

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

MINUTES

April 28, 2022

Regular Quarterly Meeting

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 9:03 a.m. on April 28, 2022, with the following members present: Fred Farias, presiding; Donna Williams; Javaid Anwar; Emma Schwartz; Sam Torn; Welcome Wilson; Daniel Wong; and Matthew Smith.

Richard Clemmer attended via zoom. Robert Gauntt arrived at 10.45 a.m.

Members absent: None

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
I. Call to order: Opening Remarks	Dr. Farias called the meeting of the Coordinating Board to order and called role. A quorum was met for this board meeting.
II. Discussion and possible action to appoint Secretary of the Board	On a motion by Ms, Williams, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board appointed Mr. Anwar as Secretary of the Board. The vote was unanimous.
III. Commissioner's Comments	No action required. Commissioner Keller provided remarks on some of the agenda items.
IV. Public Testimony	No action required
V. Approval of Minutes January 27, 2022, Quarterly Board Meeting	On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Mr. Torn, the Board approved the minutes for the January Quarterly Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous.
VI. Approval of the consent calendar	On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the non-rule Consent Calendar as amended. The vote was unanimous. Items approved on the consent calendar were: 9-B; 9-C; 9-D; 11-B; 11-E; 11-G; 11-H; 12-B; and 12-L.

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	<p>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Dr. Wong, the Board approved the rule Consent Calendar. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Items approved on the rule consent calendar were 9-F (1) and 11-M (1-4).</p>
<p>VII. Major Policy Discussion Initiatives to support direct-to-college enrollment of high achieving high school graduates</p>	<p>No action required. Lori Fey, Deputy Commissioner for Data Analytics and Innovation; Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner for College Readiness and Success; Suzanne Morales-Vale, Senior Director for College Readiness and Success; and Matt Parson, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce Innovation; presented this item and were available for questions.</p>
<p>VIII. Matters relating to the Full Board</p>	
<p>A. Update on <i>Building a Talent Strong Texas</i></p>	<p>No action required. Melissa Henderson, Associate Commissioner for Strategic Partnerships, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>B. Consideration and possible action to accept gifts and donations to the Board</p>	<p>On a motion Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Ms. Williams, 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>
<p>C. Update on Texas Transfer Initiatives</p>	<p>No action required. Mr. Ray Martinez, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Workforce Education, and Ms. Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and were available for questions.</p>
<p>D. Consideration and possible action to delegate to the commissioner authority to approve the award of all funds allocated under SB 8, 87th Texas Legislature, Third Called Session</p>	<p>On a motion Mr. Clemmer, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board voted to delegate to the Commissioner of Higher Education authority to approve the award of all funds allocated</p>

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	<p>under SB 8, 87th Texas Legislature, Third Called Session. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Ken Martin, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>E. Consideration and possible action to approve an interagency contract with the Texas State University System totaling no more than \$3 million for improvement to Commercial Driver's License programs and to increase enrollment in the programs.</p>	<p>On a motion Ms. Williams, seconded by Dr. Wong, the Board approved an interagency contract with the Texas State University System totaling no more than \$3 million for improvement to Commercial Driver's License programs and to increase enrollment in the programs. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Mr. Matt Parson, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce Innovation, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>F. Consideration and possible action to approve entering into a GEER-funded service contract totaling \$2.5 million with Rice University to support the implementation of the Open Education Resources Nursing Essentials Project</p>	<p>On a motion Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved entering into a GEER-funded service contract totaling \$2.5 million with Rice University to support the implementation of the Open Education Resources Nursing Essentials Project. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Michelle Singh, Assistant Commissioner for Digital Learning, presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>At the request of Mr. Torn, the meeting adjourned at 10.45 a.m. and reconvened at 10.55 a.m.</p>
<p>IX. 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 and possible action to approve the formula advisory committees' recommendation relating to funding formulas for use by the governor and the Legislative Budget Board in making appropriations</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>

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<p>recommendations to the appropriate legislative committees</p>	
<p>C. Consideration and possible action to adopt the commissioner’s recommendation relating to the annual report about the financial condition of the state’s community college districts (SB 1, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, Rider 12, III-226)</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>D. Consideration and possible action to appoint a student representative to the Financial Aid Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>E. Consideration and possible action to approve amending the staff augmentation and technology service contracts pursuant to Government Code chapter 2155 with Daman Consulting Inc. from June 30, 2022, to September 30, 2022, for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Contractors working directly on the Data Modernization Initiative Project; (2) Backfill positions for the Data Modernization Staff Augmentation Project. 	<p>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved amending the staff augmentation and technology service contracts pursuant to Government Code chapter 2155 with Daman Consulting Inc. from June 30, 2022, to September 30, 2022, for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Contractors working directly on the Data Modernization Initiative Project; and (2) Backfill positions for the Data Modernization Staff Augmentation Project. The vote was unanimous. <p>Lori Fey, Deputy Commissioner for Data Analytics and Innovation, was available for questions.</p>
<p>F. Proposed Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Chapter 22, Subchapter A, Sections 22.3, 22.6, and 22.11 of Board rules, concerning the Student Financial Aid Programs General Provisions 	<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>X. Lunch</p>	<p>The Board did not break for lunch.</p>

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XI. Matters relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required.
B. Consideration and possible action to adopt the report to the Board on school closures and/or teach-outs pursuant to Board Rule 7.7(6)	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
C. Consideration and possible action to adopt the report to the Legislature regarding Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapters E-2 and E-3	<p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Clemmer, the Board adopted the report to the Legislature regarding Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapters E-2 and E-3. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Tina Jackson, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce Education, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
D. Consideration and possible action to adopt the "Report on the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Review of Low-Producing Programs"	<p>On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Mr. Torn, the Board adopted the "Report on the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Review of Low-Producing Programs". The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
E. Consideration and possible action to appoint student representatives to the: (1) Learning Technology Advisory Committee (2) Texas Transfer Advisory Committee	These items were approved on the Consent Calendar.
F. Consideration and possible action to approve the request pursuant to Government Code 2155 to amend the current contract with the College Board for delivery of a pre-assessment activity supporting the Texas Success initiative	On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Torn, the Board approved the request pursuant to Government Code 2155 to amend the current contract with the College Board for delivery of a pre-assessment activity supporting the Texas Success initiative. The vote was unanimous.

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	<p>Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner for College Readiness and Success, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>G. Consideration and possible action to approve the request to extend the current interagency contract with The University of Texas at Austin for maintenance of the ApplyTexas System</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>H. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>I. Consideration and possible action to approve the solicitation of a contract for the ApplyTexas System.</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the solicitation of a contract for the ApplyTexas System. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner for College Readiness and Success, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>J. Update on program approval rule revisions</p>	<p>No action required. Mr. Ray Martinez, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Workforce Education, and Ms. Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and were available for questions.</p>
<p>K. Consideration and possible action of approving the following requests for new degree programs:</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO (1) Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER (2) Master of Science (MS) in Cyber Security and Data Analytics</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Elizabeth Mayer, 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. Wilson, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner</p>

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<p>STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY (3) Bachelor of Science (BS) in Electrical Engineering</p> <p>STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY (4) Bachelor of Science (BS) in Mechanical Engineering</p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS (5) Doctor of Business (DBA) in Business Administration</p> <p>TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY (6) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in One Health Sciences</p>	<p>for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Clemmer, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>L. 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>M. Proposed rules: (1) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules 6.107</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted</p>

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<p>and 6.110, concerning planning grants for graduate medical education</p> <p>(2)) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules 6.122 and 6.125, concerning unfilled position grants for graduate medical education</p> <p>(3) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Texas Administrative Code, Board Rules 6.137 and 6.140, concerning grants for new and expanded programs for graduate medical education</p> <p>(4) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed repeal of Board Rules 6.175 through 6.184, concerning resident physician expansion grant program</p> <p>(5) Consideration and possible action to adopt the proposed amendments to Board Rules 13.303, concerning total research expenditures</p>	<p>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>On a motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Gauntt, the Board adopted the proposed amendments to Board Rules 13.303, concerning total research expenditures. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>
<p>XII. Matters relating to the Agency Operations Committee</p>	
<p>A. Committee Chair's Overview</p>	<p>No action required.</p>
<p>B. Report on grants and contracts</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>

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C. Consideration and possible action to approve entering a contract(s) up to \$1 million for procurement of office furniture and chairs	<p>On a motion by Mr. Clemmer, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved entering a contract(s) up to \$1 million for procurement of office furniture and chairs. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Mr. Ken Martin, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
D. Proposed Rules: (1) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed repeal and replacement of Rule 1.16, concerning contracts, including grants, for materials and/or services	<p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board adopted the proposed repeal and replacement of Rule 1.16, concerning contracts, including grants, for materials and/or services. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Nichole Bunker-Henderson, General Counsel, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
XIII. Adjournment	

With no further business, on a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



FRED FARIAS III, O.D

on behalf of
S. Javaid Anwar

Secretary of the Board