

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

DRAFT MINUTES

April 22, 2021

Regular Quarterly Meeting

Via Video Conference Call

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 9:02 a.m. on April 22, 2021, with the following members present: Stuart Stedman, presiding; Javaid Anwar; Cody Campbell; Emma Schwartz; Sam Torn; Donna Williams; Welcome Wilson; and Levi McClenny (ex-officio). Fred Farias joined the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Members absent: Ricky Raven

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
I. Call to order: Opening Remarks	<p>Mr. Stedman called the videoconference meeting of the Coordinating Board to order and called the roll. All members, except for Mr. Raven were present. Dr. Farias joined the meeting at 10:37 a.m. A quorum was met for this board meeting.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board excused the absence of Mr. Raven. Vote: 7 in favor, none against.</p> <p>Mr. Stedman recognized Dr. Julie Eklund for her many years of service to the State of Texas and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement.</p>
<p>A.</p> <p>(1). Resolution of appreciation for outgoing student board member</p> <p>(2). Resolution of appreciation for outgoing board members</p>	<p>Mr. Stedman read the resolution of appreciation for student board member, Mr. Levi McClenny. On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the resolution. A copy of the resolution can be found as Attachment A to these minutes. Vote: 7 in favor, none against.</p> <p>Mr. Stedman read the resolution honoring Cody Campbell. On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the resolution. A copy of the resolution can be found as Attachment B to these minutes. Vote: 6 in favor, none against. Mr. Campbell was present and not voting.</p> <p>The resolution honoring Mr. Stuart Stedman was not read at this time.</p>
B. Commissioner's Remarks	<p>No action required. Commissioner Keller provided remarks on some of today's agenda items.</p>

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II. Public Testimony	
A. Public Testimony	The Board heard public testimony from Mr. George Scott regarding the upcoming retirement of Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning.
III. Approval of Minutes	
A. Quarterly Board Meeting, January 21, 2021 B. Special Called Board Meeting, March 12, 2021	On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the minutes for the January Quarterly Board Meeting. Vote: 7 in favor, none against. On a motion by Mr. Torn, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the minutes for the March Special Called Board Meeting. Vote: 7 in favor, none against.
IV. Approval of the Consent Calendar	
A. Consent Calendar	On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Mr. Torn, the Board approved the non-rule Consent Calendar as amended. Vote: 7 in favor, none against. Items approved on the non-rule consent calendar were: VII-B; VII-C; IX-G; and X-B. On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the rule Consent Calendar. Vote: 7 in favor, none against. Items approved on the rule consent calendar as amended were: IX-H (2); IX-H (3); and IX-H (5). Ms. Nichole Bunker-Henderson, General Counsel, presented an overview of the rules on consent and was available for questions.
V. Major Policy Discussion	
A. Overview and update of agency efforts to modernize and improve data and data use	No action required. Dr. Harrison Keller, Commissioner of Higher Education, and Ms. Lori Fey, Deputy Commissioner for Data Analytics and Innovation, presented this item and were available for questions.

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VI. Matters relating to the Full Board	
A. Gifts and Donations to the Board	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved the acceptance of Gifts and Donations to the Board. Vote: 7 in favor, none against.</p> <p>Ms. Nichole Bunker-Henderson, General Counsel, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
B. <i>60x30TX</i> revision update, discussion, and possible action on process for ongoing revision of the plan	<p>No action required. Ms. Melissa Henderson, Associate Commissioner, presented this item and was available to answer questions.</p>
<p>C.</p> <p>(1) Introduction of new assistant commissioners</p> <p>(2) Consideration and action to clarify the delegation of authority and references in rule to deputy and assistant commissioners</p>	<p>No action required. Dr. Harrison Keller, Commissioner of Higher Education, presented this item and was available to answer questions.</p> <p>Dr. Farias joined the meeting at 10:37 a.m.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved action to clarify the delegation of authority and references in rule to deputy and assistant commissioners. Vote: 8 in favor, none against.</p> <p>Ms. Nichole Bunker-Henderson, General Counsel, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
D. Update on Texas Transfer Framework	<p>No action required. Dr. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
VII. Matters Relating to the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics	
A. Committee Chair’s Overview	<p>No action required.</p>
B. Consideration of adopting the recommendation relating to the annual report about the financial condition of the state’s community college districts (HB 1, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, Rider 12, III-219)	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
C. Review of facilities projects that were submitted to the Coordinating Board, pursuant to Texas Education Code §61.0572 and §61.058	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>

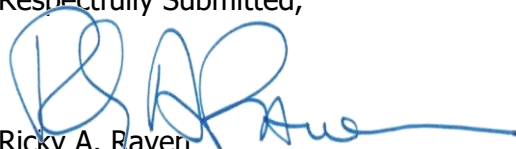
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VIII. Lunch	Mr. Stedman announced the Board would not break for lunch.
IX. Matters relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success	
I-A (2). Resolution of appreciation for outgoing board members	<p>Dr. Farias took agenda item I-A (2) Resolution of Appreciation for Outgoing Board Members out of order.</p> <p>Dr. Farias read the resolution of appreciation for Chairman Stuart Stedman. On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the resolution. A copy of the resolution can be found as Attachment C to these minutes. Vote: 7 in favor, none against. Mr. Stedman was present, not voting on this item.</p>
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required.
B. Consideration of adopting the Certification Advisory Council's recommendation relating to a request from Medisend College of Biomedical Engineering Technology for a Third Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas	<p>On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board adopted the Certification Advisory Council's recommendation relating to a request from Medisend College of Biomedical Engineering Technology for a Third Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas. Vote: 8 in favor, none against.</p> <p>Dr. Tina Jackson, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce Education, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>C. Consideration of approving the requests for a new degree program:</p> <p>TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY (1) Master of Science (MS) in Mechanical Engineering</p> <p>TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (2) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Criminal Justice</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Anwar, 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 Ms. Schwartz, 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>

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<p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY (3) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Human Genetics</p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS (4) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Biomedical Engineering</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> <p>On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Anwar, 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>D. Report to the committee on school closures and/or teach-outs pursuant to Chapter 7, Subchapter A, §7.7(5)</p>	<p>No action required. Dr. Tina Jackson, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce Education, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>E. Consideration of adopting the appointment of member(s) to the Workforce Education Course Manual Advisory Committee in accordance with Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 1, Subchapter T, Rule 1.220.</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board adopted the appointment of member(s) to the Workforce Education Course Manual Advisory Committee in accordance with Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 1, Subchapter T, Rule 1.220. Vote: 8 in favor, none against.</p> <p>Dr. Tina Jackson, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce Education, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>F. Report on institutional requests acted on by the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner since the last Board meeting</p>	<p>No action required. Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>G. Consideration of adopting the appointment of member(s) to the Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</p>	<p>This item was approved on the consent calendar.</p>
<p>H. Proposed Rules:</p> <p>(1) Consideration of adopting the proposed amendments to Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 6, Subchapter C, Section 6.74 of Board Rules, concerning the Minority Health Research and Education Grant Program</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Stedman, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board adopted the proposed amendments to Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 6, Subchapter C, Section 6.74 of Board Rules, concerning the Minority Health Research and Education Grant Program. Vote: 8 in favor, none against. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>

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<p>(2) Consideration of adopting the proposed amendments of Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter A, §1.6 of Board Rules, concerning advisory committees and subcommittees</p> <p>(3) Consideration of adopting the proposed amendments of Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter T, §1.222 of Board Rules, concerning the Workforce Education Course Manual Advisory Committee Membership and Officers</p> <p>(4) Consideration of adopting the proposed amendments of Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter C, §4.54 of Board Rules, concerning the TSI Exemptions, Exceptions, and Waivers</p> <p>(5) Consideration of adopting the proposed repeal of Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 9, Subchapter M, §§9.660 - 9.666 of Board Rules, concerning Program Development in Public Two-Year Colleges-Block Scheduling</p>	<p>Stacey Silverman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</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>On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board adopted the proposed amendments of Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter C, §4.54 of Board Rules, concerning the TSI Exemptions, Exceptions, and Waivers. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner for College Readiness and Success, and Dr. Suzanne Morales-Vale, Senior Director of Developmental and Adult Education, presented this item and were available for questions.</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>I. Consideration of approving the recommendation to solicit and contract a design research firm to support implementation of the college and career advising efforts within the data modernization initiative</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the recommendation to solicit and contract a design research firm to support implementation of the college and career advising efforts within the data modernization initiative.</p> <p>Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner for College Readiness and Success, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
X. Matters relating to the Agency Operations Committee	
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 authorization to enter into an agreement with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), File and Serve Express, Texas Easy Serve, and Travis County Courts to continue to provide collection services for the agency's student loan program. The amount of the combined agreements is estimated to be \$2,700,000 for a two-year period beginning 9/1/2021	<p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board approved authorization to enter into an agreement with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), File and Serve Express, Texas Easy Serve, and Travis County Courts to continue to provide collection services for the agency's student loan program. The amount of the combined agreements is estimated to be \$2,700,000 for a two-year period beginning 9/1/2021. 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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XI. Adjournment	

With no further business, on a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ricky A. Raven
Secretary of the Board

ATTACHMENT A



Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Resolution of Appreciation Levi D. McClenny

WHEREAS, Levi D. McClenny was appointed as the student representative to the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) by Governor Greg Abbott for a one-year term beginning June 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the board Mr. McClenny served as an ex-officio member on the Agency Operations Committee; the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success; and the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning; and

WHEREAS, the THECB values the input, ideas, and feedback from students on higher education policy, particularly those policies that have a direct impact on students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McClenny demonstrated dedication, leadership, and professionalism and provided invaluable support to the Board as it confronted the unprecedented challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, participating in numerous virtual meetings; and

WHEREAS, during his term, Mr. McClenny made insightful and knowledgeable observations and comments, posed thoughtful questions, and sought clarifications and information on behalf of students across the state;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on the 22nd day of April, 2021, express our deepest appreciation to Levi D. McClenny for his distinguished service as an influential member of the 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 Levi McClenny in recognition of the high esteem in which he is held.



ATTACHMENT B



**Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Resolution of Appreciation
Cody C. Campbell**

WHEREAS, Cody C. Campbell was appointed to the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for a four-year term by Governor Greg Abbott on November 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, during his term on the board, Mr. Campbell served with great distinction as a member of the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success and a member of the Agency Operations Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell has been an important advocate for Texas higher education, and the state of Texas and the THECB has benefited from his interactions with legislators, educators, nonprofit and business leaders, regents, and trustees in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell's support for increasing higher education opportunities for Texas students, and his commitment to helping make higher education possible for more Texas students will benefit students for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, his tenure on the board was brief, as Governor Abbott has appointed him to the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents, Mr. Campbell's leadership has greatly benefited the Board, its staff, and all institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell brought to bear his remarkable achievements in business and athletics by focusing the THECB on the importance of creating opportunities for Texas students to succeed in higher education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell has earned the respect and gratitude of his colleagues at the THECB and institutions of higher education for his service and support for the students of Texas and the goals of the state's higher education plan, 60x30TX, and will undoubtedly continue to serve with great honor and distinction as a university system regent;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on this 22nd day of April, 2021, express our deepest appreciation to Cody C. Campbell for his distinguished service as an effective member of this Board and his resolute 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 Cody C. Campbell in recognition of the high esteem in which he is held.



ATTACHMENT C



Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Resolution of Appreciation Stuart W. Stedman

WHEREAS, Stuart Stedman was appointed vice chair to the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) by Governor Greg Abbott on March 21, 2016, and appointed as chair by Governor Abbott on March 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, during his term on the board, Mr. Stedman served with great distinction not only as chair and vice chair of the board; but also as a member of the Committee on Affordability, Accountability, and Planning; a member of the Agency Operations Committee; and a member of the 60x30TX Refresh Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stedman's affability made him an extraordinary advocate for higher education in Texas, and the THECB benefited greatly from his advocacy with legislators, educators, nonprofit and business leaders, regents, and trustees in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the THECB is grateful for Mr. Stedman's steady hand as chairman and his extensive experience as a board member developed during decades of serving on the philanthropic boards for causes to which he is dedicated; and

WHEREAS, his reputation as a well-respected and proven community and business leader in Houston brought greater visibility to the agency, to 60x30TX, and to the needs of college students, for whom he has been a caring advocate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stedman is deeply committed to innovation in higher education to increase opportunities, attainment, and successes for Texas students; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated his commitment to higher education in Texas through his active stewardship and steadfast efforts to help the THECB and institutions of higher education achieve the ambitious goals of 60x30TX, now and into the future; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stedman is a proud Longhorn having earned three degrees from The University of Texas at Austin, the board of regents for the University of Texas System will undoubtedly benefit from Mr. Stedman's knowledge and passion for higher education;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on this 22nd day of April, 2021, express our deepest appreciation to Stuart Stedman 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 Stuart Stedman in recognition of the high esteem in which he is held.