

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

MINUTES

September 19, 2022

Board Retreat

Rice University – Founder’s Room

6100 Main St. (Lovett Hall), Houston, TX

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Retreat convened at 10:05 a.m. on September 19, 2022, with the members listed below participating in the meeting.

Member absent: Javaid Anwar

AGENDA ITEM	Discussion
10:05 a.m. Introduction and Roll Call	Dr. Farias called the Board Retreat to order. The following members were present: Fred Farias, presiding; Rick Clemmer; Robert Gauntt; Emma Schwartz; Sam Torn; Welcome Wilson; and Georgia Blackwell. Donna Williams joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Javaid Anwar and Daniel Wong were not present.
I. 10:20 a.m. Coordinating Board’s Strategic Architecture and Agency Operations	The commissioner led a discussion on the Coordinating Board’s budget and organizational structure following the PowerPoint presentation.
Lunch Break	The Board adjourned at 11:50am. No business was discussed during lunch. The Board reconvened at 1:57pm.
II. 1:57 a.m. Discussion of Agency Topics 2023	The Board reconvened to continue discussion. Dr. Wong joined the meeting.
a. Community College Finance Commission update b. Student financial aid outlook c. Research and innovation policy	Commissioner Harrison Keller led a discussion on the Community College Finance Commission. Commissioner Harrison Keller led a discussion on student financial aid, including potential realignment of the Board's loan program to align with the <i>Building a Talent Strong Texas</i> plan. Commissioner Harrison Keller led a discussion on research and innovation policy, following PowerPoint slides.

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d. FORWARD Loans update	Commissioner Harrison Keller laid out a proposed new loan program and led a discussion on the FORWARD Loans. Board members asked questions.
III. 3:30 p.m. Discussion of Pending Business	At 3:35 p.m. Ms. Schwartz departed.
a. Degree program approval rules	Commissioner Harrison Keller and General Counsel Nichole Bunker-Henderson led a discussion on the degree program approval rules. Members asked questions.
IV. 4:00 p.m. Adjournment	

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Fred Farias
Chairman of the Board