

**Texas Alliance of Black School Educators  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 30, 2010  
Moody Gardens Hotel  
Galveston, Texas**

The first official board meeting of TABSE, under the new President, was called to order by Dr. Elaine Bailey at 1:35 p.m. It was held at Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston, Texas following the TABSE Conference.

John Washington, President-Elect led the board with TABSE's Litany of Commitment.

Roll call was taken by Vanita Reed. All members of the Executive Board were in attendance. Below are the affiliates who were in attendance.

**Affiliates Present:**

- Alamo Area ABSE
- Arlington Area ABSE
- Beaumont Area ABSE
- Brazos Area ABSE
- Dallas Regional ABSE
- Fort Worth ABSE
- Galveston County ABSE
- Garland Area ABSE
- Houston Area ABSE
- Killeen Area ABSE
- Texas ABSE

**Affiliates Absent:**

- Austin Area ABSES
- Bastrop Area ABSE
- Consolidated ABSE
- Denton Area ABSE
- East Texas ABSE

The meeting began with a welcome to the TABSE Board members. We are looking forward to working with the same enthusiasm as this conference did for the upcoming TABSE conference in Dallas and the NABSE conference in Fort Worth.

The conference chair for Dallas shared brochures for the upcoming 2011 TABSE conference. The chair encouraged each affiliate to purchase an ad for the conference souvenir booklet and to submit workshop proposals. There will be a sign-up sheet to help work on the conference. There will also be early registration.

Gail Lewis discussed the upcoming 2010 NABSE conference to be held in Fort Worth in November at the Convention Center. The Omni is the host hotel. The surrounding districts are also assisting with the conference. The goal is to have 5000 attendees. Fort Worth is presently working on sponsorships and memberships. The momentum level and enthusiasm is high.

Dr. Carrol Thomas, NABSE President, spoke to the TABSE Board. He is looking to build and strengthen all local and state affiliate memberships. He charges TABSE to have all affiliates up and running and to be sure that we have correct information on affiliate rosters. There are several inactive affiliates in Texas and he would like to see them reactivated along with new affiliates installed. In order to have a strong national organization, we must have strong affiliates.

He stated that we must continue to look at retirees. Dennis Dunkins will head this up and also look at principals and assistant principals for active memberships. Dr. Thomas will be responsible for the support of superintendents.

As president of NABSE, Dr. Thomas will be including Obama's Pillars of Education as guiding points, looking at better ways to teach math and science to our students, to partner with other organizations as NAACP, and to remove obstacles that prevent learning.

Dr. Thomas pointed out that the upcoming conference is significant. Invitations to such persons as President Obama and Mrs. Obama, Beyonce, Kirk Franklin and T.D. Jakes have been extended for their attendance at the 2010 conference.

Dr. Thomas challenged several affiliates for registration to the NABSE Conference.

- Fort Worth Affiliate to have 200 people registered by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Houston and Dallas Affiliates to have 200 people registered by May 1<sup>st</sup>
- San Antonio, Killen and Austin Affiliates together have 200 people registered by May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Beaumont and Port Arthur Affiliates together to have 200 people registered by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The goal is to have at least 1000 Early Registrations by May 1<sup>st</sup> and another 1000 by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. Bailey stated that the TABSE Board will meet four times a year in accordance with the TABSE Constitution. This meeting will be the first. The following will be the schedule for this year. The second meeting will be held on April 16-17 in Dallas, Texas. The Executive Board will meet on Friday evening at 6 p.m. and the complete Board will meet from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday. Tony Lukan and Marian Willard will work together to organize this meeting so that we will be able to see the hotel facilities. The next two meetings will be held March 24, 2011 and March 27, 2011. These meetings will be held during the 2011 TABSE Conference in Fort Worth.

All affiliates were asked to bring up-dated rosters. Rosters from the following affiliates were turned in at this meeting: Killeen Area ABSE, Prairie View ABSE, Alamo Area ABSE, and Beaumont Area ABSE. In addition, members were given TABSE Membership Information Card (to get current numbers and addresses, etc,) a Committee Assignment Preference sheet and Code of Conduct (as leaders we must be able to represent our organization by ethical means).

Melvin Guider, Legislative Chair, discussed the election procedures. He stated that some positions are for one year terms. He also stated that the Financial Secretary and Treasurer terms should be overlapping in order to have consistency of finances. In addition, Mr. Guider pointed out that we have mail-in ballots. Ballots are mailed out in April, elections are in May, and newly elected officers are installed at the following state conference. The Nomination Committee is composed of one person appointed by the president to serve as chairperson, one Executive Committee member elected by the Executive Board and the other members are composed of one person elected from each commission

and two people elected at-Large by the delegate assembly. There is to be a minimum of two candidates, but no more than three candidates, to run for each official office.

There will be a committee to look at the election procedures and possibly the constitution.

A financial comparison report for 2008 to 2009 was submitted by Phyllis Williams, Treasurer. Brockley Moore moved to accept the financial report and it was seconded by Marian Willard. The motion was approved.

Lucy Hall asked about having an itemized report. Phyllis Williams stated that she was asked to have a consolidated report for this meeting. However, there will be itemized reports in the future. It was also stated that there will be an annual external audit, one now and one at the end of the first year.

The meeting was put on hold for a minute while Crystal Adair was introduced and acknowledged by the board. Ms. Adair was the author of the video for the Fort Worth conference.

The president asked the boards feelings on appointment of a financial secretary and a corresponding secretary. The office of financial secretary was not on the last ballot and the past secretary thought there is a need for a corresponding secretary. After discussion, it was decided there would be an appointment of a financial and corresponding secretary. The appointments would be for one year until the next election. There would be a conference call before positions are appointed. Dr. Bailey asked if there was any interest in the positions, to let her know. With these two separate positions for one year, it would put us in line with the constitution.

Tony Lukan, the Executive Director, helps the location selection committee to select the host cities for the future TABSE conferences for five years out. The plan is to also solicit outlying smaller cities with Black educators and/or universities to assist the local affiliates with hosting the conferences. As of now the affiliates scheduled to host the TABSE conference are:

2011	Dallas
2012	Austin with Killen assisting
2013	San Antonio

It was stated that in the past the rooms for meetings held for the TABSE board were paid for by TABSE. The question was will this continue? The president stated that there are usually negotiations for complimentary rooms when negotiating for the conference hotel. She will check the constitution before making any decisions.

The board introduced themselves at this time. This introduction was postponed until all were in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.