

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

AGENDA ITEM X-E (1)

Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Background Information:

The Texas Education Code, Section 61.06641, directs the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to establish an advisory council to periodically review the policies and practices that increase access to higher education opportunities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). THECB staff requests appointment of new members to the Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

The council is composed of 19 members with expertise in postsecondary opportunities for persons with IDD. Recommendations for membership positions were selected from nominations by the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas Education Agency, and the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities. Members represent higher education IDD programs at the two- and four-year levels, students, parents, and advocacy groups. Members serve two-year terms and elect a presiding officer to serve a two-year term. The council meets four times per year as called by the presiding officer.

The nominees for a new term are attached with current roles and organizations represented.

Dr. Jennielle Strother, Assistant Commissioner for Student Success, will be available to answer questions.

Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Linda Litzinger, Presiding Officer

Disability Advocacy Group
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Texas Parent to
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Aaron W. Bangor, Ph.D.

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Empower, Learn, Excel, enVision, Advance,
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Texas Denton

Elizabeth Fuller

Student Representative
Texas Tech University
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IDD College Program Representative
Postsecondary Access and Training in
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University College Station

Kristen Gooch

IDD College Graduate
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Christina Gushanas, Ph.D.

Transition to Employment Specialist
Representative
Sam Houston State University
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Abby Hughes

High School Representative
Special Education Transition Services,
NEISD San Antonio

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Vocational Advancement and Skill Training
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Houston

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Office of Special Populations and
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Austin

Christine Price

IDD College Program Representative
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Disability Advocacy Group
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Sabrina Gonzalez Saucedo

Disability Advocacy Group
Representative The Arc of Texas
Austin

Laura Villarreal

Texas Workforce Commission
Representative Vocational Rehabilitation,
Texas Workforce Commission
Austin

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IDD College Program
Representative Bobcat RISE,
Texas State University San
Marcos

Kristi Watson

High School Teacher of IDD students
Groesbeck ISD
Groesbeck

Lauryn Woolfolk

Student Representative
University of North Texas
Denton

Nina Zuna

University Centers for Excellence in
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Representative
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Austin