

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

MINUTES

April 25, 2019

**Regular Quarterly Meeting
1200 East Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas**

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 8:30 a.m. on April 25, 2019, with the following members present: Stuart Stedman, presiding; Fred Farias; Javaid Anwar; John Steen; Michelle Tran; and Welcome Wilson.

Members absent: Ricky Raven; Donna Williams

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
I. Call to order: Opening Remarks and University Presentation	<p>Mr. Stedman called the meeting of the Coordinating Board to order and announced that Mr. Raven and Ms. Williams were unable to attend the board meeting today due to duties requiring their attention elsewhere. On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board excused the absence of Mr. Raven and Ms. Williams. A quorum was met for this board meeting.</p>
A. Consideration of Resolutions of Appreciation for Outgoing Board Members	<p>Mr. Stedman read the resolution of appreciation for Ms. Arcilia Acosta who joined the meeting via conference call to accept her resolution. On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the resolution. A copy of the resolution can be found as Attachment A to these minutes.</p> <p>Mr. Stedman read the resolution of Michael Plank who joined the meeting via conference call to accept his resolution. On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Steen, the Board approved the resolution. A copy of the resolution can be found as Attachment B to these minutes.</p> <p>Mr. Stedman read the resolution of Michelle Tran. On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the resolution. A copy of the resolution can be found as Attachment C to these minutes.</p>

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
B. Commissioner's Remarks	No action required. Commissioner Paredes provided remarks on some of today's agenda items.
C. Presentation on The University of Texas at San Antonio by President Taylor Eighmy	No action required. Dr. Taylor Eighmy provided a presentation on The University of Texas at San Antonio, its strategic plan, and his vision for the future of the institution.
II. Approval of Minutes	
A. January 24, 2019, Board Meeting	On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the January 24, 2019, Board Meeting minutes.
B. February 8, 2019, Special Called Board Meeting	On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the February 8, 2019, Special Called Board Meeting minutes.
III. Approval of the Consent Calendar	
	On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the Consent Calendar. Items on the Consent Calendar were: IX-H; IX-I; X-C(3); X-C(4); X-C(5); X-F; X-I; X-J; X-K; and X-L.
IV. Major Policy Discussion	
A. Higher Education: Providing Access without Unnecessary Duplication	No action required. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner, Academic Quality and Workforce, provided a brief overview, introduced panelists, and facilitated the discussion. Panelists invited to present were: Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Academic Quality; Dr. James Goeman, Assistant Director for Graduate and Professional Programs; Dr. Jennifer Nailos, Program Director for Academic Quality; and Dr. Andrew Lofters, Program Director for Workforce.

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V. Recognition of Excellence	
A. Texas Recipients of Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring	No action required. Dr. Dan Dimitriu, Professor and Engineering Program Coordinator at San Antonio College; Dr. Tanja Karp, Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Texas Tech University; Dr. Jorge Lopez, Shumaker Professor of the Physics Department at The University of Texas at El Paso; and Mr. Joshua Villalobos, Dean of Instructional Programs and Campus Dean of the Mission del Paso Campus at El Paso Community College made a presentation on their mentoring roles, strategies, and activities that have helped expand STEM talent in Texas.
VI. Matters relating to 60x30TX and Innovation in Higher Education	
A. Texas Affordable Baccalaureate (TAB) Program: Lessons learned from the first five years	No action required. Dr. Van Davis, Principle at Foghlan Consulting, provided a brief overview of the Texas Affordable Baccalaureate Program and facilitated a discussion regarding lessons learned from the first five years. Joining Dr. Davis was Mr. James Fountain, Executive Director of the Institute for Competency-Based Education at Texas A&M University at Commerce; and Mr. Kevin Peek, Economics Instructor at South Texas College.
VII. Executive Session	
A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, the Board will meet in Executive Session to discuss various aspects of the search for the next Commissioner of Higher Education, including individual personnel matters	The Board went into executive session at 11:43 a.m. and reconvened at 1:09 p.m. There was no action taken during this executive session.
VIII. Lunch	
IX. Matters Relating to the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required. An overview of the Committee's activities was presented to the Board by Mr. Anwar, Chair of the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning.
B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning	No action required.

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C. Data Highlight: Efficiencies in Student Pathways to Completion	No action required. Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner, Strategic Planning and Funding, provided a presentation and was available for questions.
D. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the annual report about the financial condition of the state's community college districts (<i>S.B. 1, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, Rider 1, III-217</i>)	On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Steen, the Board approved the annual report. Mr. Thomas Keaton, Director of Funding and Resource Planning, was available for questions.
E. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the certification of gifts that are fundable through the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP) for the Emerging Research Universities	On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the certification of gifts fundable through the TRIP for the Emerging Research Universities. Dr. Julie Eklund was available for questions.
F. Report on facilities projects that were submitted to the Coordinating Board	No action required. Dr. Julie Eklund was available for questions.
G. Update on the Board's legislative recommendations to the 86th Texas Legislature	No action required. Mr. John Wyatt, Director for External Relations, provided an update on the Board's legislative recommendations and other pertinent legislation.
H. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board for approval of the nominated member of the Financial Aid Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
I. Proposed Rules: (1) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 23, Subchapter D, Sections 23.94 – 23.98 of Board rules, concerning the Loan Repayment Program for Mental Health Professionals	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.

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X. Matters relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success	
A. Committee Chair’s Overview	No action required. An overview of the Committee’s activities was presented to the Board by Dr. Farias, Chair of the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success.
B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success	No action required.
<p>C. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to requests for a new degree program:</p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON (1) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree with a major in Communication Sciences and Disorders</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER (2) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree with a major in Applied Clinical Research</p> <p>TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (3) Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Architectural Engineering</p> <p>TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE (4) Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Industrial Engineering</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER (5) Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Chemical Engineering</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON (6) Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree to Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree in Nurse Practitioner</p> <p>TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER (7) Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) degree with a major in Occupational Therapy</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Steen, the Board approved the new degree program. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the new degree program. Dr. Rex Peebles presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Stedman, the Board approved the new degree program. Dr. Rex Peebles presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the new degree program. Dr. Rex Peebles presented this item and was available for questions.</p>

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D. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to a request from Medisend College of Biomedical Engineering Technology for a second Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas	On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Steen, the Board approved the request from Medisend College of Biomedical Engineering Technology. Dr. Rex Peebles presented this item and was available for questions.
E. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the report on the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Review of Low-Producing Programs	On a motion by Mr. Stedman, seconded by Mr. Steen, the Board approved the report on the FY 2019 Annual Review of Low-Producing Programs. Dr. Rex Peebles presented this item and was available for questions.
F. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the guidelines for the 2019 Texas Higher Education Star Awards	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
G. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the approval of funding to develop online higher education professional development modules	On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Stedman, the Board approved the funding to develop online higher education professional development modules. Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner for College Readiness and Success, presented this item and was available for questions.
H. Report to the Board on school closures and/or teach-outs pursuant to Chapter 7, Subchapter A, Section 7.7(5)	No action required. Dr. Rex Peebles presented this item and was available for questions.
I. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to courses required for the Board-approved Communications Field of Study	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
J. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to courses required for the Board-approved History Field of Study	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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<p>K. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the appointment of member(s) to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Apply Texas Advisory Committee (2) Graduate Education Advisory Committee (3) Learning Technology Advisory Committee (4) Health Services Field of Study Advisory Committee (5) Natural Resources Conservation and Research Field of Study Advisory Committee 	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>L. Proposed Rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Subchapter A, Section 4.8 of Board rules concerning expert witnesses (2) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Subchapter B, Sections 4.32 and 4.33 of Board rules concerning students enrolled at more than one institution, and the review schedules for Field of Study curricula (3) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Subchapter D, Sections 4.84 and 4.85 of Board rules concerning institutional agreements, and dual credit requirements (4) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Subchapter G, Sections 4.151-4.153, 4.155-4.158, and 4.160 of Board rules concerning Early College High Schools, and repeal of Sections 4.154, 4.159, and 4.161 of Board rules concerning Early College High Schools (5) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed repeal of Chapter 27, Subchapter A, Sections 27.101 – 27.107 of Board rules concerning the Engineering Field of Study Advisory Committee 	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>

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<p>(6) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 27, Subchapter B, Sections 27.123 and 27.124 of Board rules concerning the duration and committee membership terms for the Music Field of Study Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>
<p>(7) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 27, Subchapter C, Sections 27.143 and 27.144 of Board rules concerning the duration and committee membership terms for the Nursing Field of Study Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>
<p>(8) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 27, Subchapter D, Sections 27.163 and 27.164 of Board rules concerning the duration and committee membership terms for the Business Field of Study Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>
<p>(9) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 27, Subchapter E, Sections 27.183 and 27.184 of Board rules concerning the duration and committee membership terms for the Communications Field of Study Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>
<p>(10) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 27, Subchapter G, Sections 27.223 and 27.224 of Board rules concerning the duration and committee membership terms for the Mexican American Studies Field of Study Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>
<p>(11) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 27, Subchapter H, Sections 27.243 and 27.244 of Board rules concerning the duration and committee membership terms for the Architecture Field of Study Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>
<p>(12) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new Chapter 27, Subchapter LL, Sections 27.841 – 27.847 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the Chemistry Field of Study Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>

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M. Report on institutional requests acted on by the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner since the last Board meeting	No action required. Dr. Rex Peebles presented this item and was available for questions.
XI. Matters relating to the Agency Operation's Committee	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required. An overview of the Committee's activities was presented to the Board by Mr. Steen, Chair of the Committee on Agency Operations.
B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Agency Operation's Committee	No action required.
C. Update on the Board's budget priorities for the 86th Texas Legislature	No action required. Ms. Linda Battles, Deputy Commissioner for Agency Operations and Communications/Chief Operating Officer provided the latest update on the Board's budget in the House and Senate appropriations bills and was available for questions.
D. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to amending the Board Operating Policies and Procedures	On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the amendments to the Board Operating Policies and Procedures. Ms. Linda Battles and Mr. Bill Franz, General Counsel were available for questions.
E. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to a resolution authorizing the issuance of State of Texas College Student Loan Bonds in one or more series to refund the 2009 bond series; and delegation of the authority for administration and approval of the activities necessary to complete the sale of the private activity bonds	On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the resolution. Mr. Ken Martin, Assistant Commissioner for Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer and Mr. Richard Donoghue, Partner, McCall Parkhurst & Horton were available for questions.

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<p>F. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to authorization to enter into an agreement with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to provide collection services for the agency’s student loan program</p>	<p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the agreement with the OAG to provide collection services for the agency’s student loan program. Mr. Ken Martin was available for questions.</p>
<p>G. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to a proposed new subsection to Chapter 1, Subchapter A, Section 1.16 of Board rules concerning Agency Administration (Contracts, Including Grants, for Materials and/or Services)</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board approved the new subsection to the rules. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>
<p>XI. Adjournment</p>	

With no further business, on a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Steen
Secretary of the Board

ATTACHMENT A



Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Arcilia C. Acosta

WHEREAS, Arcilia C. Acosta was appointed to the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for a three-year term by Governor Greg Abbott on March 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, during her term on the board, Ms. Acosta served with great distinction as vice chair of the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning; and as a member of the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success; and

WHEREAS, the THECB benefited greatly from Ms. Acosta's expertise and passion for higher education in Texas, as exemplified through her interactions with legislators, educators, nonprofit and business leaders, and regents and trustees in Texas; and

WHEREAS, her reputation as a successful and proven community leader and businesswoman in Dallas, and her emphasis on the importance of higher education working closely with business and industry brought more visibility to the agency, to *60x30TX*, and to the needs of college students, for whom she has been a strong advocate; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Acosta's support for innovation in higher education, emphasis on paid internships, and her commitment to help make higher education affordable for more Texans will greatly benefit students for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Acosta demonstrated her commitment to higher education in Texas through her support of *60x30TX*, using her knowledge and experience to review and select winning programs for the Texas Higher Education Star Award program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on this 25th day of April, 2019, express our deepest appreciation to Arcilia C. Acosta for her distinguished service as an influential member of this Board and her unwavering dedication to higher education for all the people of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution be included in the minutes, and that a copy of the resolution, signed by the board members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, be presented to Arcilia C. Acosta in recognition of the high esteem in which she is held.



ATTACHMENT B



Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Michael J. Plank

WHEREAS, Michael J. Plank was appointed to the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for a five-year term by Governor Greg Abbott on March 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, during his term on the board, Mr. Plank served with great distinction as a member of the Agency Operations Committee; and a member of the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Plank's affability made him an extraordinary advocate for higher education in Texas, and the THECB benefited greatly from his advocacy demonstrated through his interactions with legislators, educators, nonprofit and business leaders, regents and trustees in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Plank's support for innovation in higher education that increases opportunities for students, and his commitment to help make higher education possible for more Texas students will benefit students for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, although his tenure on the board was brief as Governor Abbott has appointed him to the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, Mr. Plank's leadership has greatly benefited the Board, its staff, and all institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Plank will undoubtedly continue to serve with great honor and distinction as a regent; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on this 25th day of April, 2019, express our deepest appreciation to Michael J. Plank for his distinguished service as an influential member of this Board and his unwavering dedication to higher education for all the people of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution be included in the minutes, and that a copy of the resolution, signed by the board members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, be presented to Michael J. Plank in recognition of the high esteem in which he is held.



ATTACHMENT C



Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Michelle Q. Tran

WHEREAS, Michelle Q. Tran was appointed as the student representative to the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) by Governor Greg Abbott for a one-year term beginning June 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the board Ms. Tran served as an ex-officio member on the Agency Operations Committee; the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success; and the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning; and

WHEREAS, the THECB values the input, ideas, and feedback from students on higher education policy, particularly those policies that have a direct impact on students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tran helped facilitate a panel discussion regarding Strategies for Achieving *60x30TX* Regional Targets at the 2018 Texas Higher Education Leadership Conference, thereby helping to advance the state's progress toward the goals of *60x30TX*; and

WHEREAS, during her term, Ms. Tran made insightful and knowledgeable observations and comments, posed thoughtful questions, and sought clarifications and information on behalf of students across the state; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on the 25th day of April, 2019, express our deepest appreciation to Michelle Q. Tran for her distinguished service as an influential member of the Board and her unwavering dedication to higher education for all the people of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution be included in the minutes, and that a copy of the resolution, signed by the board members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, be presented to Michelle Tran in recognition of the high esteem in which she is held.

