

**TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**October 22, 2020**

**Regular Quarterly Meeting**

**Via Video Conference Call**

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 9:03 a.m. on October 22, 2020, with the following members present: **Stuart Stedman, presiding; Javaid Anwar; Cody Campbell; Fred Farias; Emma Schwartz; Sam Torn; Donna Williams; Welcome Wilson; and Levi McClenny (ex-officio).**

**Members absent: Ricky Raven**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>I. Call to order: Opening Remarks</b>	<p>Mr. Stedman called the teleconference meeting of the Coordinating Board to order and called the role. All members, except for Mr. Raven, were present.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board excused the absence of Mr. Raven. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>A quorum was met for this board meeting.</p>
A. Commissioner's Remarks	No action required.
<b>II. Public Testimony</b>	
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<b>III. Approval of Minutes</b>	
A. Quarterly Board Meeting, July 23, 2020	On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the minutes for the July Quarterly Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous.
B. Special Called Board Meeting, August 25, 2020	On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved the minutes for the August Special Called Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous.
C. Special Called Board Meeting, September 10, 2020	On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the minutes for the September Special Called Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
<b>IV. Approval of the Consent Calendar</b>	
<p>A. Consent Calendar</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Torn, the Board approved the non-rule Consent Calendar as amended. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Agenda Item IX-J was removed from the consent calendar by Mr. Stedman.</p> <p>Items approved on the non-rule consent calendar as amended were: Agenda Item VII-C; Agenda Item VII-D; Agenda Item VII-E; Agenda Item VII-F; Agenda Item VII-G; Agenda Item VII-H; Agenda Item IX-B; Agenda Item IX-C; Agenda Item IX-D; Agenda Item IX-E; Agenda Item IX-F; Agenda Item IX-G; Agenda Item IX-H; Agenda Item IX-I; Agenda Item IX-K (1); Agenda Item IX-K (2); Agenda Item IX-N; Agenda Item IX-O; X-B; and Agenda Item X-C.</p> <p><i>Due to technical difficulties the live broadcast of the Quarterly Board Meeting was halted at 9:27 a.m. The meeting and live broadcast resumed at 9:34 a.m. The Chair resumed with the rule items on the consent calendar and revoted those items</i></p> <p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the rule Consent Calendar as amended. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Agenda Item IX-P (4) was removed from the consent calendar by Mr. Stedman.</p> <p>Ms. Nichole Bunker-Henderson, General Counsel, presented an overview of the rules on consent and was available for questions.</p> <p>Items approved on the rule consent calendar as amended were: VII-I (1); Agenda Item VII-I (2); Agenda Item VII-I (3); Agenda Item VII-I (4); Agenda Item VII-I (5); Agenda Item VII-I (6); Agenda Item VII-I (7); Agenda Item IX-P (1); Agenda Item IX-P (2); and Agenda Item IX-P (3).</p>
<b>V. Major Policy Discussion</b>	
<p>A. Appointment of 60x30TX Refresh - Steering Committee</p> <p>B. 60X30TX Update and Refinement</p>	<p>Mr. Stedman announced that Agenda items V-A and V-B would be taken out of turn and would be heard following agenda item VII.</p>

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<b>VI. Matters relating to the Full Board</b>	
<p>A. Consideration and possible approval of the Board to enter an Interagency Agreement with The University of Texas at Austin (UT-Austin) to transfer the Texas OnCourse program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the Board entering an Interagency Agreement with The University of Texas at Austin to transfer the Texas OnCourse program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Ms. Melissa Henderson, Associate Commissioner, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>B. Acceptance of Gifts and Donations to the Board</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wilson, 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. Consideration of renewing Emergency Rule § 1.15(b) authorizing the Commissioner of Higher Education to make adjustments to reporting requirements pertaining to formula funding as necessary to assist institutions of higher education (IHEs) in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic or other disasters, with an effective date of December 24, 2020 for a period of 60 days.</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved renewing Emergency Rule § 1.15(b) authorizing the Commissioner of Higher Education to make adjustments to reporting requirements pertaining to formula funding as necessary to assist institutions of higher education (IHEs) in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic or other disasters, with an effective date 60 days beyond the expiration of the current emergency rule. The vote was unanimous. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>Ms. Emily Cormier, Assistant Commissioner for Funding, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<b>VII. Matters Relating to the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics</b>	
<p>A. Committee Chair's Overview</p>	<p>No action required.</p>

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B. Consideration of approval of the <i>60x307X</i> Progress Report	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved the <i>60x307X</i> Progress Report. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning, was available for questions.</p>
C. Consideration of adopting the certification of gifts that are fundable through the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP) for the Emerging Research Universities	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
D. Consideration of adopting the Evaluation of the Nursing Shortage Reduction Program report ( <i>General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, Article III, Section 28(g), 86th Texas Legislature</i> )	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
E. Consideration of adopting the report to the Legislature on High School Individual Graduation Committee (IGC) Graduates (Texas Education Code, Section 28.02591)	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
F. Review of facilities projects that were submitted to the Coordinating Board	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
G. Consideration of adopting the report on Student Financial Aid in Texas Higher Education, Fiscal Year 2019 ( <i>General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, Article III, Section 25, 86th Texas Legislature</i> )	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
H. Consideration of adopting the staff recommendation to the Board relating to approval of the nominated members of the Financial Aid Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
<p>I. Proposed Rules:</p> <p>(1) Consideration of adopting proposed amendments to Chapter 22, Subchapter A, Section 22.11 of Board rules, concerning 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.

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<p>(2) Consideration of adopting proposed amendments to Chapter 22, Subchapter B, Section 22.28 of Board rules, concerning Provisions for the Tuition Equalization 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>(3) Consideration of adopting the proposed repeal of Chapter 22, Subchapter L, Sections 22.232, 22.235, 22.238-22.240, and 22.242 of Board Rules, and amendments to Sections 22.225-22.231, 22.233, 22.234, and 22.241 of Board rules, concerning the Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) 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>(4) Consideration of proposed amendments to Chapter 22, Subchapter M, Section 22.261 of Board rules, concerning the Texas Educational Opportunity 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>(5) Consideration of adopting the proposed repeal of Chapter 22, Subchapter Q, Sections 22.331-22.336 and 22.342-22.344 of Board rules, and amendments to Chapter 22, Subchapter Q, Sections 22.329, 22.330, 22.339, and 22.341, concerning the Texas B-On-Time Loan 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>(6) Consideration of adopting proposed amendments to Chapter 23, Subchapter C, Sections 23.65-23.67 of Board rules, concerning The Physician Education Loan Repayment 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>(7) Consideration of adopting proposed amendments to Chapter 23, Subchapter H, Sections 23.200 and 23.214 of Board Rules, concerning the Peace Officer Loan Repayment Assistance 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><b>V. Major Policy Discussion</b></p>	
<p>A. Appointment of <i>60x30TX</i> Refresh - Steering Committee</p>	<p>Mr. Stedman announced that he had appointed himself, Dr. Farias, Ms. Williams, and Mr. Wilson, to the <i>60x30TX</i> Refresh - Steering Committee. No action required.</p> <p>Ms. Melissa Henderson, Associate Commissioner, was available for questions.</p>

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B. <i>60X30TX</i> Update and Refinement	Dr. Harrison Keller, Commissioner of Higher Education, and Ms. Melissa Henderson, Associate Commissioner, presented this item and were available for questions. No action required.
<b>VIII. Lunch</b>	Mr. Stedman announced the Board would not break for lunch.
<b>IX. Matters relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success</b>	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required.
B. Consideration of adopting the report on Access to Higher Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities ( <i>Texas Education Code, Section 61.06641</i> )	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
C. Consideration of adopting the report on the Recruitment of Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities at Institutions of Higher Education ( <i>Texas Education Code, Section 61.0664</i> )	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
D. Consideration of adopting the report on The Effectiveness of the Advise TX Program ( <i>General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, Article III, Section 51, 86th Texas Legislature</i> )	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
E. Consideration of adopting the Graduate Medical Education Report: An Assessment of Opportunities for Graduates of Texas Medical Schools to Enter Residency Programs in Texas ( <i>Texas Education Code, Section 61.0661(b)</i> )	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
F. Consideration of adopting the Aerospace and Aviation Report ( <i>Texas Government Code, Section 481.0066(d-2)</i> )	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
G. Consideration of adopting Study and Report on Core Curriculum ( <i>Senate Bill 25, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session; Texas Education Code, Section 61.8221</i> )	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
H. Consideration of adopting the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) Advisory Committee report set out in the Texas Education Code, Section 61.07762	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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<p>I. Consideration of adopting the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) Advisory Committee report set out in Texas Education Code Section 61.0776</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>J. Consideration of adopting the Study regarding Streamlining Physician Licensing Requirements for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (<i>Texas Education Code, Section 61.06693</i>)</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board authorized the Commissioner to finalize the Study Regarding Streamlining Physician Licensing Requirements for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and send the report to the Legislature upon completion. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>K. Consideration of adopting the requests for a new degree program:</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON (1) Bachelor of Science (BS) in Data Science</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN (2) Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts in Informatics</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY (3) Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) in Occupational Therapy</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY (4) Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board adopted the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board adopted the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>

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<p>L. Consideration of approving the issuance of a Request for Applications for the Minority Health Research and Education Grant Program</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the issuance of a Request for Applications for the Minority Health Research and Education Grant Program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>M. Consideration of approving the issuance of a Request for Applications to solicit employers to offer internships through the Texas WORKS Internship Program</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the issuance of a Request for Applications to solicit employers to offer internships through the Texas WORKS Internship Program.</p> <p>Mr. Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner for College Readiness and Success, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>N. Consideration of approving a request to establish a contract with a higher education artificial intelligence vendor for the Virtual Advising Project (ADVI)</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>O. Report on institutional requests acted on by the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner since the last Board meeting</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>P. Proposed Rules:</p> <p>(1) Consideration of adopting the proposed amendment to Chapter 1, Subchapter T, Section 1.223 of Board Rules, concerning the Workforce Education Course Manual Advisory Committee</p> <p>(2) Consideration of adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Subchapter S, Section 4.314 of Board Rules, concerning the Approval for Participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) for Public Institutions of Higher Education</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>



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<p>(3) Consideration of adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 7, Subchapter B, Section 7.54 of Board Rules, concerning the Approval for Participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) for Private or Independent Institutions of Higher Education and Private Postsecondary Educational Institutions</p> <p>(4) Consideration of adopting the proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Subchapter C, Sections 4.56, 4.57, and 4.62 of Board Rules, concerning the Texas Success Initiative</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 Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Torn, the Board adopted the proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Subchapter C, Sections 4.56, 4.57, and 4.62 of Board Rules, concerning the Texas Success Initiative. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>Mr. Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner for College Readiness and Success, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<b>X. Matters relating to the Agency Operations Committee</b>	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required.
B. Report on grants and contracts	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
C. Consideration of adopting a resolution authorizing the issuance of State of Texas College Student Loan Bonds in one or more series; and delegation of the authority for administration and approval of the activities necessary to complete the sale of the private activity bonds	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
<b>XI. Adjournment</b>	

With no further business, on a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Ms. Williams, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ricky A. Raven  
Secretary of the Board