

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

MINUTES

July 22, 2021

Regular Quarterly Meeting

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 9:00 a.m. on July 22, 2021, with the following members present: Fred Farias, presiding; Donna Williams; Emma Schwartz; Sam Torn; and Welcome Wilson.

Matthew Smith (ex-officio) joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Ricky Raven joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m. via video conference.

Members absent: Javid Anwar

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I. Call to order: Opening Remarks	<p>Dr. Farias announced that Governor Abbott had appointed him as Chair, and Donna Williams as Vice-Chair, of the Coordinating Board. He then called the meeting of the Coordinating Board to order. All members, except for Mr. Anwar were present. Mr. Smith joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m. Mr. Raven joined at 9:05 a.m. via video conference. A quorum was met for this board meeting.</p> <p>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board excused the absence of Mr. Anwar. The vote was unanimous.</p>
A. Introduction of new board member	No action required. The Board Members welcomed Mr. Matthew Smith to the Board.
B. Committee Appointments	No action required. Dr. Farias announced the following committee appointments: Matthew Smith, as ex-officio member of IDEA, CAWS, and AOC; Dr. Farias as regular member of IDEA, CAWS, and AOC; and Ms. Williams as Chair of CAWS, and regular member of AOC.
C. Commissioner's Remarks	No action required. Commissioner Keller provided remarks on some of today's agenda items.
II. Public Testimony	
A. Public Testimony	No action required

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III. Approval of Minutes	
A. Quarterly Board Meeting, April 22, 2021	On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the minutes for the April Quarterly Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous.
IV. Major Policy Discussion	
A. Moving Forward with Digital Learning	No action required. Ray Martinez, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Workforce Education, and Dr. Michelle Singh, Assistant Commissioner for Digital Learning, presented this item and were available for questions
V. Matters relating to the Full Board	
A. Gifts and Donations to the Board	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Torn, the Board approved the acceptance of Gifts and Donations to the Board. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Ms. Nichole Bunker-Henderson, General Counsel, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
B. <i>60x30TX</i> revision update, discussion, and possible action on process for ongoing revision of the plan	No action required. Ms. Melissa Henderson, Associate Commissioner, presented this item and was available to answer questions.
C. Update on Texas Transfer Initiatives	No action required. Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.
D. Update on Star Award Program	No action required. Ray Martinez, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Workforce Education, and Dr. Ginger Gossman, Senior Director for Innovation and Policy Development, presented this item and were available for questions.
E. Update on the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund and consideration and possible action to delegate full Board and Board committee authority of Rule1.16(a)-(c) to the Commissioner of Higher Education to approve all grant awards and any contract awards under \$1 million to carry out all	On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved the motion to delegate full Board and Board committee authority of Rule1.16(a)-(c) to the Commissioner of Higher Education to approve all grant awards and any contract awards under \$1 million to carry out all

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<p>program elements approved in 2020 and 2021 for expenditure of the GEER Fund.</p>	<p>program elements approved in 2020 and 2021 for expenditure of the GEER Fund. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Farias asked whether there was any objection to withdrawing agenda items 7-C(2) through 7-C(10), 9-P (1), 9-P (2), 9-P(6) through 9-P(10), and 10-C, from the agenda. Hearing none, these agenda items were withdrawn.</p> <p>Dr. Harrison Keller, Commissioner of Higher Education provided an update on the GEER projects and Nichole Bunker-Henderson, General Counsel, presented the motion to delegate contract approval. Both were available for questions.</p>
<p>VI. Approval of the Consent Calendar</p>	
<p>A. Consent Calendar</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the non-rule Consent Calendar. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Items approved on the non-rule consent calendar were: VII-B; VII-D; VII-E; VII-F; VII-G; VII-H; IX-B; IX-D; IX-F; IX-H; IX-I; IX-J; IX-K; IX-L; IX-N; IX-O; IX-P (1-2); IX-Q (1-4); IX-R (1-6); and X-B.</p> <p>On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Torn, the Board approved the rule Consent Calendar. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Items approved on the rule consent calendar as amended were: VII-I (1-4) and IX-S (1).</p> <p>Ms. Nichole Bunker-Henderson, General Counsel, presented an overview of the rules on consent and was available for questions.</p>
<p>VII. Matters Relating to the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics</p>	
<p>A. Committee Chair's Overview</p>	<p>No action required.</p>
<p>B. Consideration of approval of the 60x30TX Progress Report</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>

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<p>C. Proposed Contract and Grant Approval:</p> <p>(1) Consideration and possible action to solicit and/or enter into technology services contracts, totaling up to \$1.5 million, to support creation and implementation of the student/public portal in furtherance of both the GradTX 2.0 initiative, associated labor market tool and other future agency initiatives, to be funded by federal Wagner-Peyser 7(b) funds granted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by the Texas Workforce Commission</p> <p>(2) Consideration and possible action to approve the solicitation and/or procurement of contracts or award of grants using up to \$4 million in Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds to expand outreach and engagement of adult learners statewide to meet workforce demands through the GradTX 2.0 project</p> <p>(3) Consideration and possible action to approve the solicitation and/or procurement of contracts or award of grants using up to \$600,000 in Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds to support institution grants, marketing campaigns and the design development of the <i>My Texas Future</i> student portal in support of the GradTX 2.0 project</p> <p>(4) Consideration and possible action to solicit and enter into contracts or award grants, totaling up to \$10 million, to support the <i>My Texas Future</i> initiative, providing comprehensive advising resources and supports to students and adult learners statewide, to be funded by the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund</p> <p>(5) Consideration and possible action to enter into interagency contracts or grant agreements with Texas public universities, totaling up to \$9 million, relating to the issuance of funds for transfer grants, to be funded by the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board approved entering into technology services contracts, totaling up to \$1.5 million, to support creation and implementation of the student/public portal in furtherance of both the GradTX 2.0 initiative, associated labor market tool and other future agency initiatives, to be funded by federal Wagner-Peyser 7(b) funds granted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by the Texas Workforce Commission. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Ms. Tiffani Tatum, Director for Strategic Initiatives, was available for questions.</p> <p>This item was withdrawn from the agenda.</p> <p>This item was withdrawn from the agenda.</p> <p>This item was withdrawn from the agenda.</p> <p>This item was withdrawn from the agenda.</p>

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<p>(6) Consideration and possible action to solicit and/or enter into contracts and award grants, totaling up to \$8 million, to design and implement user interfaces and support institutions to implement or enhance learning analytics and systems and to support connecting to the agency’s new data pipeline, to be funded by the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund</p>	<p>This item was withdrawn from the agenda.</p>
<p>(7) Consideration and possible action to approve the solicitation and/or procurement of contracts, interagency contracts, or award of grants using up to \$5 million in Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds to establish a centralized credential repository in partnership with Texas Workforce Investment Council and Texas Workforce Commission</p>	<p>This item was withdrawn from the agenda.</p>
<p>(8) Consideration and possible action to solicit and/or enter into contracts, totaling up to \$1 million, to support development and implementation of secure progress to credential dashboards for institutional use, to be funded by the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund</p>	<p>This item was withdrawn from the agenda.</p>
<p>(9) Consideration and possible action to solicit and/or enter into contracts, totaling less than \$1 million, for the selection of a vendor to design and implement user interfaces and related services required for a centralized grant system, to be funded by the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund</p>	<p>This item was withdrawn from the agenda.</p>
<p>(10) Consideration and possible action to solicit and/or enter into contracts and award grants, totaling up to \$700,000, to support technical analyses as input to deliberations of the Texas Commission on Community College Finance and Community and Technical Colleges Formula Advisory Committee, to be funded by the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund</p>	<p>This item was withdrawn from the agenda.</p>
<p>D. Consideration of adopting the recommendation relating to approval of the nominated members of the Formula Funding Advisory Committee for the 2024-2025 biennium</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>

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E. Consideration of adopting the recommendation relating to the certification of gifts that are fundable through the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP) for emerging research universities	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
F. Consideration of adopting the recommendation relating to approval of the Facilities Audit Report	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
G. Review of facilities projects that were submitted to the Coordinating Board, pursuant to Texas Education Code, Sections 61.0572 and 61.058	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
H. Consideration of adopting the TEXAS Grant Program report (Texas Education Code, Section 56.311(c-1))	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
<p>I. Proposed rules</p> <p>(1) Consideration of adopting proposed amendments to Chapter 1, Subchapter J, Sections 1.151 and 1.152 of Board rules, concerning the Financial Aid Advisory Committee</p> <p>(2) Consideration of adopting the proposed repeal of Chapter 22, Subchapter AA, Sections 22.729–22.736, concerning the Kenneth H. Ashworth Fellowship Program</p> <p>(3) Consideration of adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 22, Subchapter C, Section 22.53 of Board rules, concerning the Repayment of Loans</p> <p>(4) Consideration of adopting the proposed repeal of Chapter 22, Subchapter M, Section 22.265, concerning the Authority to Transfer Funds</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>
VIII. Lunch	The Board adjourned at 11:14 a.m. and reconvened at 11:49 a.m.
IX. Matters relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success	
A. Committee Chair’s Overview	No action required.
B. Consideration of adopting the recommendation relating to the report on the effectiveness of the Open Educational Resources Grant Program (Senate Bill 810, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, and Rider 55, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session)	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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<p>C. Consideration of adopting the report on Initial Review of Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3 (House Bill 1735, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session) Policy Compliance Requirements at Institutions of Higher Education</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Torn, the Board adopted the report on Initial Review of Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3 Policy Compliance Requirements at Institutions of Higher Education. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Tina Jackson, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce Education, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>D. Report on activities of the Joint Admission Medical Program</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>E. Consideration of adopting the recommendation relating to funding appropriated to the Joint Admission Medical Program for Fiscal Years 2022-23</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board adopted the recommendation relating to funding appropriated to the Joint Admission Medical Program for Fiscal Years 2022-23. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>F. Report on activities of the Family Practice Residency Advisory Committee, including the report on trustee funds distributed in Fiscal Year 2021</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>G. Consideration of adopting the recommendation relating to the distribution of funds trustee to the Coordinating Board to support Family Practice Residency Programs for Fiscal Year 2022</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board adopted the recommendation relating to the distribution of funds trustee to the Coordinating Board to support Family Practice Residency Programs for Fiscal Year 2022. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>H. Report on activities of the Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>I. Report on activities of the Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>J. Report on activities of the Medical Education and Graduate Medical Education Programs</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>

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K. Report on activities of the Autism Grant Program	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
L. Report on activities of the Learning Technology Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
<p>M. Consideration of approving requests for new degree programs:</p> <p>TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (1) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Construction Science</p> <p>TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE (2) Bachelor of Science (BS) in Computer Engineering</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO (3) Bachelor of Science (BS) in Aerospace and Aeronautical Engineering</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY (4) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Physics</p> <p>ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY (5) Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) in Counseling Psychology</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Torn, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>

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<p>N. Report on institutional requests related to new degree and certificate programs acted on by the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioners since the last Board meeting</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>O. Consideration of adopting the January 2021 Annual Compliance Reports for institutions under a Certificate of Authorization (names beginning with "A" through "O")</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>P. Proposed Contract and Grant Approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Consideration of adopting the request to extend the current contract with a higher education artificial intelligence vendor for the Virtual Advising Project (ADVi) for a term of one year (2) Consideration and possible action to extend the current contract with an open educational resources repository vendor for the OERTX Repository for a term of one year (3) Consideration of adopting the request to extend the current contract for the Texas Success Initiative Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) (4) Consideration of adopting the request to establish an interagency contract (IAC) with The University of Texas at Austin for continued research and data services for Texas OnCourse (5) Consideration and possible action to enter into agreements with Texas A&M University, The University of Texas at Austin, Texas Christian University, and Trinity University to allocate funding to continue the Advise TX College Advising Program 	<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. Raven, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board adopting the request to extend the current contract for the Texas Success Initiative Pre-Assessment Activity. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Mr. Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner for College Readiness and Success, presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board adopted the request to establish an interagency contract with The University of Texas at Austin for continued research and data services for Texas OnCourse. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Mr. Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner for College Readiness and Success, and Ms. Laura Brennan, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for College and Career Readiness, presented this item and were available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved entering into agreements with Texas A&M University, The University of Texas at Austin, Texas Christian University, and Trinity University to allocate funding</p>


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<p>(6) Consideration and possible action to solicit and/or enter into contracts or grants, totaling up to \$42.5 million, to establish or expand programs that address current workforce needs in high-priority sectors, job families, and occupations for regional and state economic development, to be funded by the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund</p> <p>(7) Consideration and possible action to fund portable scholarships totaling up to \$7,000,000 for leadership development opportunities to encourage high-achieving students who are low-income to take advantage of premier educational opportunities available through public colleges and universities and develop students as emerging leaders for the state of Texas</p> <p>(8) Consideration and possible action to transfer up to \$6M to the Texas Reskilling Support Fund for the purpose of establishing a set of awards to eligible students attending Texas higher education institutions</p> <p>(9) Consideration and possible action, to spend up to \$4 million, to fund the expansion of the Advise TX College Advising Program and ADVi through contracts, grants, or interagency contracts with Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and college and universities with large low-income student populations</p> <p>(10) Consideration and possible action to solicit and/or enter into contracts, totaling up to \$1.5 million, with researchers and service providers to create an inventory of student success interventions and initiatives, to be funded by the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund</p>	<p>to continue the Advise TX College Advising Program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Mr. Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner for College Readiness and Success, presented this item and was available for questions</p> <p>This item was withdrawn from the agenda.</p> <p>This item was withdrawn from the agenda.</p> <p>This item was withdrawn from the agenda.</p> <p>This item was withdrawn from the agenda.</p> <p>This item was withdrawn from the agenda</p>

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<p>Q. Consideration of approving the appointment of member(s) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Apply Texas Advisory Committee (2) Certification Advisory Council (3) Learning Technology Advisory Committee (4) Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual Advisory Committee 	<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>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>R. Consideration of approving the issuance of a Request for Applications for the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Autism Grant Program (2) Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Leadership Grant (3) Emergency and Trauma Care Education Partnership Program (4) Graduate Medical Education Expansion Program (5) Graduate Medical Education Planning Grants Program (6) Statewide Preceptorship Programs 	<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>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>S. Proposed rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Consideration of adopting proposed amendments to Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Chapter 1, Subchapter G, Rule 1.131; Subchapter H, Rule 1.138; Subchapter I, Rule 1.145; Subchapter O, Rule 1.188; and Subchapter P, Rule 1.195 of Board rules concerning the advisory committees and their abolishment date (2) Consideration and possible adoption of new rules in Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Chapter 4, Subchapter U, Rules 4.360-4.364 of Board rules concerning Recommended Course 	<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>On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board adopted new rules in Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Chapter 4, Subchapter U, Rules 4.360-4.364 of Board rules concerning Recommended Course Sequencing, Development</p>

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Sequencing, Development and Institutional Reporting	and Institutional Reporting. The vote was unanimous. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials. Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.
X. Matters relating to the Agency Operations Committee	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required.
B. Report on grants and contracts	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
C. Consideration and possible action to approve the solicitation and/or procurement of software licenses, Software as a Service (SaaS) solutions, contracts, staff augmentation services, consulting and professional services using up to \$4 million in Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund to support the completion of the agency's Legacy Application Portfolio Modernization Project	This item was withdrawn from the agenda.
D. Consideration of adopting the agency's operating budget for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023	<p>On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board adopted the agency's operating budget for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Mr. Ken Martin, Assistant Commissioner for Financial Services and Chief Financial Officer, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
E. Consideration of adopting the Annual Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2022	<p>On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Torn, the Board adopted the Annual Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2022. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Mr. Mark Poehl, Assistant Commissioner for Internal Audit and Compliance, and Mr. Paul Maeyaert, Assistant Director, Internal Audit and Compliance, presented this item and were available for questions.</p>

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<p>F. Consideration of adopting the Annual State Compliance Monitoring Plan for Fiscal Year 2022</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board adopted the Annual State Compliance Monitoring Plan for Fiscal Year 2022. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Mr. Mark Poehl, Assistant Commissioner for Internal Audit and Compliance, and Mr. Paul Maeyaert, Assistant Director, Internal Audit and Compliance, presented this item and were available for questions.</p>
<p>XI. Adjournment</p>	

With no further business, on a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Mr. Raven, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Ricky A. Raven
 Secretary of the Board