

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

MINUTES

July 28, 2022

Regular Quarterly Meeting

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 9:01 a.m. on July 28, 2022, with the following members present: Fred Farias, presiding; Donna Williams; Emma Schwartz; Sam Torn; Welcome Wilson; Daniel Wong; and Georgia Blackwell. Richard Clemmer and Robert Gauntt attended via zoom.

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 and called roll. All members were present except for Mr. Anwar. A quorum was met for this board meeting.</p> <p>The Board excused Mr. Anwar's absence.</p>
II. Introduction of new student representative to the board	<p>No action required. The Board welcomed Georgia Blackwell as the newly appointed student representative to the Board.</p>
III. Commissioner's comments	<p>No action required. Commissioner Keller provided remarks on some of the agenda items.</p>
IV. Public testimony	<p>Dr. Farias announced that one person had registered to give public testimony. This person was not in attendance, so the chair moved to the next item on the agenda.</p>
V. Approval of minutes April 28, 2022, Quarterly Board Meeting	<p>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Torn, the Board approved the minutes for the April Quarterly Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous.</p>
VI. Approval of the consent calendar	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the consent calendar as amended. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Items approved on the consent calendar were 8-F, 9-B, 9-C (1 & 2), 9-D, 9-E, 9-F, 11-B, 11-C, 11-D, 11-F, 11-G, 11-H, 11-I, 11-J, 11-K, 11-L, 11-M, 11-N (1-6), and 12-B.</p>

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<p>VII. Major Policy Discussion Tri-Agency Workforce Initiative, linking education and workforce to build a talent strong Texas</p>	<p>No action required. Dr. Harrison Keller, Commissioner of Higher Education; Mike Morath, Commissioner of Public Education; and Bryan Daniel, Chairman of Texas Workforce Commission, presented this item and were available for questions.</p>
	<p>The chair announced a short recess at 10:32 AM. The meeting re-convened at 10:44 AM.</p>
<p>VIII. Matters relating to the full Board</p>	
<p>A. Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution of congratulations for Dr. Juliet García</p>	<p>This agenda item was postponed to a later meeting.</p>
<p>B. Discussion and possible action to approve the quarterly committee and board meeting dates</p>	<p>On a motion Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the chair called for a vote to approve the scheduling of future quarterly meetings on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday of each January, April, July, and October. Mr. Clemmer requested that the Board consider different dates. The chair opened the floor for discussion. On hearing none, the chair again called for a vote to approve the scheduling of future quarterly meetings on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday of each January, April, July, and October. Eight members voted in favor; Mr. Clemmer abstained.</p>
<p>C. Update on <i>Building a Talent Strong Texas</i></p>	<p>No action required. Melissa Henderson, Associate Commissioner for Strategic Partnerships, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>

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D. Update on Texas Transfer Initiatives	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.
E. Update on program review and approval rule revisions	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.
X. Lunch	This agenda item was taken out of order. The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:19 PM and re-convened at 12:54 PM. Mr. Torn departed the meeting.
	The Board took agenda items XI-A through XI-P, Matters relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success, out of order.
XI. Matters relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success	
A. Committee chair's overview	No action required
B. Report on institutional requests related to new degree and certificate programs acted on by the commissioner or assistant commissioners since the last Board meeting	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
C. Report to the Board on school closures and/or teach-outs pursuant to Board Rule 7.7(6)	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
D. Consideration and possible action to adopt the recommendation relating to the January 2022 Annual Compliance Reports for institutions under a Certificate of Authorization (names beginning with "A" through "O")	This item was approved on the consent calendar.

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F. Consideration and possible action to adopt the Family Practice Residency Advisory Committee's recommendation relating to the distribution of funds trusted to the Coordinating Board to support Family Practice Residency Programs for Fiscal Year 2023	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
G. Report on activities of the Family Practice Residency Advisory Committee, including the report on trusted funds distributed in Fiscal Year 2022	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
H. Report on activities of the Learning Technology Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
I. Consideration and possible action to adopt the report on the effectiveness of the Open Educational Resources Grant Program (General Appropriations Act, SB 1, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, Rider 49)	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
J. Consideration and possible action to adopt the report on the Fiscal Year 2022 annual review of the Autism Grant Program	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
K. Consideration and possible action to adopt the report relating to the feasibility of establishing a religious studies program at Texas Southern University implementing Texas Education Code § 61.06695	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
L. Report on Total Research Expenditures	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
M. Consideration and possible action to appoint a student representative to the Apply Texas Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
N. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the following advisory committees: (1) Learning Technology Advisory Committee	These items were approved on the consent calendar.

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<p>(2) Workforce Education Course Manual Advisory Committee (3) Certification Advisory Council (4) Apply Texas Advisory Committee (5) Academic Course Guide Manual Committee (6) Texas Transfer Advisory Committee</p>	
<p>O. Consideration and possible action to approve the following requests for new degree programs:</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO (6) Bachelor of Science (BS) in Computer Engineering</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER (9) Bachelor of Science (BS) in Computer Engineering</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Elizabeth Mayer, 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. Clemmer, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>E. Consideration and possible action to adopt the Certification Advisory Council's recommendation related to a request from Saola, Inc., for its first Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board adopted adopt the Certification Advisory Council's recommendation related to a request from Saola, Inc., for its first Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Tina Jackson, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce Education, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>O. Consideration and possible action to approve the following requests for new degree programs:</p> <p>ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY (1) Doctor of Social Work (DSW) in Social Work</p>	<p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Gauntt, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>

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<p>STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY (2) Doctor of Social Work (DSW) in Social Work</p>	<p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous. Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (3) Bachelor of Science (BS) in Data Engineering</p>	<p>On a motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Clemmer, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous. Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI (4) Master of Science (MS) in Engineering</p>	<p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous. Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON (5) Bachelor of Science (BS) in Resources and Energy Engineering</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Dr. Wong, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous. Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY (7) Master of Science (MS) in Biomedical Engineering</p>	<p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous. Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO (8) Master of Science (MS) in Aerospace Engineering</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous. Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>

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<p>P. Consideration and possible action to adopt new Board Rules Chapter 21, Subchapter D, Sections 21.50 through 21.55, concerning the Texas First Early High School Completion Program, and Chapter 22, Subchapter T, Sections 22.550 – 22.556 of Board rules, concerning the Texas First Scholarship Program</p>	<p>On a motion Dr. Farias, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted to adopt new Board Rules Chapter 21, Subchapter D, Sections 21.50 through 21.55, concerning the Texas First Early High School Completion Program, and Chapter 22, Subchapter T, Sections 22.550 – 22.556 of Board rules, concerning the Texas First Scholarship Program. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Jennielle Strother, Assistant Commissioner for Student Success, and Dr. Charles Contéro-Puls, Assistant Commissioner for Student Financial Aid Programs, were available to answer questions.</p>
	<p>The Board returned to agenda item VIII-F.</p>
<p>VIII. Matters relating to the Full Board</p>	
<p>F. Consideration and possible action to accept gifts and donations to the Board</p>	<p>This item was approved on the consent calendar.</p>
<p>G. Consideration and possible action to approve a letter to the Legislative Budget Board and governor's office requesting to exceed the agency's Capital Budget Authority for Data Center Services</p>	<p>On a motion Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Clemmer, the Board voted to approve a letter to the Legislative Budget Board and governor's office requesting to exceed the agency's Capital Budget Authority for Data Center Services. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Ken Martin, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>H. Consideration and possible action to increase the total of the interagency contract with the Department of Information Resources for Data Center Services for an amount greater than \$5 million for technology services to support implementation of the Data Modernization Initiative and other federally funded IT project implementation</p>	<p>On a motion Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved increasing the total of the interagency contract with the Department of Information Resources for Data Center Services for an amount greater than \$5 million for technology services to support implementation of the Data Modernization Initiative and other federally funded IT project implementation. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Ken Martin, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>

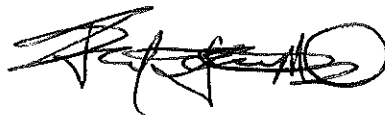
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<p>I. Consideration and possible action to adopt the recommendation to contract with a vendor for \$8 million to provide software for supporting and servicing the agency's student loan programs</p>	<p>Following discussion by the Board this item was postponed to the end of the agenda to await advice from General Counsel. Ken Martin, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>J. Consideration and possible action to adopt the recommendation relating to the agency's Legislative Appropriation Request for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board adopted the recommendation relating to the agency's Legislative Appropriation Request for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025. The vote was unanimous. Sarah Keyton, Associate Commissioner for Administration, and Ken Martin, Associate Commissioner, Chief Operating Officer, and Chief Financial Officer, presented this item and were available for questions.</p>
<p>IX. Matters Relating to the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics</p>	
<p>A. Committee chair's overview</p>	<p>No action required.</p>
<p>B. Consideration and possible action to approve the "60x30TX Progress Report"</p>	<p>This item was approved on the consent calendar.</p>
<p>C. Consideration and possible action to approve amending the staff augmentation and technology service contracts pursuant to Rule 1.16 and Government Code, Chapter 2155, with Daman Consulting Incorporated to increase funding, including exceeding \$5 million, and extending the contracts from September 30, 2022, to September 30, 2023, for: (1) contractors working directly on the Data Modernization Initiative project; and (2) backfill positions for the data modernization staff augmentation project</p>	<p>These items were approved on the consent calendar.</p>
<p>D. Consideration and possible action to approve amending the service contract pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 2155, with MDRC by</p>	<p>This item was approved on the consent calendar.</p>

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<p>extending the contract from June 30, 2022, to April 30, 2023, and adding additional funds to extend and enhance MDRC's ongoing randomized-controlled trial evaluation of the Texas Transfer Grants Pilot Project</p>	
<p>E. Consideration and possible action to approve entering into Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funded interagency contracts totaling no more than \$30 million with various general academic teaching institutions to support the Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant program</p>	<p>This item was approved on the consent calendar.</p>
<p>F. Consideration and possible action to approve the appointment of members to the Financial Aid Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the consent calendar.</p>
<p>X. Lunch</p>	<p>This item was taken earlier in the meeting.</p>
<p>XI. Matters relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success (A-P)</p>	<p>These items were heard earlier in the meeting.</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>This item was approved on the consent calendar.</p>
<p>C. Consideration and possible action to adopt the Annual Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2023</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Dr. Wong, the Board adopted the Annual Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2023. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Mark Poehl, Assistant Commissioner, Internal Audit and Compliance, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>D. Consideration and possible action to adopt the Annual State Compliance Monitoring Plan for Fiscal Year 2023</p>	<p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board adopted the Annual State Compliance Monitoring Plan for Fiscal Year</p>

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	<p>2023. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Mark Poehl, Assistant Commissioner, Internal Audit and Compliance, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
	<p>The Board returned to agenda item VIII-I.</p>
<p>VIII. Matters relating to the Full Board</p>	
<p>I. Consideration and possible action to adopt the recommendation to contract with a vendor for \$8 million to provide software for supporting and servicing the agency's student loan programs</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Wong, the Board voted to postpone this item to the next meeting at which time the negotiations will be complete for this contract. The vote was unanimous. Ken Martin, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>XIII. Adjournment</p>	

With no further business, on a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Fred Farias III
 Chairman