

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

MINUTES

October 26, 2023

Regular Quarterly Meeting

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 9:06 a.m. on October 26, 2023, with the following members present: Fred Farias, presiding; Donna Williams; Javaid Anwar; Stacy Hock; Emma Schwartz; Ashlie Thomas; Welcome Wilson; Daniel Wong; and Cage Sawyers, Ex-Officio.

Members absent: Richard Clemmer

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
I. Call to Order: Opening Remarks	Dr. Farias called the meeting of the Coordinating Board to order and called roll. All members were present except for Mr. Clemmer.  On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board voted to excuse Mr. Clemmer's absence.
II. Commissioner's Comments	No action required. Commissioner Keller provided remarks on some of the agenda items.
III. Public Testimony	Dr. Farias announced that no testimony had been received.
IV. Approval of Minutes  A. July 2023, Quarterly Board Meeting  B. August 2023, Special Called Board Meeting  C. September 2023, Board Retreat	On a motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Ms. Hock, the Board approved the minutes for the July Quarterly Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous.  On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Thomas, the Board approved the minutes for the August Special Called Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous.  On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board approved the minutes for the September Board Retreat. The vote was unanimous.

<p><b>V. Approval of the consent calendar</b></p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the non-rule consent calendar as amended. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Items approved on the consent calendar were: 7-E; 8-B; 8-C; 8-D; 10-C; 10-D; 10-E; 10-F; 10-G; 10-H; 10-K; 10-L; 10-M; and 11-B.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Hock, the Board approved the rule consent calendar. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Items approved on the rule consent calendar was 8-E (1); 8-E (2); and 8-E (3).</p>
<p><b>VI. Major Policy Discussion: Research, Development, and Innovation</b></p>	<p>No action required. Harrison Keller, Commissioner of Higher Education, Mr. Jon Roberts, Managing Partner, TIP Strategies, and Ms. Katrina Parkey, also from TIP Strategies, presented this item and were available for questions.</p>
<p><b>VII. Matters Relating to the Full Board</b></p>	
<p>A. Update on <i>Building a Talent Strong Texas</i></p>	<p>No action required. Melissa Henderson, Chief of Staff and Executive Director for the Texas Higher Education Foundation, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>B. Update on Texas transfer initiatives</p>	<p>No action required. Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>C. Update on program approval</p>	<p>No action required. Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>D. Update on the Star Award Program</p>	<p>No action required. Carl Krueger, Senior Policy Director, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>E. Consideration and possible action to acknowledge gifts and donations to the Board</p>	<p>This item was approved on the consent calendar.</p>
<p>F. Consideration and possible action to delegate to the commissioner the authority to renew the emergency rules adopted at the August Special Called Board Meeting</p>	<p>On a motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Ms. Thomas, the Board delegated to the Commissioner the authority to renew the emergency rules adopted at the August Special Called Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Nichole Bunker-Henderson, General Counsel,</p>

	presented this item and was available to answer questions.
G. Consideration and possible action to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of State of Texas College Student Loan Bonds in one or more series and delegation of the authority for administering and approving the activities necessary to complete the sale of the private activity bonds	<p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, the Board adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance of State of Texas College Student Loan Bonds in one or more series and delegation to the Commissioner the authority for FY24 for administering and approving the activities necessary to complete the sale of the private activity bonds. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Anthony Infantini, Chief Financial Officer, Richard Donoghue, Partner with McCall, Parkhurst &amp; Horton, and Lee Donner, Managing Director with Hilltop Securities, Inc., presented this item and were available to answer questions.</p>
H. Consideration and possible action on the performance evaluations of the Commissioner of Higher Education, General Counsel, and Internal Auditor	This item was postponed to be heard in closed session later in the meeting
<b>VIII. Matters Relating to the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics</b>	
A. Committee chair's overview	No action required. Mr. Anwar provided an overview of the items on the agenda.
B. Consideration and possible action to approve the replacement of a member on the Health-Related Institutions Formula Advisory Committee for the 2026-2027 biennium	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
C. Consideration and possible action to adopt the recommendation relating to the "Facilities Audit Report"	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
D. Consideration and possible action to delegate authority to the Commissioner of Higher Education to approve and submit the data report required by Texas Education Code, Section 61.0662 (d)	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
E. Proposed Rules	
(1) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 17, Subchapter B, Section 17.20(a)(5), concerning a name change from Tuition	This item was approved on the consent calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.

<p>Revenue Bonds to Capital Construction Assistance Projects</p> <p>(2) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 17, Subchapter F, Section 17.112, concerning data required for use in facilities audits</p> <p>(3) Consideration and possible action to amend Board Rules, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 22, Subchapter J, Section 22.186, concerning the Future Occupations &amp; Reskilling Workforce Advancement to Reach Demand (FORWARD) 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>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>IX. Lunch</b></p>	<p>The board did not break for lunch. The Chairman announced a ten-minute break. The meeting adjourned at 11:26AM and re-convened at 11:43AM.</p>
<p><b>X. Matters Relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success</b></p>	
<p>A. Committee chair's overview</p>	<p>No action required. Ms Williams provided an overview of the items on the agenda.</p>
<p>B. Consideration and possible action to approve receipt of Fiscal Year 2024 Carl D. Perkins Community and Technical Colleges Consolidated Grant mid-year reallocation funds not to exceed \$9.5 million</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Ms. Thomas, the Board approved receipt of Fiscal Year 2024 Carl D. Perkins Community and Technical Colleges Consolidated Grant mid-year reallocation funds not to exceed \$9.5 million. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Dr. Tina Jackson, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce Education, presented this item and was available for questions</p>
<p>C. Consideration and possible action to adopt the recommendation relating to the revision of the <i>Principles of Good Practice for Academic Degree and Certificate Programs and Credit Courses Offered at a Distance</i></p>	<p>This item was approved on the consent calendar.</p>
<p>D. Report on activities of the Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (Texas Education Code, Section 61.06641)</p>	<p>This item was approved on the consent calendar.</p>

E. 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.
F. Report on activities of the Apply Texas Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
G. Report on activities of the Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM) Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
H. Consideration of Board delegation to Commissioner for approval of the report required by General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, Article III, Section 47, 87th Texas Legislature, related to the Effectiveness of the Advise TX Program	This item was approved on the consent calendar.
I. Consideration and possible action to adopt the recommendation to approve a request from The University of Austin for an initial Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas	<p>On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Ms. Thomas, the Board adopted the recommendation to approve a request from The University of Austin for an initial Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available to answer questions.</p>
J. Consideration and possible action to adopt the recommendation to approve a request from Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine for its third Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas	<p>Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, presented this item and was available to answer questions.</p> <p>Prior to voting, the Board requested more information regarding the memorandum of understanding between the Coordinating Board and Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine.</p> <p>The vote was deferred to later in the meeting.</p>
K. Consideration and possible action to adopt the 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.
L. Consideration and possible action to adopt the "Community College Transfer Student Report" (General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, Article III, Section 45, Special Provisions, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session)	This item was approved on the consent calendar.

<p>M. Consideration and possible action to delegate authority to the Commissioner of Higher Education to approve and submit the study "Shortages in Certain Health Professions" pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 61.06691</p>	<p>This item was approved on the consent calendar.</p>
<p>N. Consideration and possible action to approve the following requests for new degree programs:</p> <p>ALAMO DISTRICT-NORTHWEST VISTA COLLEGE (1) Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) in Cloud Computing</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER (2) Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Nurse Anesthesia</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO (3) Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Nurse Anesthesia</p>	<p>On a motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, 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. President Amy Bosley, Dr. Russell Frohardt, Dean for Academic Success, and Dr. John Grillo, Professor and Program Coordinator for Cloud Computing, were also available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Anwar, 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. Dr. Barbara Haas, Dean of the School of Nursing, Dr. Jenifer Chilton, Associate Dean of the School of Nursing, and Dr. Carol Rizer, Associate Professor, School of Nursing, were also available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Anwar, 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. Dr. Jacqueline Mok, Vice President for Academic, Faculty, and Student Affairs, Dr. Sonya Hardin, Dean of the School of Nursing, and Dr. Alison Peterson, Assistant Professor and Clinical Director for the CRNA Program, were also available for questions.</p>

<p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER (4) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Public Health</p>	<p>On a motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Wilson, 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. Dr. Joseph Su, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Saad Omer, Dean, were also available for questions.</p>
<p>J. Consideration and possible action to adopt the recommendation to approve a request from Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine for its third Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas</p>	<p>The board returned to agenda item X-J. On a motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board adopted the recommendation to approve a request from Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine for its third Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas, subject to continued effect and conditions upon the continued implementation of the Board memorandum of understanding with Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine. The vote was unanimous. Nichole Bunker-Henderson, General Counsel, provided the board with the additional information requested regarding the memorandum of understanding between the Coordinating Board and Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, and was available to answer questions.</p>
<p><b>XI. Matters Relating to the Agency Operations Committee</b></p>	
<p>A. Committee chair's overview</p>	<p>No action required. Ms. Schwartz provided an overview of the items on the agenda.</p>
<p>B. Report on grants and contracts</p>	<p>This item was approved on the consent calendar.</p>
<p><b>VII. Matters Relating to the Full Board</b></p>	
<p>H. Consideration and possible action on the performance evaluations of the Commissioner of Higher Education, General Counsel, and Internal Auditor</p>	<p>This item was taken out of order. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, the Board met in closed session to discuss the performance evaluations of the Commissioner of Higher Education, General Counsel, and Internal Auditor. The Board went into closed session at 12.51 p.m. Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Sawyers departed the meeting during the closed session. The Board reconvened in open session at 2.14</p>

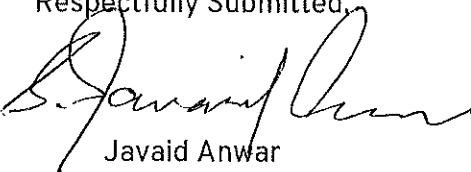
p.m. There was no action taken during the closed session.

Upon return to open session, on a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board delegated to the Chairman authority to finalize the evaluations consistent with the Board's discussion. The vote was unanimous.

**XII. Adjournment**

With no further business, on a motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Ms. Thomas, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Javid Anwar  
Secretary of the Board