

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

MINUTES

January 21, 2021

**Regular Quarterly Meeting
Via Video Conference Call**

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 9:02 a.m. on January 21, 2021, with the following members present: **Stuart Stedman, presiding; Cody Campbell; Ricky Raven; Emma Schwartz; Sam Torn; Donna Williams; Welcome Wilson; and Levi McClenny (ex-officio).**

Javaid Anwar joined the meeting at 9:08 a.m.; Fred Farias joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
I. Call to order: Opening Remarks	<p>Mr. Stedman called the teleconference meeting of the Coordinating Board to order and called the roll. All members, except for Dr. Farias and Mr. Anwar were present. Mr. Anwar joined the meeting at 9:08 a.m.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board excused the initial absence of Dr. Farias. Vote: 7 in favor, none against.</p> <p>A quorum was met for this board meeting.</p>
A. Commissioner's Remarks	No action required.
II. Public Testimony	
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III. Approval of Minutes	
A. Quarterly Board Meeting, October 22, 2020	On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board approved the minutes for the October Quarterly Board Meeting. Vote: 8 in favor, none against.
IV. Approval of the Consent Calendar	
A. Consent Calendar	On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board approved the non-rule Consent Calendar as amended. Vote: 8 in favor, none against.

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	<p>Agenda Items VII-B; VII-C; XI-E: IX-H; X-B; X-C; and X-D were added to consent by Mr. Stedman. Items approved on the non-rule consent calendar as amended were: VII-B; VII-C; VII-D; VII-E; IX-B; IX-D; IX-E: IX-G; IX-H; X-B; X-C; and X-D</p> <p>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Torn, the Board approved the rule Consent Calendar. Vote: 7 in favor, none against. Mr. Raven was not present for this vote.</p> <p>Items approved on the rule consent calendar as amended were: VII-F (1); VII-F (2); IX-J (1); IX-J (2); and (3)</p> <p>Ms. Nichole Bunker-Henderson, General Counsel, presented an overview of the rules on consent and was available for questions.</p>
V. Matters relating to the Full Board	
A. Acceptance of Gifts and Donations to the Board	<p>On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the acceptance of Gifts and Donations to the Board. Vote: 7 in favor, none against. Mr. Raven was not present for this vote.</p> <p>Ms. Nichole Bunker-Henderson, General Counsel, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
B. <i>60x30TX</i> Refinement and Update	<p>No action required.</p> <p>Dr. Harrison Keller, Commissioner of Higher Education, presented this item and was available to answer questions.</p>
C. Agency Strategic Planning Update	<p>No action required.</p> <p>Dr. Harrison Keller, Commissioner of Higher Education, presented this item and was available to answer questions.</p> <p>Mr. Campbell departed the meeting at 9:45 a.m.</p>

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VI. Major Policy Discussion	
A. Update on Texas Transfer Framework	<p>No action required.</p> <p>Dr. Harrison Keller, Commissioner of Higher Education; Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs; Mr. Ray Martinez, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Workforce Education; Mr. Jacob Fraire, President and Chief Executive Officer, Texas Association of Community Colleges; and Dr. James Hallmark, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Texas A&M University System, provided the workgroup's recommendations and an overview of the Texas Transfer Framework and were available for questions.</p> <p>Dr. Farias joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.</p>
B. Remarks by Senator Royce West	<p>No action required.</p> <p>Senator Royce West addressed the Board and was available for questions.</p>
VII. Matters Relating to the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required.
B. Consideration of approval of the data report required by Texas Education Code §51.4033 and 51.4034 related to non-transferable credit and transfer courses.	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
C. Consideration of approval of the study of post-secondary outcomes for certain traditional and non-traditional high school students as required by Texas Education Code §61.06692	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
D. Review of facilities project submitted to the Coordinating Board, pursuant to Texas Education Code §61.0572 and §61.058	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
E. Report on Financial Aid Advisory Committee activities	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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<p>F. Proposed Rules</p> <p>(1) Consideration of adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 17, Subchapter L, Section 17.113 of Board rules, concerning the Institutional Audit Cycle</p> <p>(2) Consideration of adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 22, Subchapter A, Section 22.1 of Board rules, definitions for student financial aid programs</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>G. Consideration of approving the recommendation to enter into staff augmentation and technology service contracts to support implementation of the data modernization initiative</p>	<p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Torn, the Board voted to approve the recommendation to solicit and engage in a staff augmentation contract for additional skilled technology staff and a contract for cloud technology expertise to provide additional technology-skilled staff, expertise, and technical assistance to implement the technical and data architecture plan, not to exceed \$6.5 million combined. Vote: 8 in favor, none against.</p> <p>Ms. Lori Fey, Deputy Commissioner for Data Analytics and Innovation, presented this item and was available to answer questions.</p>
<p>VIII. Lunch</p>	<p>Mr. Stedman announced the Board would not break for lunch.</p>
<p>IX. Matters relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success</p>	
<p>A. Committee Chair’s Overview</p>	<p>No action required.</p>
<p>B. Consideration of approval of the certification required by Education Code § 62.146 for the National Research University Fund for Fiscal Year 2020</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>C. Consideration of adopting the Report Regarding Compliance by Postsecondary Educational Institutions on Reporting Incidents of Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking required by Texas Education Code § 51.258</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board adopted the Report Regarding Compliance by Postsecondary Educational Institutions on Reporting Incidents of Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking required by Texas Education Code § 51.258. Vote: 8 in favor, none against.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, and Dr. Tina Jackson, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce</p>

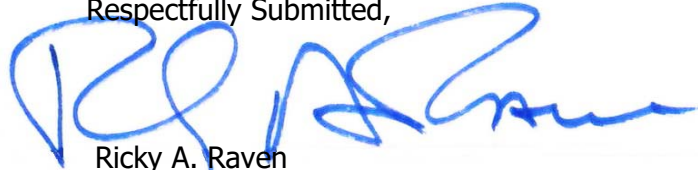
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	Education, presented this item and were available for questions.
D. Consideration of adopting the Report on Developmental Education (Rider 32, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session)	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
E. Consideration of adopting the July 2020 Annual Compliance Reports for institutions under a Certificate of Authorization (Names beginning with "P" through "Z")	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
<p>F. Consideration of approving the requests for a new degree program:</p> <p>PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY (1) Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) in Business Administration</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON (2) Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Nursing Practice (51.3818.00)</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY (3) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Mathematics and Statistics with Interdisciplinary Applications</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY (4) Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Nursing Practice</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board adopted the new degree program. Vote: 8 in favor, none against.</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. Torn, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board adopted the new degree program. Vote: 8 in favor, none against.</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 adopted the new degree program. Vote: 8 in favor, none against.</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. Wilson, the Board adopted the new degree program. Vote: 8 in favor, none against.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
G. Consideration of approving the appointment of members to the Apply Texas Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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<p>H. Consideration of approving the allocation of funds for Completion Models that scale and enhance course strategies for successful completions for students in their second semester</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>I. Report on institutional requests acted on by the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner since the last Board meeting</p>	<p>No action required.</p> <p>Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>J. Proposed Rules:</p> <p>(1) Consideration of adopting the proposed repeals of Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter N, Sections 4.227(11) and 4.229 of Board Rules, concerning Public Access to Course Information</p> <p>(2) Consideration of adopting the proposed amendments for Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 13, Subchapter G, Sections 13.122 and 13.126 of Board Rules, concerning Restricted Research Expenditures</p> <p>(3) Consideration of adopting the proposed repeal of Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 13, Subchapter K, Sections 13.190 – 13.197 of Board Rules, concerning the Technology Workforce Development Grant Program</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>X. 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>
<p>C. Consideration of adopting the recommendation to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for selection of a vendor for Bond Counsel relating to the performance of legal services for the agency in support of the student loan bond program</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>D. Consideration of adopting the recommendation to approve a two-year extension for the student loan software contract with Nelnet.</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>

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<p>E. Consideration of adopting the recommendation to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for selection of a vendor to provide software for supporting and servicing of the agency's student loan programs.</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board approved the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for selection of a vendor to provide software for supporting and servicing of the agency's student loan programs. Vote: 8 in favor, none against.</p> <p>Mr. Ken Martin, Assistant Commissioner for Financial Services and Chief Financial Officer, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
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<p>XI. Adjournment</p>	

With no further business, on a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ricky A. Raven
Secretary of the Board