

# April 11, 2025, Anti-Woke LG Advisory Committee Meeting

## Meeting Overview

- **Date & Time:** Friday, April 11, 2025, 1:00 PM
  - **Location:** Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Indiana Statehouse
  - **Chaired by:** Lieutenant Governor Micah Beckwith
  - **Participants:** Craig Haggard, Jay Hart Ryan Mccan Allie Madden, Valerie Swank, Martin Strother, Shayre Rivoto,, Ryan McCann, Curtis Hill, and Ken Colbert. APOLOGIES TO: Curtis Hill, Ken Colbert, and Paige Kelley-Miller for Tech Issues logging onto Teams. Micah Clark, Brandon Harnish, and Tim Smith unable to attend meeting
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## I. LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY & UPDATES

### Key Points Discussed:

#### 1. HB for School Board Elections:

- Controversy over bill language; original version required partisan elections.
- Senate language stripped by House committee, making party affiliation optional.
- Close vote margins forced compromise.
- Dissent filed April 10; sets up potential **conference committee** negotiations.
- Representative JD Prescott and Senator Gary Byrne identified as key influencers.

#### 2. SB 442: Sex Education Transparency

- Requires school boards to explicitly approve sex education curriculum.
- Supported by Micah Clark and IFI for its transparency and parental notification aspects.

### Actionable Recommendations:

- Monitor **conference committee appointees and amendments** to restore original conservative language.
  - Coordinate grassroots call-to-action campaigns targeting committee members.
  - Prioritize legislation like SB 442 and track future sex education bills.
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## II. CONSERVATIVE PRESENCE IN SCHOOLS

### Key Initiatives Proposed:

#### 1. Turning Point USA High School Chapters:

- Use LG Beckwith's office to officially encourage formation of TPUSA chapters.
- Provide support to identify conservative teachers as sponsors.
- Students need: (1) adult sponsor, (2) chapter president.

#### 2. Culture-Building:

- Create "Conservative Club Kits" (shirts, hats, stickers).
- Messaging framed around being rebellious, cool, and patriotic.
- Quote from Tucker Carlson meeting: "The rebellious thing now is to be conservative."

### Challenges Identified:

- Liberal teachers counteracting conservative messages.
- Difficulty finding teacher sponsors in schools like Zionsville.

### Recommendations:

- Create **official outreach program** to identify friendly teachers.
  - Partner with TPUSA to mass-promote high school chapters with pre-packaged kits.
  - Develop campaign for "It's Cool to Be Conservative" to target 14-18-year-olds.
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## III. ENFORCING PATRIOTIC AND CONSERVATIVE LAWS

### **Key Issues Identified:**

- Indiana Code requires **display of American flag** by entities accepting tax credits, but law is unenforced.
- Many schools and institutions not in compliance.

### **Proposed Legislative Fixes:**

- Add clear **financial penalties** for non-compliance.
- Enforcement mechanism with 30-day correction window.
- Extend legislation to also require state flag display, in accordance with federal flag code.

### **Recommendation:**

- Curtis Hill to draft legislation for 2026 session including enforcement provisions and penalties.

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## **IV. DEI, SEL, AND DARK MONEY FUNDING**

### **Concerns Raised:**

- DEI and SEL initiatives continue quietly, despite administrative shifts.
- Teachers still pushing LGBTQ+ agendas via flags and classroom decor.
- **Indianapolis Youth Group (IYG)** accused of promoting LGBTQ+ content to minors with possible public grant support.

### **Recommendations:**

- Investigate all organizations with BMV license plates for public grant funding and compliance with anti-DEI executive orders.
- Create **watchlist** of suspect nonprofit organizations (starting with IYG).
- Draft legislation to raise threshold for nonprofit eligibility for custom license plates.

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## **V. LEGAL DEFENSE STRATEGY FOR ANTI-WOKE SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

### **Challenges Identified:**

- Conservative school boards fear litigation; legal costs too high.
- Schools afraid to act against DEI or LGBTQ+ policy due to lack of legal protection.

#### **Ideas Proposed:**

- Tap legal support from **Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF)** and **Indiana Family Institute**.
- Explore Attorney General's capacity to defend school districts under threat.

#### **Recommendations:**

- Create **Indiana Anti-Woke Legal Defense Fund**.
  - Formalize partnership with ADF for selective case defense.
  - Develop toolkit for school board members outlining rights and protection strategies.
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## **VI. TEACHER TRAINING & CURRICULUM REFORM**

#### **Concerns:**

- Education colleges indoctrinating teachers with DEI worldview.
- Continuing education credits embedding leftist ideology.

#### **Recommendations:**

- Conduct **audit of Indiana's teacher prep programs**.
  - Mandate curriculum transparency for publicly funded teacher education institutions.
  - Propose legislation requiring teacher training to include:
    - U.S. Constitution & Founding Documents
    - Free-market economics
    - Moral and character education
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## **VII. CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT REFORM**

**Issue:**

- Teachers complain they must "parent" kids and cannot remove disruptive students.
- SEL is often justified due to misbehavior-related classroom disruptions.

**Legislative Proposal:**

- Require escalation process where severely disruptive students **must be reported and removed**.
- Include parental accountability clause.

**Recommendation:**

- Draft 2026 legislation to mandate disruptive student removal protocols with administrative reporting.

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**VIII. POLICY SURVEILLANCE & REGIONAL HOTSPOTS****Known Areas of Concern:**

- **Center Grove** identified as Ground Zero for woke policy creep.
- Despite conservative reputation, DEI and LGBTQ+ initiatives still growing.

**Recommendations:**

- Launch quarterly "**Woke Radar Report**" highlighting problem school districts.
- Use Lt. Governor's bully pulpit to pressure school boards.

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**IX. FINAL ACTION ITEM CHECKLIST**

#	Action Item	Owner
1	Promote TPUSA chapters across Indiana high schools	LG Office
2	Draft flag enforcement bill	Curtis Hill

3 Investigate public funding of IYG & similar nonprofits

Omar Habayeb

4 Establish legal defense partnership w/ ADF

IFI Legal

5 Draft disruptive student removal bill

Legislative Affairs  
Team

6 Launch "Cool to Be Conservative" youth branding

Comms Director

7 Audit teacher education programs

LG Research Team

8 Begin Woke Radar Report

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