

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

MINUTES

January 27, 2022

Regular Quarterly Meeting

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 9:00 a.m. on January 27, 2022, with the following members present: Fred Farias, presiding; Donna Williams; Richard Clemmer; Robert Gauntt; Emma Schwartz; Sam Torn; Welcome Wilson; Daniel Wong; and Matthew Smith.

Members absent: Javaid Anwar

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
I. Call to order: Opening Remarks	<p>Dr. Farias called the meeting of the Coordinating Board to order. All members, except for Mr. Anwar. A quorum was met for this board meeting.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board excused the absence of Mr. Anwar. The vote was unanimous.</p>
A. Introduction of new board members	<p>No action required. The Board Members welcomed Dr. Daniel Wong to the Board.</p>
B. Consideration of Resolution of Appreciation	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. torn, the Board approved the resolution of appreciation for Mr. Raven. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>A copy of the resolution can be found as Attachment A to these minutes</p>
C. Committee Appointments	<p>No action required. Dr. Farias announced the following committee appointments effective January 4, 2022.</p> <p>Donna Williams, Chair, and Sam Torn as Vice Chair. Richard Clemmer, Emma Schwartz, Daniel Wong, Matthew Smith, and Fred Farias, as members of the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success.</p> <p>Javaid Anwar, Chair, and Welcome Wilson as Vice Chair, and Richard Clemmer, Robert Gauntt, Sam Torn, Daniel Wong, Matthew Smith, and Fred Farias, as members of the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics.</p> <p>Emma Schwartz, Chair, and Welcome Wilson</p>

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	as Vice Chair, and Javid Anwar, Robert Gauntt, Donna Williams, Matthew Smith, and Fred Farias, as members of the Agency Operations Committee.
II. Discussion and possible action to appoint Secretary of the Board	This item was postponed to the April Board meeting.
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 October 21, 2021, Quarterly Board Meeting	On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the minutes for the October Quarterly Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous.
VI. Approval of the consent calendar	<p>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Torn, the Board approved the Consent Calendar. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Items approved on the consent calendar were: IX-C; XI-B; XI-C; XI-E (1-5); XI-G (1-3); and XI-I</p>
VII. Major Policy Discussion Texas OnCourse, advancing quality college and career advising across Texas	No action required. Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner for College Readiness and Success, and Laura Brennan, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Texas OnCourse, presented this item and were available for questions.
VIII. Matters relating to the Full Board	
A. Consideration and possible action to adopt the revised long-range master plan for higher education to be known as Building a Talent Strong Texas	<p>On a motion by Mr. Clemmer, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved the revised long-range master plan for higher education to be known as Building a Talent Strong Texas. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Melissa Henderson, Associate Commissioner for Strategic Partnerships, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>

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B. Gifts and Donations to the Board	<p>On a motion by Mr. Torn, 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>
C. Update on Texas Transfer Initiatives	<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>
D. Discussion and possible action to delegate to the Commissioner of Higher Education authority to approve a vendor and enter into a contract exceeding \$1 million pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2261.254, for human-centered design and website development for the "My Texas Future" portal	<p>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Dr. Wong, the Board voted to delegate to the Commissioner of Higher Education authority to approve a vendor and enter into a contract exceeding \$1 million pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2261.254, for human-centered design and website development for the "My Texas Future" portal. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Ms. Tiffani Tatum, Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
E. Discussion and possible action to delegate to the Commissioner of Higher Education authority to approve a vendor and enter into a contract exceeding \$1 million pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2261.254, for the data modernization initiative public portal	<p>On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted to delegate to the Commissioner of Higher Education authority to approve a vendor and enter into a contract exceeding \$1 million pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2261.254, for the data modernization initiative public portal. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Ms. Lori Fey, Deputy Commissioner for Data Analytics and Innovation, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
	<p>Mr. Torn requested a five-minute break. The meeting adjourned at 11:19am and reconvened at 11:24am.</p>
IX. Matters Relating to the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	<p>No action required.</p>
B. Consideration of approval of the data report required by Texas Education Code, Section 51.4033 and	<p>On a motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted to delegate authority to the Commissioner of Higher Education to approve</p>

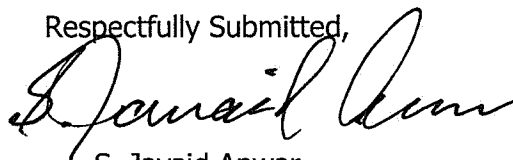
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Section 51.4034, related to nontransferable credit and transfer courses	and submit the data report to the Governor's office and legislature by the March 1, 2022, due date. The vote was 7 in favor, none against. Mr. Torn was absent for the vote. Dr. Melissa Humphries was available for questions.
C. Report on Financial Aid Advisory Committee activities	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
X. Lunch	The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:27 AM and re-convened at 12:00 PM
XI. Matters relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required. Mr. Gauntt departed the meeting.
B. B. Report to the Board on school closures and/or teach-outs pursuant to Chapter 7, Subchapter A, Section 7.7 (5)	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
C. Consideration of adopting the July 2021 annual compliance report for institutions under a Certificate of Authorization (Names beginning with "P" through "Z")	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
D. Consideration of adopting the Certification Advisory Council's recommendation relating to a request from Southwest School of Art for a fifth Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas)	On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Dr. Wong, the Board adopted the Certification Advisory Council's recommendation relating to a request from Southwest School of Art for a fifth Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas. The vote was unanimous. Dr. Tina Jackson, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce Education, presented this item and was available for questions.

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<p>E. Consideration of approving the issuance of a Request for Applications for the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Basic Grant Program (2) Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education State Leadership Grant Program (3) Carl D. Perkins Equitable Access and Opportunity Grant Program (4) Developmental Education Program 	<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>F. Consideration of approval of the certification required by Texas Education Code, Section 62.146, for the National Research University Fund for Fiscal Year 2021</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved the certification required by Texas Education Code, Section 62.146, for the National Research University Fund for Fiscal Year 2021. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Andrew Lofters, Interim Director for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>G. Consideration of approving the appointment of member(s) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (2) Apply Texas Advisory Committee (3) Learning Technology Advisory Committee (LTAC) student representative replacement 	<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>H. Consideration of approving the following requests for new degree programs:</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS Doctor of Business (DBA) in Business Administration</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Molecular Microbiology and Immunology</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Clemmer, seconded by Dr. Wong, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. James Goeman, Director for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. James Goeman, Director for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>

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<p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER Doctor of Medicine (MD)</p>	<p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Clemmer, the Board approved the request from The University of Texas at Tyler for a Doctor of Medicine at the Tyler site. The vote was unanimous. Dr. James Goeman, Director for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions</p>
<p>I. 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>J. Proposed rules: (1) Consideration of adopting proposed amendments to Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter Q, Rule 4.278 of Board rules, concerning off-campus workforce education or lower-division programs offered by a public institution of higher education at the request of an employer</p>	<p>On a motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board adopted the proposed amendments to Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter Q, Rule 4.278 of Board rules, concerning off-campus workforce education or lower-division programs offered by a public institution of higher education at the request of an employer. The vote was unanimous. Dr. Andrew Lofters, Interim Director 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>No action required. Ms. Linda Natal, Director of Grants and Contract Management, was available for questions.</p>
<p>XIII. Adjournment</p>	

With no further business, on a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Torn, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



S. Javaid Anwar
Secretary of the Board

ATTACHMENT A



Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Resolution of Appreciation
Ricky Raven

WHEREAS, Ricky Raven was appointed to the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) by Governor Greg Abbott on March 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, during his term on the board, Mr. Raven served with great distinction as Secretary of the Board; Vice Chair, and Chair, of the Agency Operations Committee; a member of the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics; and a member of the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success; and

WHEREAS, his legal expertise and attention to detail provided invaluable stewardship to the agency in properly running meetings in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order* and the Texas Open Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, his status as a well-respected community and business leader in Houston brought greater visibility to the agency, to *its initiatives*, and to the needs of college students, for whom he has been a caring advocate; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated his commitment to higher education in Texas through his steadfast efforts to advance Texas higher education and help the state achieve its ambitious goals now and into the future;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on this 27th day of January, 2022, express our deepest appreciation to Ricky Raven 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 Ricky Raven in recognition of the high esteem in which he is held.