

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

MINUTES

George HW Bush Building (room 4.300)
1801 N. Congress Ave., Austin

July 25, 2024

Regular Quarterly Meeting

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Coordinating Board) convened at 9:00 a.m. on July 25, 2024, with the following members present: Fred Farias, presiding; Stacy Hock; Richard Clemmer; Juan Nevarez; Ashlie Thomas; Welcome Wilson, Emma Wollschlager; Daniel Wong; and Luke Schwartz, Ex-Officio.

Members absent: Javaid Anwar

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I. Call to order: opening remarks	Dr. Fred Farias called the meeting of the Coordinating Board to order and called roll. All members were present except Mr. Javaid Anwar. On a motion by Mr. Welcome Wilson, seconded by Ms. Emma Wollschlager, the Board approved the absence of Mr. Anwar.
A. Appreciation of Service for Dr. Harrison Keller, Commissioner of Higher Education, and Donna Williams, Board Member	On a motion by Ms. Stacy Hock, seconded by Mr. Richard Clemmer, the Board voted to approve a resolution of appreciation for Donna Williams. The vote was unanimous. A copy of the resolution can be found at Attachment A to these minutes. Dr. Farias presented Ms. Williams with a commendation from Governor Abbott for her service on the Board. A copy of the commendation can be found at Attachment B to these minutes. On a motion by Mr. Clemmer, seconded by Ms. Wollschlager, the Board voted to approve a resolution of appreciation for Commissioner Harrison Keller. The vote was unanimous. A copy of the resolution can be found at Attachment C to these minutes.
B. Introduction of new board members	No action required. The Board welcomed Juan Nevarez and Luke Schwartz to the Board.

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C. Committee assignments	No action required. Dr. Farias announced committee assignments.
II. Commissioner's comments	No action required. Commissioner Harrison Keller provided remarks on some of the agenda items.
III. Public testimony	Dr. Farias announced that one person had registered to testify regarding agenda item 8-G (1). He stated that testimony would be heard later in the agenda.
IV. Approval of minutes A. April 25, 2024, Quarterly Board Meeting B. June 18, 2024, Special Called Board Meeting	On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded Mr. Juan Nevarez, the Board approved the minutes for the April 25 Quarterly Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous. On a motion by Ms. Hock, seconded Mr. Clemmer, the Board approved the minutes for the June 18 Special Called Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous
V. Approval of the consent calendar	On a motion by Dr. Daniel Wong, seconded by Ms. Hock, the Board approved the non-rule consent calendar as amended. The vote was unanimous. Items approved on the non-rule consent calendar were: 7-F; 8-E; 8-F; 8-G; 10-B; 10-C; 10-D; 10-E; 10-F; 10-G (1-4); 10-H (1-4); 11-C; 11-F (1-3); and 11-H (1-8). On a motion by Ms. Wollschlager, seconded by Mr. Clemmer, the Board approved the rule consent calendar. The vote was unanimous. Items approved on the rule consent calendar were: 8-H (1-2); 8-H (4); 8-H (8-10); 10-J (1-2); 10-J (4-8); 10-J (12); 10-J (15-19); and 11-I (1-2).
VI. Major Policy Discussion: Applications, Admissions, and FAFSA update	No action required. Dr. David Troutman, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, and Ms. Laura Brennan, Assistant Commissioner for College and Career Advising, presented this agenda item and were available for questions.

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VII. Matters relating to the full Board	
A. Demonstration of the Community College Finance website	No action required. Mr. Chris Fernandez, Senior Director for Community College Finance, presented this agenda item and was available for questions.
B. Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) presentation	No action required. Ms. Kristen Doyle, Deputy Executive Officer and General Counsel, and Dr. Michelle Le Beau, Chief Scientific Officer for the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas, presented this agenda item and were available for questions.
C. Update on <i>Building a Talent Strong Texas</i>	No action required. Melissa Henderson, Chief of Staff and Executive Director for the Texas Higher Education Foundation, presented this agenda item and was available for questions.
	The chair announced a short break. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. and re-convened at 11:54 a.m.
D. Update on Texas transfer initiatives	No action required. Ms. Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this agenda item and was available for questions.
E. Update on program approval	No action required. Ms. Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this agenda item and was available for questions.
F. Consideration and possible action to acknowledge gifts and donations to the Board	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
G. Discussion and possible action on the selection and compensation of an interim Commissioner of Higher Education H. Discussion and possible action on the process for selection of the next Commissioner of Higher Education	The Board met in closed session to discuss Items 7-G and 7-H the selection and compensation of an interim Commissioner of Higher Education, and the process for selection of the next Commissioner of Higher Education.
	The Board went into closed session at 12:18 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 1:50 p.m. There was no action taken during the closed

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	session. On a motion by Ms. Hock, seconded by Mr. Clemmer, the Board voted to appoint Sarah Keyton as Interim Commissioner of Higher Education at a salary in accordance with the General Appropriations Act (GAA). The vote was unanimous.
VIII. Matters relating to the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics	
A. Committee chair's overview	No action required. Ms. Hock provided an overview of the items on the agenda.
B. Consideration and possible action to adopt the recommendation relating to the certification of gifts that are fundable through the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP) for emerging research universities	On a motion by Mr. Clemmer, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board adopted the recommendation relating to the certification of gifts that are fundable through the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP) for emerging research universities. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Cormier, Assistant Commissioner for Funding, presented this agenda item and was available for questions
C. Consideration and possible action to approve the High-Demand Field List for Fiscal Year 2023 awards for purposes of the Community College Finance Program	On a motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Nevarez, the Board approved the High-Demand Field List for Fiscal Year 2023 awards for purposes of the Community College Finance Program. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Cormier, Assistant Commissioner for Funding, presented this agenda item and was available for questions
D. Consideration and possible action to approve the High-Demand Field List for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 awards for purposes of the Community College Finance Program	On a motion by Ms. Wollschlager, seconded by Dr. Wong, the Board approved the High-Demand Field List for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 awards for purposes of the Community College Finance Program. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Cormier, Assistant Commissioner for Funding, presented this agenda item and was available for questions
E. Consideration and possible action to approve the appointment of members to the Financial Aid Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the consent calendar.

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F. Consideration and possible action to approve "Faculty Salary Increase Report" (General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, Article III, Section 287, 88th Texas Legislature)	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
G. Consideration and possible action to approve the "Report on Student Financial Aid in Texas Higher Education, Fiscal Year 2023" (General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, Article III, Section 24, 88th Texas Legislature)	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
H. Proposed Rules (1) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 13, Subchapter Q, Sections 13.501-13.503, concerning the Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) Program (2) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 13, Subchapter R, Sections 13.522-13.525 and 13.528-13.529, concerning audit and reporting provisions related to community college finance (3) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 13, Subchapter S, Sections 13.553-13.555, and new Section 13.559, concerning the Base Tier, Performance Tier, and the rates for the Community College Finance Program (4) Consideration and possible action to repeal Board Rules, Chapter 13, Subchapter S, Sections 13.560-13.562, concerning formula transition funding, payment schedules, and limitations on spending (5) Consideration and possible action to adopt new Board Rules, Chapter 13, Subchapter U, Sections 13.620-13.630, concerning timeline of payments, methodologies, and processes necessary to	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials. This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials. On a motion by Mr. Clemmer, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board adopted proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 13, Subchapter S, Sections 13.553-13.555, and new Section 13.559, concerning the Base Tier, Performance Tier, and the rates for the Community College Finance Program. The vote was unanimous. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the supplemental agenda materials. Ms. Cormier, Assistant Commissioner for Funding, presented this item and was available for questions. This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials. On a motion by Mr. Nevarez, seconded by Dr. Fred Farias, the Board adopted new Board Rules, Chapter 13, Subchapter U, Sections 13.620-13.630, concerning timeline of payments, methodologies,

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calculate state formula funding for public community colleges	and processes necessary to calculate state formula funding for public community colleges. The vote was unanimous. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the supplemental agenda materials. Ms. Cormier, Assistant Commissioner for Funding, presented this item and was available for questions.
(6) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 15, Subchapter A, Section 15.10, concerning the administration of the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP)	On a motion by Ms. Wollschlager, seconded by Mr. Clemmer, the Board adopted proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 15, Subchapter A, Section 15.10, concerning the administration of the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP). The vote was unanimous. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the supplemental agenda materials. Ms. Cormier, Assistant Commissioner for Funding, presented this item and was available for questions.
(7) Consideration and possible action to adopt new Board Rules, Chapter 22, Subchapter R, Sections 22.360-22.369, concerning the Nursing Students Scholarship Program	This item was heard later in the agenda.
(8) Consideration and possible action to adopt new Board Rules Chapter 23, Subchapter A, Sections 23.1-23.3, concerning General Provisions	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
(9) Consideration and possible action to adopt amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 23, Subchapter G, Sections 23.187-23.189, and 23.193, and new Section 23.190, concerning the Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Assistance Program	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
(10) Consideration and possible action to adopt the repeal of Board Rules, Chapter 23, Subchapter G, Sections 23.190-23.192 and 23.194, concerning the Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Assistance Program	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
(11) Consideration and possible action to adopt new Board Rules, Chapter 23, Subchapter K, Sections 23.300-23.305, concerning Nurse Loan Repayment Assistance Program	This item was heard later in the agenda.

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IX. Lunch	The Board did not break for lunch at this time.
X. Matters Relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success	
A. Committee chair's overview	No action required. Ms Wollschlager provided an overview of the items on the agenda.
B. Consideration and possible action to adopt the recommendation relating to the January 2024 Annual Compliance Reports for institutions under a Certificate of Authorization (Names beginning with "A" through "O")	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
C. Consideration and possible action to approve the 2024 "Autism Grant Program: Annual Progress Report"	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
D. Consideration and possible action to adopt the report on the effectiveness of the Open Educational Resources Grant Program (General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, Article III, Section 44, 88th Texas Legislature)	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
E. Report on activities of the Family Practice Residency Advisory Committee, including the report on trustee funds distributed in Fiscal Year 2025	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
F. Consideration and possible action to adopt the Family Practice Residency Advisory Committee's recommendation relating to the distribution of funds trustee to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to support Family Practice Residency Programs for Fiscal Year 2025	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
G. Report on activities of the: (1) Certification Advisory Council (2) Learning Technology Advisory Committee (3) Lower-Division Academic Course Guide	These items were approved on the consent calendar.

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Manual Committee (4) Texas Transfer Advisory Committee	
H. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the: (1) ApplyTexas Advisory Committee (2) Certification Advisory Council (3) Learning Technology Advisory Committee (4) Texas Transfer Advisory Committee	These items were approved on the consent calendar.
I. Consideration and possible action to approve the following requests for new degree programs:	
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY (1) Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) in Business Administration	On a motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Nevarez, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions. Dr. Thilla Sivakumar, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Diego Vacaflares, Program Administrator and Associate Dean for Graduate Programs, McCoy College of Business, were also available for questions.
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY (2) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Construction Management	On a motion by Mr. Clemmer, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions. Dr. Sivakumar and Dr. Jim Wilde, Professor and Chair, Department of Engineering Technology, were also available for questions.
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY (3) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Engineering Management	On a motion by Mr. Nevarez, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions. Dr. Sivakumar and Dr. Wilde were also available for questions.

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TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY (4) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Mathematics	On a motion by Ms. Hock, seconded by Mr. Nevarez, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions. Dr. Pranesh Aswath and Dr. Susan Morey, Professor and Chair, Department of Mathematics, were also available for questions.
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY (5) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering	On a motion by Mr. Nevarez, seconded by Dr. Wong, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions. Dr. Pranesh Aswath and Dr. Jesus Jimenez, Professor and Director, School of Engineering, were also available for questions.
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT TYLER (6) Doctor of Philosophy (PHD) in Integrated Biomedical Sciences	On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Nevarez, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions. Dr. Brigham Willis, Dean of the School of Medicine, Dr. Mitsuo Ikebe, Chair of the Department of Cellular and Molecular Biology, and Dr. Pierre Neuenschwander, Professor of Cellular and Molecular Biology and tentative Director of the proposed IBS Ph.D. program, were also available for questions.
J. Proposed rules: (1) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 1, Subchapter T, Sections 1.220-1.223, 1.225 and 1.226, concerning the Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM) Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.

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(2) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter A, Sections 2.3, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9, concerning general provisions that set out the policies and procedures institutions must follow to make administrative requests related to academic planning, policy, and programs	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
(3) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter B, Section 2.32, concerning the approval process for new certificate programs	On a motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board adopted proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter B, Section 2.32, concerning the approval process for new certificate programs. The vote was unanimous. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the supplemental agenda materials. Ms. Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available to answer questions.
(4) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter C, Section 2.41, concerning the preliminary planning process for new degree programs	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
(5) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter D, Section 2.58, concerning the approval process for new academic associate degree programs	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
(6) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, Section 2.87, concerning the criteria for new baccalaureate degree programs at public junior colleges	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
(7) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter G, Sections 2.145 and 2.151, concerning the approval process for	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.

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new doctoral and professional degree programs (8) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter I, Sections 2.181 and 2.182, concerning review of existing degree programs at public universities and public health-related institutions (9) Consideration and possible action to adopt new Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter K, Sections 2.230–2.241, concerning the approval process for new applied associate degree programs (10) Consideration and possible action to adopt new Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter L, Sections 2.260-2.268, concerning career and technical education certificate approval (11) Consideration and possible action to adopt new Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter M, Sections 2.290-2.297, concerning career and technical education local need course approval	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials. On a motion by Mr. Nevarez, seconded by Mr. Clemmer, the Board adopted new Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter K, Sections 2.230–2.241, concerning the approval process for new applied associate degree programs. The vote was unanimous. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the supplemental agenda materials. Ms. Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available to answer questions. On a motion by Ms. Hock, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board adopted new Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter L, Sections 2.260-2.268, concerning career and technical education certificate approval. The vote was unanimous. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the supplemental agenda materials. Ms. Lee Rector, Associate Commissioner for Workforce Education, presented this item and was available to answer questions. On a motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Clemmer, the Board adopted new Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter M, Sections 2.290-2.297, concerning career and technical education local need course approval. The vote was unanimous. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the supplemental agenda materials. Ms. Lee Rector, Associate Commissioner for Workforce Education, presented this item and was available to answer questions.

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(12) Consideration and possible action to adopt new Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter N, Sections 2.320-2.330, concerning the process for maintenance and approval of a career and technical education course in the <i>Workforce Education Course Manual</i>	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
(13) Consideration and possible action to adopt new Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter O, Sections 2.350-2.358 concerning the approval process and required reporting for self-supporting degree programs	This item was withdrawn from the agenda.
(14) Consideration and possible action to adopt new Board Rules, Chapter 2, Subchapter P, Sections 2.380-2.393, concerning the approval process for off-campus degree programs and courses	This item was withdrawn from the agenda.
(15) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 4, Subchapter B, Sections 4.32, 4.33, and 4.35 concerning implementation of an alternative framework for field of study curricula	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
(16) Consideration and possible action to adopt new Board Rules, Chapter 10, Subchapter D, Sections 10.90-10.98, concerning administration of the Rural Resident Physician Grant Program	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
(17) Consideration and possible action to adopt new Board Rules, Chapter 10, Subchapter E, Sections 10.110-10.117, concerning administration of the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Grant Program	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
(18) Consideration and possible action to adopt new Board Rules, Chapter 10, Subchapter TT, Sections 10.910-10.917, concerning the Texas Working Off-	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.

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Campus: Reinforcing Knowledge and Skills (WORKS) Internship Program (19) Consideration and possible action to repeal Board Rules, Chapter 21, Subchapter W, Sections 21.700-21.707, concerning the Texas Working Off-Campus: Reinforcing Knowledge and Skills (WORKS) Internship Program (20) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 22, Subchapter N, Section 22.288, concerning the Texas Leadership Scholars Program	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials. On a motion by Mr. Clemmer, seconded by Ms. Hock, the Board adopted proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 22, Subchapter N, Section 22.288, concerning the Texas Leadership Scholars Program. The vote was unanimous. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials. Dr. Jennielle Strother, Assistant Commissioner for Student Success, presented this item and was available to answer questions
	The Board returned to agenda items VIII-H (7) and VIII-H (11).
VIII-H (7) Consideration and possible action to adopt new Board Rules, Chapter 22, Subchapter R, Sections 22.360-22.369, concerning the Nursing Students Scholarship Program VIII-H (11) Consideration and possible action to adopt new Board Rules, Chapter 23, Subchapter K, Sections 23.300-23.305, concerning Nurse Loan Repayment Assistance Program	On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board adopted proposed new Board Rules, Chapter 22, Subchapter R, Sections 22.360-22.369, concerning the Nursing Students Scholarship Program. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the supplemental agenda materials. Dr. Charles Contéro-Puls, Assistant Commissioner for Student Financial Aid Programs, presented this item and was available for questions. On a motion by Ms. Wollschlager, seconded by Mr. Nevarez, the Board adopted proposed new Board Rules, Chapter 23, Subchapter K, Sections 23.300-23.305, concerning Nurse Loan Repayment Assistance Program. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the supplemental agenda materials. Dr. Charles Contéro-Puls, Assistant Commissioner for Student Financial Aid Programs, presented this item and was available for questions.

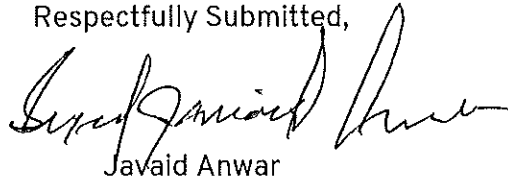
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XI. Matters Relating to the Agency Operations Committee	
A. Committee chair's overview	No action required. Mr. Wilson provided an overview of the items on the agenda.
B. Discussion and possible action to approve the Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR), including exceptional items.	On a motion by Ms. Hock, seconded by Mr. Nevarez, the Board approved the Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) exceptional items and delegated to the chair the authority to finalize the LAR in accordance with instructions issued by the LBB, including exceptional items. Sarah Keyton, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, and Anthony Infantini, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item and were available for questions.
C. Report on grants and contracts	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
D. Review of the "Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Report" to the Board	No action required. Anthony Infantini, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item and was available for questions.
E. Consideration and possible action to approve the Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2025	On a motion by Mr. Nevarez, seconded by Ms. Wollschlager, the Board approved the Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2025. Arby Gonzales, Assistant Commissioner for Internal Audit and Compliance, presented this item and was available for questions.
F. Auditor's update on Internal Audit reports and activities (1) Presenting the report for the Audit of the Community College Finance Division's Payment Calculation Process to the Agency Operations Committee (2) Finalizing the report for the Audit of Grant Research Funding – Texas Research Incentive Program. Results of the audit have been provided to program management for review (3) Continuing advisory project related to the Community College Finance Program	These items were approved on the consent calendar.

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G. Consideration and possible action to adopt the Compliance Monitoring Plan for Fiscal Year 2025	On a motion by Mr. Nevarez, seconded by Mr. Clemmer, the Board approved the Compliance Monitoring Plan for Fiscal Year 2025. Arby Gonzales, Assistant Commissioner for Internal Audit and Compliance, and Paul Maeyaert, Director of Compliance, presented this item and were available for questions.
H. Auditor's update on state and federal compliance monitoring reports and activities (1) A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of Formula Funding at San Jacinto College (no findings) (2) A Compliance Monitoring Onsite Review of Formula Funding at Ranger College (no findings) (3) A Compliance Monitoring Follow Up Review of Requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Houston Christian University (no findings) (4) A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of the Tuition Equalization Grant at Jacksonville College (two findings) (5) A Compliance Monitoring Follow Up Review of TEOG at South Plains College (no findings) (6) A Compliance Monitoring Follow Up Review of TEOG Howard Junior College (no findings) (7) A Compliance Monitoring Follow Up Review of TEG Wayland Baptist University (no findings) (8) "Compliance Monitoring Corrective Action Status Report – July 2024	These items were approved on the consent calendar.
I. Proposed rules: (1) Consideration and possible action to adopt the repeal of Board Rules, Chapter 1, Subchapter A, Section 1.10, concerning the Public Information Act	These items were approved on the consent calendar.

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(2) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 1, Subchapter A, Section 1.8, concerning Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs)	
XII. Adjournment	

With no further business, on a motion by Mr. Nevarez, seconded by Ms. Hock, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Javaid Anwar
Secretary of the Board

APPENDIX A

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Resolution of Appreciation Donna N. Williams

WHEREAS, Donna N. Williams was appointed to the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) by Governor Greg Abbott on March 9, 2018, and was appointed as Vice Chair by Governor Abbott on June 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, during her term on the board, Ms. Williams served with great distinction, not only as vice chair of the board of the THECB, but also as vice chair and chair of the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success and as a member of the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics; and

WHEREAS, the THECB benefited greatly from her engineering knowledge and expertise, which resulted in deeper discussions about engineering programs in higher education, at all levels, that will continue to benefit the education of engineering professionals and the citizens of Texas; and WHEREAS, her reputation as a well-respected and proven community leader and businesswoman in Houston, brought greater visibility to the agency, to its initiatives, and to the needs of college students, for whom she has been a caring advocate; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams' legacy includes her vital role on the search committee to select the Texas Commissioner of Higher Education who is guiding the state's efforts toward Building a Talent Strong Texas; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams has earned the deep admiration and respect of her colleagues, Coordinating Board staff and institutions of higher education due to her dedication, collegiality, enthusiasm, professionalism, and hard work; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams' service on the Board of Trustees for the Texas Higher Education Foundation reflects her commitment to and support of higher education access and success for students across Texas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on the 25th day of July, 2024, express our deepest appreciation to Donna N. Williams for her service as a member of the Board and her 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 Donna Williams in recognition of the high esteem in which she is held.

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To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings: Know ye that this official certificate is presented to Donna Williams in recognition of, and appreciation for, her years of meritorious service to the State of Texas as vice-chair and member of the Higher Education Coordinating Board from 2018 to 2024.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be fixed at the City of Austin this the 29th day of May, 2024.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas

APPENDIX C

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Resolution of Appreciation Harrison Keller, Ph.D.

WHEREAS, Harrison Keller, Ph.D., was appointed Commissioner of Higher Education by the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) in October 2019; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keller successfully led THECB staff in its work as a resource, partner, and advocate for Texas higher education, alongside board members, education leaders, legislators, and business and community leaders to achieve the goals of the state's higher education plan Building a Talent Strong Texas; and

WHEREAS, under Commissioner Keller's leadership, the Building a Talent Strong Texas plan set a new national standard with its focus on credentials of value, guiding finance policy discussions and implementing the most equitable outcomes-based community college finance system in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keller championed historic investments in universities' research, development, and innovation missions, including the creation of the Texas University Fund, making Texas a leader in state support for university R&D; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keller advanced affordability and value for students by dramatically increasing financial aid for all Texas students, expanding need-based financial aid to include short-term workforce programs, and creating the new FAST financial aid program for low-income high school students; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keller created the Texas Leadership Scholars program to encourage high-achieving, low-income students to attend college, which is already serving more than 800 undergraduates across the state and will soon serve well over 1,000 students; and
WHEREAS, Commissioner Keller spearheaded new divisions within THECB to help institutions share and implement effective student success strategies and support innovative uses of technology in teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keller led efforts to remove long-standing barriers to student transfer, creating clear pathways for students and establishing new fields of study and Texas Direct Degrees; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keller modernized the state's educational and workforce data infrastructure, making it more accessible and useful to institutional leaders; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keller supported college and career advising from middle school through adult learners using Texas OnCourse, My Texas Future, and other innovative tools; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keller enhanced THECB's capabilities by partnering with the Texas Higher Education Foundation to bring in nearly \$20 million in private and federal grants to accelerate and amplify strategic initiatives across THECB; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keller's leadership and vision have earned national recognition, with THECB hosting delegations from other states, receiving the 2023 SHEEO Exceptional Agency Award, and the U.S. Department of Education spotlighting its work; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keller has been selected as the 17th president of the University of North Texas, stepping down as Commissioner at the end of July 2024; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on the 25th day of July, 2024, express our deepest appreciation to Dr. Harrison Keller for his distinguished service to Texas higher education and his unwavering dedication to the goals of Building a Talent Strong Texas for the benefit of the state and all of 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 Dr. Harrison Keller in recognition of the high esteem in which he is held.