo Garcia – Pharr Memorial Library

Jane Bering – Gaines County Library, Seminole

TASKFORCE CHARGE

- To evaluate the current TLA Texas Public Library Standards and the TSLAC Minimum Criteria for Accreditation for their timeliness, comprehensiveness, and appropriateness.
- To determine the effectiveness of the current Texas Public Library Standards and the Minimum Criteria for Accreditation in developing public library services.
- To evaluate public library standards and accreditation criteria from other state and/or national organizations and determine if any could potentially serve as models for Texas.
- To recommend to the TSLAC, the TLA Public Libraries Division, and the TLA Executive Board and Council the relationship that should exist between the Standards and the Minimum Criteria for Accreditation.
- To recommend changes, if any, to the Texas Public Library Standards and to the Minimum Criteria for Accreditation.

ACCREDITATION PRINCIPLES

TIMELINE

2014

January

Conference call

March

Comment period open

Webinar

April

Open Forum – TLA Conference

April 9, 5-6:30pm

May

Finalize recommendations

June

LSA Board

July

TLA Annual Assembly –

August

Begin work with TSLAC Commission
on any rule changes



WE NEED YOUR COMMENTS!

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/atf/rulescomments>



QUESTIONS?

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