# 10-Minute Meeting Script: Educating Texas Series

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 4 minutes | 1. **Pop Quiz**

**Question 1:** Who or what approves waivers to class size limits in Texas? * State Board of Education
* Local school boards
* Texas Education Agency

**Question 2:** Who or what appoints the Texas education commissioner? * Texas Legislature
* State Board of Education
* Governor

**Question 3:** Select all the functions the Texas Legislature controls: * Teacher certification requirements
* New charter schools
* Public school employee pay raises
* STAAR requirements
* Class size ratios

**Question 4:** True or False: Members of the State Board for Educator Certification are elected. * True
* False
 |
| 3 minutes | 1. **Educating Texas - Why**
* Was that quiz harder than you think? Understandable. Typically, people in power don’t want you to know how much power they wield. And in the state of Texas, we’ve seen decades of erosion of civics education and engagement.
* **That’s how we end up with a $33 billion budget surplus in a state with the world’s eighth-largest economy. But $0 in new funding for schools.**
* That’s why Texas AFT is hosting the Educating Texas webinar series. Head back to school for a brush-up on your civics education. Every two weeks this spring, Texas AFT will walk through who holds the power in this state, what they’re doing with it, and what we need to build thriving public schools — and a thriving Lone Star State democracy.
* All District ISD employees, your friends, families, and the rest of our community are invited.
 |
| 3 minutes | 1. **Event Info & Questions**
* **Next session:** Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m. CT. The topic is “How We Got Here,” with a special focus on voting rights and elections.
* **About the series:** Scheduled for one or 1.5 hours every two weeks on Tuesday. Topics will be different each week, looking at different aspects of our Texas government, public education policy, and civic education.
* **Credit:** Most sessions are now available for CPE credit. You’ll receive instructions for getting your ceritifcate on each call.
* **Register:** You can register right now for all sessions on Mobilize. <https://www.mobilize.us/texasaft/event/599944/>
 |