

Advisory Council Bylaws

ARTICLE I: Statement of Vision

The vision of the Advisory Council is to provide guidance, support, and advocacy for the overall mission of the Texas Education Consortium for Male Students of Color. The scope of this vision allows the Advisory Council to formulate and have oversight for strategic and action plans in key organizational areas: 1) creating a vibrant learning community, 2) setting the Consortium policy agenda, 3) developing a sustainable financial model, and 4) representing the concerns of the Consortium institutional members. The advisory council plays a critical role to improve the educational outcomes for male students of color in the Texas K-16 educational system.

ARTICLE II: Advisory Council membership

Section 1.

The Advisory Council representation will consist of members from the K-12, community college, and four-year institution sector, and it will also include three ex-officio members as follows:

- 3 Representatives from Independent School District (ISD) institutional members
- 3 Representatives from Community College institutional members
- 3 Representatives from Four-year University institutional members
- 1 high school student or At-Large representative from ISD institutional members
- 1 community college student or At-Large representative from Community College institutional members
- 1 four-year institution student or At-Large representative from Four-year institutional members
- Consortium Executive Director (ex-officio)
- Consortium Director (ex-officio)
- Consortium Research Director (ex-officio)

Section 2.

Terms of appointment on the Advisory Council will be for two years excepting ex-officio members.

Section 3.

Nomination of new Advisory Council members will be made during a regularly scheduled Council meeting. The names and bios of the candidates will be provided to council members prior to the Council meeting to allow for review of the candidates at that meeting.

Section 4.

Election of new Advisory Council members will be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Council. All non-student members of the Advisory Council will be eligible to vote.

ARTICLE III: Advisory Council Officers & Duties

Chair: Officiates all meetings of the Council and mediates any official actions with respect to organizational priorities and governance concerns. Leads annual evaluation of the performance of the Consortium in achieving its mission.

Vice Chair: Performs Chair responsibilities when the Chair cannot be available (see Chair Job Description).

Secretary: Maintains minutes of board meetings and other official convenings in collaboration with Consortium executive staff. Ensures effective management of organization's records. Is sufficiently familiar with legal documents (IRB, MOU's, etc.) to note applicability during meetings.

Treasurer: Works with Consortium staff to ensure organizational budgets and priorities are on target.

Eligibility for Officers:

Only non-student, non ex-officio members of the Advisory Council can serve in these officer roles.

ARTICLE IV: Advisory Council Schedule and Quorum for Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Council shall be held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or the Executive Director as needed.

Section 3. One-half plus one of the voting members of the Consortium Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Meeting minutes will be posted on our Consortium website, no later than two weeks after meeting of the Advisory Council.

ARTICLE V: Advisory Council committees

Section 1. The Council shall have the following standing committees:

Program Committee. Responsible for arranging suitable programs; for setting time, place, and date of meetings.

Membership & Nominations Committee. Responsible for nominating new institutional members for the Consortium and for making nominations for officers and members of the Advisory Council. Official invitation will come from Consortium headquarters.

Section 2. The Chair or Executive Director of the Advisory Council shall appoint members and chairs of the standing committees.

Section 3. Other committees, standing or special, may be appointed by the Chair or Executive Director as directed by the Advisory Council, except that the nominating committee shall be appointed by the Council.

ARTICLE VI: Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Advisory Council except in such cases as are governed by the bylaws or as mutually agreed by a simple majority of voting Council members.

ARTICLE VII: Amendment to the Bylaws

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special Advisory Council meeting by a two-thirds vote of those voting, provided notice was given at the previous meeting. Or they may be amended at a special meeting called for that purpose, with previous notice and a two-thirds vote. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to Consortium executive staff for initial review. After review, proposed amendments will be brought before the regular or special Advisory Council meeting members for discussion and approval.