TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

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

January 23, 2025

Regular Quarterly Meeting

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Coordinating Board) convened at 9:02 a.m. on January 23, 2025, 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

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
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 for Javaid Anwar. On a motion by Dr. Daniel Wong, seconded by Mr. Juan Nevarez, the Board approved the absence of Mr. Anwar. The vote was unanimous.
A. Introduction of Wynn Rosser, Ph.D., Commissioner of Higher Education	Dr. Farias introduced Dr. Wynn Rosser as the new Commissioner of Higher Education.
II. Commissioner's comments	No action required. Commissioner Rosser provided remarks on some of the agenda items.
III. Public testimony	Dr. Farias announced that there was no public testimony.
IV. Approval of minutes A. October 24, 2024, Quarterly Board Meeting	On a motion by Mr. Richard Clemmer, seconded by Mr. Welcome Wilson, Jr., the Board approved the minutes for the October 24 Quarterly Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous.
B. November 14, 2024, Special Called Board Meeting	On a motion by Ms. Stacy Hock, seconded by Ms. Emma Wollschlager, the Board approved the minutes for the November 14 Special Called Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous

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V. Approval of the consent calendar	On a motion by Mr. Nevarez, seconded by Mr. Clemmer, the Board approved the non-rule consent calendar as amended. The vote was unanimous. Items approved on the non-rule consent calendar were: 7-E, 7-F, 8-C, 10-B, 10-C, 10-D, 10-E, 11-B, 11-C, 11-E, and 11-F (1-5). On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Wollschlager and Dr. Wong, the Board approved the rule consent calendar. The vote was unanimous. Items approved on the rule consent calendar were: 8-D (1-6 and 8) and 10-H (1-6 and 9-14)
VI. Major Policy Discussion:	No action required. Dr. David Troutman, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, and Ms. Sarah Keyton, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Operations, presented this item and were available for questions.
VII. Matters relating to the full Board	
A. Update on the Texas Higher Education Foundation	No action required. Ms. Melissa Henderson, Executive Director of the Texas Higher Education Foundation, presented this item and was available for questions.
B. Update on the 2026-27 budget	No action required. Mr. Anthony Infantini, Chief Financial Officer, and Ms. Keyton presented this item and were available for questions.
C. Update on Texas transfer initiatives	No action required. Ms. Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.
D. Update on program approval	No action required. Ms. Mayer presented this agenda item and was available for questions.
E. Consideration and possible action to acknowledge gifts and donations to the Board	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
F. Consideration and possible action to amend Board approval to increase the contract amount with a vendor for the Texas Success Initiative Assessment, Version 2.0 (TSIA2) Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA)	This item was approved on the consent calendar.

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G. Consideration and possible action to increase the contract amount with TexHahn Media, Inc. for the My Texas Future initiative, from $750,000 to $3 million	On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Nevarez, the Board approved the request to increase the contract amount with TexHahn Media, Inc. for the My Texas Future initiative, from $750,000 to $3 million. Ms. Glenna Bruun, Associate Commissioner for Public Affairs, and Mr. Anthony Infantini presented this item and were available for questions Mr. Wilson and Mr. Clemmer requested staff report back to the board at the mid-point of the new contract.
	The chair announced a short break. The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m. and re-convened at 11:04 a.m.
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 Dr. Wong, 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. Mr. Andy MacLaurin, Assistant Commissioner for Funding, presented this agenda item and was available for questions
C. Report on Financial Aid Advisory Committee activities	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
D. Proposed rules: (1) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed repeal of Board Rules, Chapter 1, Subchapter BB, concerning the Texas Application for State Financial Aid 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 repeal of Board Rules, Chapter 22, Subchapter A, Section 22.7, concerning the Dissemination of Information and Rules	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 the recommendation relating to the four-year review of Board Rules, Chapter 22, Subchapter F, Sections 22.112-22.115, concerning Matching Scholarships to Retain Students in Texas	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
(4) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 22, Subchapter F, Sections 22.113-22.115, concerning the Matching Scholarships to Retain Students in Texas	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 22, Subchapter G, Sections 22.128-22.131, 22.133, and 22.135, concerning the Texas College Work-Study Program	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 the recommendation relating to the four-year review of Board Rules, Chapter 22, Subchapter I, Sections 22.163-22.174, concerning Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program	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 22, Subchapter I, Sections 22.163-22.168, and 22.170, and new section 22.169, concerning the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP)	On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Nevarez, the Board adopted proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 22, Subchapter I, Sections 22.163-22.168, and 22.170, and new section 22.169, concerning the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP). 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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(8) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 22, Subchapter K, Sections 22.201-22.210, concerning the Texas Transfer 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.
(9) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 22, Subchapter T, Sections 22.550, 22.552, 22.553, and 22.555, concerning the Texas First Scholarship	On a motion by Mr. Nevarez, seconded by Ms. Wollschlager, the Board adopted proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 22, Subchapter T, Sections 22.550, 22.552, 22.553, and 22.555, concerning the Texas First Scholarship. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials. Dr. Contéro-Puls presented this item and was available for questions
IX. Lunch	The board did not break for lunch
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 July 2024 Annual Compliance Reports for institutions under a Certificate of Authorization (Names beginning with "P" through "Z")	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
C. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
D. Consideration and possible action to appoint a replacement member to the Learning Technology Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
E. Consideration and possible action to approve the report, "Supporting Underprepared Students in Texas: Continued Progress and Recommendations"	This item was approved on the consent calendar.

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F. Consideration and possible action to approve the request from The University of Texas at Tyler to modify the degree program funding model for the Doctor of Pharmacy	On a motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Ms. Hock, the Board approved the request from The University of Texas at Tyler to modify the degree program funding model for the Doctor of Pharmacy. Ms. Mayer presented this item and was available for questions.
G. Consideration and possible action to approve the following requests for new degree programs:	
(4) The University of Texas At Rio Grande Valley Doctor of Optometry (OD)	Agenda item 10-G (4) was taken out of turn. On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Mayer presented this item and was available for questions. Dr. Guy Bailey, President of UTRGV, and Dr. William Miller, Founding Dean of Optometry, were also available for questions.
(1) Texas A&M University Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Visual Computing and Interactive Media	On a motion by Mr. Clemmer, seconded by Dr. Wong, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Mayer presented this item and was available for questions. Dr. Alan Sams, Provost, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Tim McLaughlin, Professor and Dean, College of Performance, Visualization & Fine Arts, and Dr. Donald House, Senior Professor and Director, Visual Computing and Interactive Media, College of Performance, Visualization & Fine Arts, were also available for questions.
(2) Texas A&M University Doctor of Education (EdD) in Bilingual, English as a Second Language, and Dual Language Education	On a motion by Mr. Nevarez, seconded by Dr. Wong, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Mayer presented this item and was available for questions. Dr. Sams, Dr. Michael de Miranda, Dean, College of Education and Human Development, and Dr. Beverly Irby, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Regents Professor, College of Education and Human Development, were also available for questions.

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(3) The University of Texas At Austin Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Rhetoric and Writing Studies	On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Dr. Wong, the Board approved the new degree program. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Mayer presented this item and was available for questions. Mr. Art Markman, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; and Ms. Diane Davis, Rhetoric and Writing Department Chair, were also available for questions.
H. Proposed rules:	
(1) Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed repeal of Board Rules, Chapter 1, Subchapter F, Sections 1.121-1.127, concerning the Advisory Committee on Research Programs	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
(2) Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed repeal of Board rules, Chapter 1, Subchapter Q, Sections 1.199-1.205, concerning the Community and Technical College Leadership Council	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 approve the proposed repeal of Board Rules, Chapter 1, Subchapter N, Sections 1.178-1.184, concerning the Graduate Education 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.
(4) Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed repeal of Board Rules, Chapter 1, Subchapter R, Sections 1.206-1.212, concerning the Undergraduate Education 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.
(5) Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed repeal of Board Rules, Chapter 1, Subchapter DD, Sections 1.9531-1.9536, concerning the Title IX 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.
(6) Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed repeal of Board Rules, Chapter 1, Subchapter EE, Sections 1.9541-1.9546, concerning the Study and Report on Core Curriculum 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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(7) Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed repeal of Board Rules, Chapter 4, Subchapter A, Section 4.5, concerning the Common Calendar	On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Nevarez, the Board adopted the proposed repeal of Board Rules, Chapter 4, Subchapter A, Section 4.5, concerning the Common Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials. Ms. Mayer presented this item and was available for questions
(8) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 4, Subchapter A, Section 4.9, concerning Limitations on the Number of Courses that May be Dropped Under Certain Circumstances by Undergraduate Students	On a motion by Mr. Clemmer, seconded by Dr. Wong, the Board adopted the proposed amendments to Board Rules, Chapter 4, Subchapter A, Section 4.9, concerning Limitations on the Number of Courses that May be Dropped Under Certain Circumstances by Undergraduate Students. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials. Ms. Mayer presented this item and was available for questions
(9) Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed repeal of Board Rules, Chapter 6, Subchapter C, Section 6.74, concerning Minority Health Research and Education 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.
(10) Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed repeal of Board Rules, Chapter 9, Subchapter E, Sections 9.91-9.96, concerning Certificate and 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.
(11) Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed repeal of Board Rules, Chapter 9, Subchapter F, Sections 9.111-9.118, concerning Workforce Continuing Education Courses	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
(12) Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed repeal of Board Rules, Chapter 9, Subchapter I, Sections 9.161-9.163, concerning Distance Education	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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(13) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed new Board Rules in Chapter 10, Subchapter C, Sections 10.70-10.78, concerning the Statewide Preceptorship Grant Program (14) Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed repeal of Board Rules, Chapter 14, Subchapters A-F, concerning Research Funding Programs	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.
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. Report on grants and contracts	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
C. Review of the "Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Report" to the Board	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
D. Consideration and possible action to approve the updated Internal Audit Charter	On a motion by Ms. Wollschlager, seconded by Ms. Hock, the Board approved the updated Internal Audit Charter. Mr. Arby Gonzales, Assistant Commissioner for Internal Audit and Compliance, presented this item and was available for questions.
E. Auditor's update on Internal Audit reports and activities	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
F. Auditor's update on state and federal compliance monitoring reports and activities (1) "A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of Formula Funding at Coastal Bend Community College" (no findings) (2) "A Compliance Monitoring Onsite Review of Formula Funding at Texas State University" (no findings)	These items were approved on the consent calendar.

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(3) "A Compliance Monitoring Onsite Review of TEOG at Odessa College" (two findings) (4) "A Compliance Monitoring Follow Up Review of TEOG at Grayson College" (no findings) (5) "Compliance Monitoring Corrective Action Status Report – January 2025"	
XII. Adjournment	

With no further business, on a motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Nevarez, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Javaid Anwar

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Secretary of the Board