



Special General Assembly

Saturday, April 18, 2026

The Westin Dallas Fort-Worth Airport

I. Call to Order
3:17pm

II. Advisor Association Announcement - Advisor Dr Lewis.

For more than 55 years, the Texas Junior College Student Government Association has stood as a symbol of student leadership, advocacy, service, and connection across our state. TJCSGA is not simply an organization, it is a tradition, a legacy, and for many of us, a defining part of our college experience. It has shaped leaders, built lifelong friendships, and created opportunities for students to find their voice and their purpose.

Because of how much this organization means, we owe it honesty, transparency, and the responsibility to protect its future.

After extensive conversations among the Advisors' Association, we have reached a difficult but necessary decision: we must pause operations as TJCSGA in its current form.

This decision was not made lightly. Financially, ethically, and legally, we can no longer continue business as usual. At this time, TJCSGA does not exist in an active legal status.

While the organization previously held 501(c)(4) status, that filing is inactive, and restoring it—or determining the best path forward—requires significant legal guidance, financial review, and structural reform. Combined with years of inflation, inconsistent oversight, leadership transitions, and financial strain related to operational costs such as hotel contracts and convention expenses, it has become clear that continuing without proper safeguards would place students, advisors, institutions, and the organization itself at unnecessary risk.

As advisors, our first responsibility is to protect our students and preserve the integrity of this organization. We cannot responsibly ask students to lead an organization that technically does not exist in a protected legal capacity.

Because of that, we are choosing to pause TJCSGA operations for the next two years while we do the work to rebuild it correctly.

During this time, a steering committee of appointed advisors will work alongside legal counsel and professional guidance to properly establish the organization's legal status, create sound financial oversight, and implement policies and procedures that ensure long-term sustainability and accountability. This process may require us to return under a different organizational name, but make no mistake, the mission, heart, and spirit of this organization will remain the same.

This is not the end of student leadership in Texas. It is a reset.

Next year, we will still gather. We will still lead. We will still connect.

There will be a statewide leadership convention, though it will not operate under the TJCSGA name. Students will still have opportunities to network, showcase their work, compete, develop leadership skills, and celebrate their campuses and communities. The students currently seeking state office this year will still have meaningful leadership roles in helping plan and shape that experience. While titles and positions may look different, the opportunity to serve will remain.

At the regional level, if a campus is willing to host a leadership conference for its traditional region, those events can continue as well. Regional schools may still come together, collaborate, and even elect student leaders who assist in planning and organizing those opportunities to ensure their peers remain supported and connected.

This is our opportunity to start fresh—to build something stronger, safer, and more sustainable than ever before.

Change is never easy, especially when it involves something we love so deeply. But

leadership is not about protecting comfort; it is about protecting purpose. Sometimes the

The bravest thing we can do is pause, regroup, and rebuild.

We are not walking away from TJCSGA. We are fighting for its future.

Our goal is simple: to return better than ever, with a legally sound foundation, stronger protections, clearer accountability, and the ability to ensure that the next 55 years are even stronger than the first.

We ask for your trust, your patience, and your partnership in this process. This organization has always belonged to students and advisors who believed in something bigger than themselves. That belief has not changed.

The name may change. The structure may change. But the mission does not.

Leadership. Advocacy. Service. Community.

That legacy continues. And we will be back.

To make this as clear and simple as possible:

- We will not and cannot continue using the TJCSGA name for state or regional operations until we are legally reestablished or operating under a new legal name.
- We will still have a statewide leadership conference, designed to function much like our traditional state convention—with opportunities for leadership development, networking, recognition, and collaboration. Details for that event will be announced as planning progresses.
- During this transition, we will continue evaluating the state of the organization, sharing updates with you, our legal standing, and the best path forward to ensure long-term success and sustainability.
- This is not about placing blame on any one person, advisor, officer, or institution. This situation is the result of many years of financial strain, structural challenges, leadership transitions, and legal oversights. What matters now is not how we got here—but how we move forward.
- Current and incoming student leaders will still have opportunities to serve, lead, and help shape what comes next. While titles and structures may change, your voice and your leadership remains important.
- Regional schools may still host leadership conferences, elect leadership roles, and gatherings for their traditional members. Regions can continue supporting one another, building connections, and creating opportunities for student leadership at the local level.

Your Next Steps

When you leave here today, go back to your regions.

Ask questions.

Have conversations.

Make plans.

Talk with your advisors. Talk with your student leaders. Talk with your campuses about how we move forward stronger than ever.

We know there will be more questions—and there should be.

Please use the QR code on the screen to submit your questions, concerns, and ideas. The Steering Committee will review every submission and use that feedback to help guide our work and inform the future of this organization.

This process will take time, but it will be worth it.

We are not losing TJCSGA.

We are rebuilding it.

And together, we will make sure the next chapter is even stronger than the last.

III. Adjournment

3:29 PM