

ATPE Resolutions Committee Report

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The Resolutions Committee met March 5, 2026, via Zoom. In attendance were Chair Dani Boepple, Mesquite, and the following members: Jessica Albert, Corpus Christi; Tammy “Dianne” Carpenter, Beaumont; Paula “Patreece” Dade, at-large; Donna Franco, El Paso; and Luis Garcia, McAllen. Also in attendance were State Past President Jason Forbis and staff liaisons Jennifer Mitchell and Jennifer Gordon.

The chair called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Committee members and guests introduced themselves, and first-time committee members were given special recognition. Boepple shared reminders about meeting protocol. Mitchell reviewed the committee charge and gave an overview of the types of resolutions considered by the ATPE House of Delegates (HOD).

Boepple guided the committee’s discussion on each of the standing resolutions. All 13 standing resolutions were recommended for readoption.

The committee adopted a proposed current resolution regarding ATPE’s Educator of the Year awards and a proposed honorary resolution for the outgoing state past president of ATPE.

Dade asked if ATPE could advocate due process for charter school teachers, expressing concern that charter school teachers were being placed on administrative leave without justification or information sharing. Gordon provided insight on laws pertaining to charter educators and advised this could be an advocacy effort. Mitchell showed committee members the ATPE Legislative Program position on charter schools, which states: “ATPE supports employees of charter schools having applicable certification requirements, standards, and benefits commensurate with employees of traditional public schools.” Mitchell advised Dade that she could file an amendment to the legislative program (if she is selected as a delegate at the HOD) or contact her Region 11 representative on the ATPE Legislative Committee to give input on potential amendments to the charter school position. Mitchell also provided instructions on becoming an ATPE delegate.

Dade moved and Carpenter seconded a motion to allow the chair to review and approve the final committee report. The motion was adopted.

Boepple thanked members for their service and encouraged them to act as informational resources for delegates when the Resolutions Committee report is considered by the HOD this summer. Mitchell encouraged members to visit atpesummit.org and register themselves to attend. She also thanked the committee members and chair for their time and input.

On a motion by Garcia, seconded by Carpenter, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dani Boepple, chair

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Standing Resolution No. 1

SUBJECT: Resolution Process

YEAR ADOPTED: 2006

RESOLVED, that the ATPE Board of Directors and officers administer the resolution process to facilitate timely consideration of resolutions and written notification of prefiled resolutions prior to discussion on the floor of the House of Delegates.

RESOLVED, that the ATPE Board of Directors shall review the status of standing and current resolutions following each annual House of Delegates meeting and direct the appropriate action. Standing resolutions shall be limited to philosophical positions and/or procedures related to the ATPE House of Delegates business. Current resolutions or motions will be directed to the appropriate committee. Current resolutions adopted by the House of Delegates will be in effect and in force for a period of one year, after which time they will expire, unless renewed by a majority vote of the House of Delegates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Resolutions Committee shall review progress and content of all resolutions and present its annual report to the House of Delegates.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Readopt. (Motion by Albert, seconded by Carpenter)

RATIONALE: ATPE should continue to have a process in place for administering resolutions.

Standing Resolution No. 2

SUBJECT: ATPE Convention

YEAR ADOPTED: 1991

RESOLVED, that ATPE will open the HOD with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Pledge to the Texas Flag and a prayer, excusing those whose beliefs are in conflict with this act.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Readopt. (Motion by Garcia, seconded by Franco)

RATIONALE: ATPE should continue this practice.

Standing Resolution No. 3

SUBJECT: Business and Education

YEAR ADOPTED: 1991

RESOLVED, that ATPE supports collaboration between business and education communities to provide an innovative education system that will prepare public school students to meet the needs of a highly technical, industrialized, and global environment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Readopt. (Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Garcia)

RATIONALE: ATPE should continue this support.

Standing Resolution No. 4

SUBJECT: Exclusive Consultation

YEAR ADOPTED: 1992

RESOLVED, that ATPE state staff work proactively to educate members of ATPE as to the pros and cons of consultation committees and communication committees at the district level. ATPE will provide financial support to local units to overturn exclusive consultation in districts where it exists and work to prevent it in districts with an increased potential for exclusive consultation. Financial support can include political action committee (PAC) monies (where not prohibited by state and federal laws) for school board candidates aligned with ATPE's belief on exclusive consultation. Additional leadership may be provided to locals that may demonstrate a need for special assistance beyond the program of general education; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it be the official policy of ATPE to provide consultation committee member training.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Readopt. (Motion by Dade, seconded by Franco)

RATIONALE: Although relatively few Texas school districts have exclusive consultation policies, ATPE continues to advocate for inclusive consultation and has resources available to assist members in opposing exclusive consultation at the local level.

Standing Resolution No. 5

SUBJECT: Cooperation with Other Independent Educator Organizations

YEAR ADOPTED: 1992

RESOLVED, that the experience and history of ATPE be shared with other independent educator organizations throughout the country in an effort to establish and continue nonunion influence in education policy making in the United States.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Readopt. (Motion by Albert, seconded by Garcia)

RATIONALE: ATPE should continue this practice.

Standing Resolution No. 6

SUBJECT: Legislator Involvement in Public Schools and Classrooms

YEAR ADOPTED: 1997

RESOLVED, that ATPE encourage and support regions and local units in developing ways to actively involve legislators in local public schools and classrooms to keep them knowledgeable about current educational issues and conditions such as effects of poverty on educational outcomes.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Readopt. (Motion by Albert, seconded by Carpenter)

RATIONALE: ATPE should continue these efforts.

Standing Resolution No. 7

SUBJECT: Political Participation

YEAR ADOPTED: 1992

RESOLVED, that it be the official policy of ATPE to encourage members to be politically active individually; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it be the official policy of ATPE to discourage local units from endorsing candidates in the name of the organization.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Readopt. (Motion by Albert, seconded by Garcia)

Rationale: ATPE should continue this practice.

Standing Resolution No. 8

SUBJECT: Professional Status

YEAR ADOPTED: 1992

RESOLVED, that ATPE recognizes educators as professionals who accept and exemplify the obligations and responsibilities of the profession. Therefore, ATPE seeks future legislative action that secures the rights, privileges, benefits, and respect befitting a true professional.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Readopt. (Motion by Albert, seconded by Franco)

RATIONALE: ATPE should continue these advocacy efforts.

Standing Resolution No. 9

SUBJECT: Professional Rights

YEAR ADOPTED: 2000

RESOLVED, that ATPE supports vigorous enforcement of due process laws.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Readopt. (Motion by Garcia, seconded by Albert)

RATIONALE: ATPE should continue these efforts.

Standing Resolution No. 10

SUBJECT: Right to Work

YEAR ADOPTED: 1992

RESOLVED, that ATPE supports networking with other state and national nonunion groups that support the right-to-work philosophy.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Readopt. (Motion by Franco, seconded by Albert)

RATIONALE: ATPE should continue this practice.

Standing Resolution No. 11

SUBJECT: Student Members

YEAR ADOPTED: 1992

RESOLVED, that the local and regional units of ATPE work in conjunction with the state staff to continue efforts to support, educate and provide funds to help college students within their respective regions attend the region and state convention each year.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Readopt. (Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Garcia)

RATIONALE: ATPE should continue this practice.

Standing Resolution No. 12

SUBJECT: Voting in Elections

YEAR ADOPTED: 2014

RESOLVED, that ATPE will work to ensure that all members who are eligible to vote are also registered to vote and understand the effects of voting to public education and our profession;

RESOLVED, that ATPE will work to ensure that our members are informed voters who have the tools and information needed to choose candidates for public office who will support the ATPE legislative program and public education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATPE will strive to educate and motivate all Texas educators and the general public to vote for candidates who support the ATPE legislative program and public education.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Readopt. (Motion by Garcia, seconded by Franco)

RATIONALE: ATPE should continue these efforts.

Standing Resolution No. 13

SUBJECT: Opposing Privatization

YEAR ADOPTED: 2017

RESOLVED, that ATPE opposes the use or diversion of public funds and resources for non-public primary and secondary education.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Readopt. (Motion by Albert, seconded by Carpenter)

RATIONALE: Despite the Legislature's enactment of a state education savings account voucher program in 2025, ATPE should continue fighting private school vouchers and other forms of privatization.

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CURRENT RESOLUTIONS

There were no current resolutions adopted by the 2025 House of the Delegates for the 2025-26 ATPE Resolutions Committee to consider.

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PROPOSED CURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1:

RESOLVED, that the ATPE Board of Directors adopt a policy to prohibit winners of its statewide Educator of the Year awards from reapplying for the same award until the expiration of at least four years.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Adopt. (Motion by Franco, seconded by Carpenter)

RATIONALE: ATPE should facilitate recognition of a greater number of member educators as award winners by not allowing repeat winners of the Educator of the Year awards in consecutive years. The committee recommends a four-year waiting period before a winner may reapply for the same award.

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PROPOSED HONORARY RESOLUTION NO. 1:

RESOLVED, that ATPE will issue an honorary resolution, if approved by the 2026 House of Delegates, to State Past President Jason Forbis.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Adopt. (Motion by Garcia, seconded by Franco)

RATIONALE: The HOD traditionally issues an honorary resolution to the outgoing state past president. Staff will prepare a resolution recognizing the contributions of Forbis for presentation during the 2026 ATPE Summit.

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