Texas Higher Education coordinating BOARD

AGENCY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

11:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 24, 2024

(or upon adjournment of the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success meeting, whichever occurs later)

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George H. W. Bush Building (Board Room) 1801 N. Congress Avenue Austin, Texas

This meeting is conducted in person or via video conference, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.127. A quorum of the Board may be present in the Board Room, which is open to the public.

Chair: Emma W. Schwartz Vice Chair: Welcome W. Wilson, Jr. Members: S. Javaid Anwar; Fred Farias III, O.D.; Stacy A. Hock; Donna N. Williams Student Representative: Cage M. Sawyers (Ex-Officio)

AGENCY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE A G E N D A

Public Testimony: The chair shall designate whether public testimony will be taken at the beginning of the meeting, at the time the related item is taken up by the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Board) after staff has presented the item, or any other time as determined by the chair. For procedures on testifying, please go to <u>highered.texas.gov/public-testimony.</u>

- I. Welcome and committee chair's opening remarks
- II. Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes for the January 24, 2024, committee meeting
- III. Public testimony on agenda items relating to the Agency Operations Committee
- IV. Agency operations
 - A. Report on grants and contracts
- V. Finance
 - A. Review of the "Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Report" to the Board
- VI. Internal and external audit
 - A. Discussion of Statements on Auditing Standards No. 114, "The Auditor's Communication with Those Charged with Governance"
 - B. Auditor's update on Internal Audit reports and activities
 - (1) Reporting phase for internal audit of the Texas Research Incentive Program
 - (2) Starting internal audit of Community College Finance key processes
 - (3) Continuing advisory project related to Community College Finance
- VII. Compliance monitoring
 - A. Auditor's update on state and federal compliance monitoring reports and activities
 - (1) A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of Formula Funding at University of Houston -Victoria" (no findings)
 - (2) "A Compliance Monitoring Onsite Review of Formula Funding at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston" (no findings)

- (3) "A Compliance Monitoring Onsite Review of Formula Funding at the University of North Texas" (no findings)
- (4) "A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of Formula Funding at The University of Texas Permian Basin" (no findings)
- (5) "A Compliance Monitoring Follow-Up Review of Formula Funding at Austin Community College" (no findings)
- (6) "A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of the Tuition Equalization Grant at Southwestern Adventist University" (two findings)
- (7) "Compliance Monitoring Corrective Action Status Report April 2024
- (8) "A Compliance Monitoring Review of Requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Victoria College; Compliance Requirements – Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3" (no observations)
- (9) "A Compliance Monitoring Review of Requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Brazosport College; Compliance Requirements – Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3" (no observations)
- (10) "A Compliance Monitoring Review of Requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Houston Christian University" (two observations)
- (11) "Summary Results Compliance Requirements Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapters E-2 and E-3" No penalties were assessed in this review period.

VIII. Adjournment

Executive Session: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Agency Operations Committee may convene in Executive Session at any point in this meeting, concerning any item listed in the agenda or to seek or to receive its attorney's advice on legal matters related thereto, pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071.

Note: Because the Board members who attend the committee meeting may create a quorum of the full Board, the meeting of the Agency Operations Committee is also being posted as a meeting of the full Board. Only assigned committee members act upon any item before the Agency Operations Committee at this meeting.

Weapons Prohibited: Pursuant to Texas Penal Code § 46.03(a)(14), a person commits an offense if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly possesses or goes with a firearm, location-restricted knife, club, or prohibited weapon listed in Penal Code § 46.05, in the room or rooms where a meeting of a governmental entity is held, if the meeting is an open meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act (Tex. Gov't Code ch 551), and if the entity provided notice as required by that chapter.

Note: Highlighted items in gray are on the consent calendar

AGENDA ITEM I

Welcome and committee chair's opening remarks

Ms. Emma Schwartz, chair of the Agency Operations Committee, will provide the committee an overview of the items on the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM II

<u>Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes for the January 24, 2024, committee</u> <u>meeting</u>

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

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TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

Agency Operations Committee

Wednesday, January 24, 2024; 11:00 a.m. George H. W. Bush Building Board Room (4.300) 1801 N. Congress Ave Austin, TX

The Agency Operations Committee convened at 11:30 a.m. on January 24, 2024, with the following members present: Emma Schwartz, presiding; Welcome Wilson, Vice Chair; Fred Farias; Stacy Hock; and Donna Williams.

Other Board members present: Richard Clemmer, Ashlie Thomas, and Daniel Wong

Members absent: Javaid Anwar and Cage Sawyers, Student Representative (Ex-Officio)

	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
l. rem	Welcome and committee chair's opening arks	Chair, Ms. Emma Schwartz, called the meeting of the Agency Operations Committee to order and called the role. A quorum was met.
ll. from	Consideration of approval of the minutes October 25, 2023, committee meeting	On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Hock, the committee approved this item with all members voting in favor.
III. P	ublic testimony	Ms. Schwartz stated there was no public testimony.
IV.	Agency operations	
Α.	Report on grants and contracts	Mr. Anthony Infantini, Chief Financial Officer, was available for questions.
		This item was for information only.
۷.	Finance	
Α.	Review of the "Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Report" to the Board	Mr. Anthony Infantini, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item and was available for questions. This item was for information only.

VI. Internal and external audit	
A. Consideration and possible action to approve the updated Internal Audit Charter	Mr. Arby Gonzales, Assistant Commissioner for Internal Audit and Compliance, presented this item to the committee and was available for questions. On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by
 B. Auditor's update on Internal Audit reports and activities. (1) Started internal audit on the Texas Research Incentive Program (2) Started advisory project related to 	Ms. Hock, the committee approved this item with all members voting in favor. Mr. Arby Gonzales, Assistant Commissioner for Internal Audit and Compliance, presented this item and was available for questions. This item was for information only.
Community College Finance (3) Internal Audit Corrective Action Status Report – January 2024	
VII. Compliance monitoring	
 A. Auditor's update on state and federal compliance monitoring reports and activities (1) "Compliance Monitoring Audit of College Access Loan at St. Edward's University" (no findings) 	Mr. Arby Gonzales, Assistant Commissioner for Internal Audit and Compliance, and Mr. Paul Maeyaert, Assistant Director of Internal Audit and Compliance, presented this item and were available for questions.
(2) "Compliance Monitoring Audit of Tuition Equalization Grant at Jarvis Christian University" (one finding)	This item was for information only.
(3) "Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant at Weatherford College" (no findings)	
(4) "Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of Formula Funding at the University of Houston" (no findings)	
(5) "Compliance Monitoring Corrective Action Status Report" – January 2024	
IX. Adjournment	On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Williams, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM III

Public testimony on agenda items relating to the Agency Operations Committee

RECOMMENDATION: No action required

Background Information:

The presiding chair shall designate whether public testimony will be taken at the beginning of the meeting, at the time the related item is taken up by the Board after staff has presented the item, or any other time as determined by the presiding chair.

AGENDA ITEM IV-A

Report on grants and contracts

RECOMMENDATION: No action required

Background Information:

Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Rule 1.16(j), establishes that any contract for the purchase of goods or services that exceeds \$1 million may be entered into only if the contract is approved and signed by the Commissioner of Higher Education, to whom the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Board), by virtue of this rule, delegates such approval and signature authority. In addition to the Board receiving a quarterly report on "Contracts Executed by the Agency in Accordance with Board Rule 1.16," agency staff also provides the Board a quarterly report highlighting and listing all grants and contracts exceeding \$1 million.

Anthony Infantini, Chief Financial Officer, is available to answer questions.



Contracts Executed by the Agency Over \$1 Million

January 4, 2024 - March 7, 2024

Dept	Department	THECB No.	Supplier Name	Description	PO Approval Date	PO Total Amt	
4020	Funding and Resource Planning	00027	BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	SVC_BCM Undergrad Medical Edu	1/12/2024	\$ 24,270,6	



Contracts Executed by the Agency in Accordance with Board Rule 1.1

January 4, 2024 - March 7, 2024

Dept	Department	THECB No.	Supplier Name	Description PO Approval Date		PO Total Amt
1001	Commissioners Office	00107	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN	PRQ_2160_UT_CopyServices_folde	2/5/2024	\$ 1,176.43
1001	Commissioners Office	00447	DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS UT AUSTIN	PRQ_2481_UT_LAW_CLE_Higher_Edu	2/22/2024	\$ 625.00
1010	Internal Audit and Compliance	00339	STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE	PRQ_2411_SAO_training Lorraine	1/11/2024	\$ 119.00
1010	Internal Audit and Compliance	00396	TEXAS ASSN OF COLLEGE & UNIV AUDITORS	PRQ_2460_TACUA_2024_Annual	1/24/2024	\$ 4,000.00
1010	Internal Audit and Compliance	00408	LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD	PRQ_2464_TFOA_Arby_Gonzales	1/26/2024	\$ 300.00
1010	Internal Audit and Compliance	00453	BRODART CO	PRQ_2515_BrodArt_Beyond Agile	2/21/2024	\$ 114.40
1010	Internal Audit and Compliance	00472	STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE	PRQ_2541_SAO_Jamyen_Robinson_H	3/4/2024	\$ 339.00
1020	General Counsel	00258	LONGHORN OFFICE PRODUCTS INC	PRQ_2164 Longhorn Office	1/12/2024	\$ 94.66
2010	External Relations	00395	QUORUM REPORT	PRQ_2441_Quorum_Report_AY24	1/24/2024	\$ 360.00
2010	External Relations	00397	FISH FISH & LONG	PRQ_2440_Telicon_AY24	1/24/2024	\$ 3,607.50
2020	Human Resources	00361	MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY COMPANY	PRQ_2418_MSC Indus Supply	1/9/2024	\$ 2,204.46
2020	Human Resources	00270	WORKQUEST	PRQ_2383_WorkQuest	1/16/2024	\$ 103.88
2020	Human Resources	00423	ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERV	PRQ_2477_SORM_AY24	2/1/2024	\$ 366.46
2030	Info Solutions and Services	00256	Coastal Commerce Group LLC	PRQ_2094_Coastal Comm Group LL	1/11/2024	\$ 5,284.46
2030	Info Solutions and Services	00323	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	PRQ_2396_CDW Government Inc	1/11/2024	\$ 340.16
2030	Info Solutions and Services	00333	DLT SOLUTIONS LLC	PRQ_2382_DLT Solutions	1/11/2024	\$ 2,609.60
2030	Info Solutions and Services	00391	GARTNER INC	PRQ_2432_Gartner_2024_LYoung	1/26/2024	\$ 3,950.00
2030	Info Solutions and Services	00381	SHI GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS INC	PRQ_2408_SHI_Gov_Solutions_INC	1/29/2024	\$ 49,243.65
2030	Info Solutions and Services	00394	Coastal Commerce Group LLC	PRQ_2449_Coast Commerce Grp LL	1/29/2024	\$ 9,401.57
2030	Info Solutions and Services	00414	Staples Contract & Commercial	PRQ_2446_ Staples Contract & C	1/31/2024	\$ 1,188.48
2030	Info Solutions and Services	00197	LOBLOLLY CONSULTING LLC	PRQ_2264 Loblolly Randy Bush	2/1/2024	\$ 44,634.00
2030	Info Solutions and Services	00404	SHI GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS INC	PRQ_2390_SHI_Gov_Solutions	2/1/2024	\$ 4,694.18
2030	Info Solutions and Services	00420	LOBLOLLY CONSULTING LLC	PRQ_2438_Loblolly_R.Bush	2/5/2024	\$ 190,396.80
2030	Info Solutions and Services	00421	SISTEMA TECHNOLOGIES INC	PRQ_2445_SISTEMA	2/5/2024	\$ 190,396.80
2030	Info Solutions and Services	00199	DAMAN CONSULTING INCORPORATED	PRQ_2262 Daman Ajay Reddy	2/12/2024	\$ 46,400.00
2030	Info Solutions and Services	00448	TECHSMITH CORP	PRQ_2495_TechSmith Corp	2/26/2024	\$ 885.75
2030	Info Solutions and Services	00468	STATACORP LP	PRQ_2542_StataCorp LLC	3/5/2024	\$ 4,375.00
2030	Info Solutions and Services	00471	INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR INC	PRQ_2501_INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR	3/5/2024	\$ 1,067.40
2030	Info Solutions and Services	00076	DAMAN CONSULTING INCORPORATED	PRQ_2190_Daman_Angelique Ward	3/7/2024	\$ 150,240.00
2040	Financial Services	00355	MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY COMPANY	PRQ_2370_MSC Industrial Supply	1/9/2024	\$ 1,271.14
2040	Financial Services	00356	WORKQUEST	PRQ_2373_WorkQuest Supplies	1/9/2024	\$ 416.56
2040	Financial Services	00372	FASTENAL COMPANY	PRQ_2367_Fastenal Company	1/11/2024	\$ 910.35
2040	Financial Services	00374	CFS PRODUCTS INC	PRQ_2372_CFS Products Inc.	1/18/2024	\$ 345.85
2040	Financial Services	00409	TEXAS STATE AGENCY BUSINESS ADMINISTRATO	PRQ_2468_TSABAA_membership_AY24	1/29/2024	\$ 100.00
2040	Financial Services	00192	WORKQUEST	PRQ_2301_Marita Washington	1/31/2024	\$ 30,736.00
2040	Financial Services	00413	DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS UT AUSTIN	PRQ_2447_DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS UT	1/31/2024	\$ 458.55
2040	Financial Services	00424	TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS	PRQ_2469_CPA_training_MHernand	2/1/2024	\$ 100.00
2040	Financial Services	00407	STATE HIGHER EDUCATION EXECUTIVE OFFICER	PRQ_2467_SHEEO_membership_AY24	2/5/2024	\$ 24,535.00
2050	Student Financial Aid Programs	00231	TEXAS STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT/ATTORNEY G	IAC_Litigation (Abstract/Warrant)	1/18/2024	\$ 25,000.00
2050	Student Financial Aid Programs	00425	HOV SERVICES INC	PRQ_2485_HOV SERVICES INC	2/7/2024	\$ 1,574.09
2060	Communications	00466	WEB-HED TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	PRQ_2459_WEB-HED TECHNOLOGIES,	2/28/2024	\$ 1,736.98
3000	Academic Affairs Wkfrc Edu	00392	TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESE	PRQ_2448_TAIR_2024_MHumphries	1/26/2024	\$ 350.00
3000	Academic Affairs Wkfrc Edu	00393	TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESE	PRQ_2451_TAIR_2024_Liu	1/26/2024	\$ 350.00
3010	Digital Learning	00359	Bay View Analytics, LLC	SVC_Digital Learning Landscape Res	1/19/2024	\$ 10,000.00
3010	Digital Learning	00454	TXDLA INC	PRQ_2490_TxDLA_conference_AY24	2/26/2024	\$ 315.00
3010	Digital Learning	00465	TXDLA INC	PRQ_2492_TXDLA_conference_AY24	2/28/2024	\$ 3,510.00
3010	Digital Learning	00412	INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF KNOWLEDGE MAN	SVC_1826_OERTX Repository	3/1/2024	\$ 149,000.00

Dept	Department	THECB No.	Supplier Name	Description	PO Approval Date	PO To	otal Amt
3020	Workforce Education	00296	LAMAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	GRT_2392_TRUE Grant_2024	1/3/2024	\$	233,757.00
3020	Workforce Education	00281	COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	GRT_2392_TRUE Grant_2024	1/4/2024	\$	154,154.00
3020	Workforce Education	00280	COLLEGE OF THE MAINLAND	GRT_2392_Coll.of the Mainland	1/5/2024	\$	250,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00288	GALVESTON COLLEGE	GRT_2392_Galveston College	1/5/2024	\$	250,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00302	MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	GRT_2392_McLennan Community Co	1/5/2024	\$	138,699.00
3020	Workforce Education	00304	NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE	GRT_2392_N Central TX CommColl	1/5/2024	\$	250,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00305	NORTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	GRT_2392_Northeast TX Comm Col	1/5/2024	\$	250,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00313	TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE	GRT_2392_TSTC	1/5/2024	\$	249,949.00
3020	Workforce Education	00318	WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE	GRT_2392_Wharton County Junior	1/5/2024	\$	250,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00275	BRAZOSPORT COLLEGE	GRT 2392 Brazosport College	1/10/2024	\$	190,625.00
3020	Workforce Education	00277	COASTAL BEND COLLEGE	GRT 2392 Coastal Bend College	1/10/2024	\$	250,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00298	LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-ORANGE	GRT 2392 LSC-Orange_Single	1/10/2024	\$	250,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00303	NAVARRO COLLEGE	GRT 2392 Navarro College	1/10/2024	\$	250,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00315	VICTORIA COLLEGE	GRT 2392 Victoria College	1/10/2024	\$	250,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00343	ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	GRT 2392 Alamo College Consor	1/10/2024	\$	500,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00286	FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE	GRT_2392_Frank Phillips Colleg	1/12/2024	\$	211,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00295	KILGORE COLLEGE	GRT 2392 Kilgore College	1/12/2024	\$	177,120.35
3020	Workforce Education	00297	LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-ORANGE	GRT_2392_LSC-Orange Consortium	1/12/2024	\$	500,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00300	LAREDO JUNIOR COLLEGE	GRT_2392_Laredo Community Coll	1/12/2024	\$	248,427.00
3020	Workforce Education	00308	SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE - STC	GRT 2392 South Texas College	1/12/2024	\$	250,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00309	SOUTHWEST TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE	GRT_2392_Southwest TX JR Colle	1/12/2024	\$	250,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00310	TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT	GRT 2392 Tarrant County Colleg	1/12/2024	\$	237,454.00
3020	Workforce Education	00311	TEMPLE COLLEGE	GRT_2392_Temple College	1/12/2024	\$	218,200.00
3020	Workforce Education	00312	TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE	GRT 2392 TX Southmost College	1/12/2024	\$	249,570.00
3020	Workforce Education	00314	TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE	GRT_2392_Tyler Junior College	1/12/2024	\$	249,982.60
3020	Workforce Education	00316	WEATHERFORD JUNIOR COLLEGE	GRT_2392_Weatherford College	1/12/2024	\$	250,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00344	AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	GRT_2392_AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLL	1/12/2024	\$	138,341.82
3020	Workforce Education	00345	COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	GRT_2392_COLLIN CCCD_Consortiu	1/12/2024	\$	408,473.00
3020	Workforce Education	00285	EL PASO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRIC	GRT_2392_El Paso County CCCD	1/19/2024	\$	147,204.68
3020	Workforce Education	00363	TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION	IAC_2430_TWC Amendment No. 2	1/19/2024	\$	-
3020	Workforce Education	00301	LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM DISTRICT	GRT 2392 Lone Star College Sys	1/23/2024	\$	250,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00370	PRECISION AIR	GRT 2404 Precision Air	1/24/2024	\$	76,800.00
3020	Workforce Education	00291	HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	GRT 2392 Houston Community Col	1/25/2024	\$	483,910.00
3020	Workforce Education	00292	HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	GRT 2392 Houston Community Col	1/25/2024	\$	245,767.80
3020	Workforce Education	00436	Jason's Deli	PRQ_2500_Jasons_Deli_WE	2/7/2024	\$	266.21
3020	Workforce Education	00462	TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE TECHNICAL E	PRQ_2499_TACTE_AY24	2/27/2024	\$	3,000.00
3020	Workforce Education	00267	Department of Licensing and Regulation	GRT_2304 TDLR	2/28/2024	\$	38,400.00
3020	Workforce Education	00437	NOBLE TEXAS BUILDERS, LLC	GRT_2457 Noble Texas Builders	2/28/2024	\$	72,000.00
3030	College and Career Advising	00120	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN	SVC_Amendment 3_BMS 19664	1/18/2024	\$	-
3030	College and Career Advising	00124	DELOITTE CONSULTING LLP C/O BANK OF AMER	SVC_Deloitte MTF 28989 No-Cost Ame	1/18/2024	\$	-
3030	College and Career Advising	00357	DELOITTE CONSULTING LLP C/O BANK OF AMER	SVC_Deloitte MTF2.0_Amend2_No Cost	1/19/2024	\$	-
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00327	KAZUHIRO SAITOU	SVC_DR_TXST_Saitou	1/18/2024	\$	500.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00336	MATTHIEU R BLOCH	SVC_DR_TXST_Bloch	1/19/2024	\$	500.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00366	DANIEL MITTEER	SVC_2385_AGP Application Revie	1/19/2024	\$	1,000.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00127	TARRANT COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT	GRT 2105 JPS Hospital FY24	1/24/2024	\$	585,299.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00384	TARRANT COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT	GRT_2105 FPRP JPS Rural Rotati	1/24/2024	\$	7,500.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00387	UT HEALTH CENTER AT TYLER	GRT_2105 FPRP UTHSC Tyler RR 2	1/24/2024	\$	10,000.00
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3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00388	TEXAS INSTITUTE FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDU	GRT_2105 FP TIGMER Public Heal	1/24/2024	\$	4,000.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00125	COLUMBIA MEDICAL CENTER OF ARLINGTON	GRT 2105 HCA MC Arlington	1/29/2024	\$	382,070.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00385	TAMUS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER	GRT_2105 FPRP TAMUHSC RR 2024	1/29/2024	\$	20,000.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00386	TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CE	GRT_2105 FPRP TTUHSC RR 2024	1/29/2024	\$	50,000.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00047	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN	SVC_TMHCC_UTAustin	2/1/2024	\$	462,270.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00367	MIKLE SOUTH	SVC_2387_AGP Application Revie	2/1/2024	\$	1,000.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00368	LATHA VALLURIPALLI SOORYA	SVC_2405_AGP Application Revie	2/1/2024	\$	1,000.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00369	JILL JACQUELINE LOCKE	SVC_2397_AGP Application Revie	2/1/2024	\$	1,000.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00371	JASON C PAPPAS	SVC_DR_Pappas_TXST	2/1/2024	\$	500.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00378	TODD KEMP	KEMP SVC_DR_TXST_Kemp 2/1/2024		\$	500.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00398	HON YUEN	SVC_SV_TaSU_Yuen	2/1/2024	\$	1,000.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00261	TEXAS ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS	GRT_2407 Texas Academy of Fam	2/8/2024	\$	808,333.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00262	TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE	GRT_2407 TX Chap Ameri College	2/12/2024	\$	808,333.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00444	LONGHORN OFFICE PRODUCTS INC	PRQ_2248_Longhorn Office Prod	2/14/2024	\$	19.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00263	TEXAS PEDIATRIC SOCIETY	GRT 2407 TPS SPP AY2024	2/15/2024	\$	808,333.00
3040	Academic and Health Affairs	00416	PALLAVI CHITTURI	SVC_2443 Pallavi Chitturi	3/7/2024	\$	500.00
4010	Data Management and Research	00439	TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESE	PRQ_2482_TAIR_2024_Brian C	2/9/2024	\$	350.00
4010	Data Management and Research	00440	TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESE	PRQ_2483_TAIR_2024_Torca B	2/9/2024	\$	350.00
4010	Data Management and Research	00441	TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESE	PRQ_2484_TAIR_2024_Joy Dailey	2/9/2024	\$	350.00
4010	Data Management and Research	00443	TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESE	PRQ_2488_TAIR_24_TCox	2/14/2024	\$	350.00
4010	Data Management and Research	00456	TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESE	PRQ_2518_TAIR24_Christina_Zava	2/26/2024	\$	400.00
4010	Data Management and Research	00457	TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESE	PRQ_2519_TAIR24_Kimberly_Cruz	2/26/2024	\$	400.00
4010	Data Management and Research	00458	TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESE	PRQ_2520_TAIR24_Chrys_Doughert	2/26/2024	\$	400.00
4020	Funding and Resource Planning	00375	TASSCUBO C/O ANGIE WRIGHT	PRQ_2422_TASSCUBO_AY24	1/9/2024	\$	1,485.00
4020	Funding and Resource Planning	00027	BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	SVC_BCM Undergrad Medical Edu	1/12/2024	\$	24,270,605.51
4020	Funding and Resource Planning	00438	TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL RESE	PRQ_2487_TAIR_2024_Conference	2/9/2024	\$	700.00

\$ 37,621,377.13

AGENDA ITEM V-A

Review of the "Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Report" to the Board

RECOMMENDATION: No action required

Background Information:

During each quarterly committee meeting, the Finance Department provides a financial report summarizing the agency's fiscal-year-to-date budgetary and financial activities. This is a financial management report that is developed for use by both the agency and the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Staff may revise this report periodically to present the most relevant information.

Key points:

- This report reflects data through the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2024.
 September 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024
- The report is distributed to the agency executive management monthly.
- Report overview:
 - Budget adjustments are primarily related to cross-biennium budget authority, federal fiscal year adjustments, and adjustments for collected budgets.
 - College Access Loan borrower level volume is trending down for Fiscal Year
 2024 as the manageable debt loan limits effective September 1,2023 begin to materialize.
 - One bond sale is planned for summer 2024 for new money bonds to fund student loans during the 2024-25 academic year. The level of bond funds needed is currently expected to be lower than our prior year proceeds due to the decrease in borrower volume.
 - This report reflects the strategy structure as outlined in the General Appropriations Act from the 88th Legislature.

Anthony Infantini, Chief Financial Officer, will present this item and be available to answer any questions.

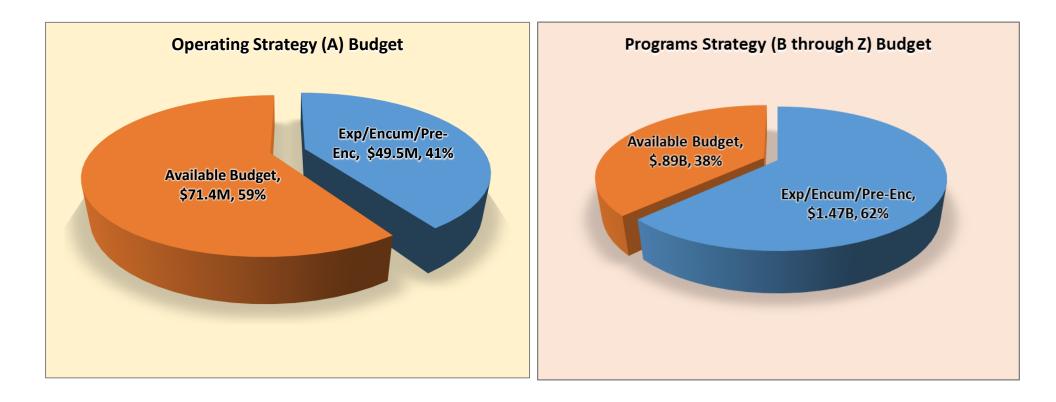




Monthly Financial Report for period ending 2/29/2024

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Operating and Programs Summary Period Ending: 2/29/2024



Operating and Programs Budget Period Ending: 2/29/2024

		Original Budget	Budget Adjusts. or Reclass	Adjusted Budget	FYTD Expense	FYTD Encumb	FYTD Pre-Encumb	
A. Highe	r Education Support							
A.1.1	Agency Operations	65,962,790.00	3,123,342.00	69,086,132.00	22,302,417.49	15,879,154.60	18,031.69	30,886,528.22
A.1.2	Student Loan Programs	8,238,970.00	-	8,238,970.00	3,785,170.71	2,467,104.19	-	1,986,695.10
A.1.3	College Readiness and Success	14,887,640.00	(1,675,160.00)	13,212,480.00	1,903,381.56	673,122.01	150,000.00	10,485,976.43
A.1.4	Texas Oncourse Program	3,211,385.00	2,131,813.52	5,343,198.52	1,439,077.32	83,055.33	654.94	3,820,410.93
A.1.5	Innovation and Collaboration	20,000,000.00	73,476.00	20,073,476.00	794,945.17	13,510.00	750.00	19,264,270.83
A.1.6	Computer Science Pipeline	5,000,000.00	-	5,000,000.00	-	-	-	5,000,000.00
Total A		117,300,785.00	3,653,471.52	120,954,256.52	30,224,992.25	19,115,946.13	169,436.63	71,443,881.51
B. Afford	lability and Debt							
B.1. 1	Texas Grant Program	475,138,160.00	-	475,138,160.00	293,808,861.26	-	-	181,329,298.74
B.1. 2	Tuition Equalization Grants	97,913,339.00	-	97,913,339.00	64,160,379.00	-	-	33,752,960.00
B.1. 3	TEOG Public Community Colleges	111,000,445.00	-	111,000,445.00	50,763,232.19	-	-	60,237,212.81
B.1. 4	TEOG Pub State/Techincal Colle	11,122,093.00	-	11,122,093.00	9,479,960.00	-	-	1,642,133.00
B.1. 5	College Work Study Program	9,169,523.00	-	9,169,523.00	540,353.19	226,800.00	-	8,402,369.81
B.1.6	License Plate Scholarships	247,400.00	17,980.50	265,380.50	-	-	-	265,380.50
B.1. 7	Educational Aide Program	481,616.00	-	481,616.00	95,293.00	-	-	386,323.00
B.1.8	TX Armed Services Scholarships	7,335,000.00	-	7,335,000.00	3,538,486.00	-	-	3,796,514.00
B.1. 9	Open Educational Resources	231,025.00	-	231,025.00	6,156.75	-	149,325.00	75,543.25
B.1.10	Student Financial Aid	74,669,983.00	-	74,669,983.00	54,389,712.00	-	-	20,280,271.00
B.1.12	Senfronia Thompson Scholarship Program	500,000.00	-	500,000.00	-	-	-	500,000.00
B.1.13	HB 8 Swift Transfer	32,300,000.00	18,734,390.00	51,034,390.00	8,705,675.00	-	-	42,328,715.00
Total B		820,108,584.00	18,752,370.50	838,860,954.50	485,488,108.39	226,800.00	149,325.00	352,996,721.11
C. Indus	try Workforce							
C.1.1	Career/Technical EDU PGMS	40 681 201 00	1 405 550 14	44 106 040 14	7 520 402 54	20 270 017 27	220.46	7,289,119.77
		42,681,391.00	1,425,558.14	44,106,949.14	7,538,482.54	29,279,017.37	329.46	
C.1.2	Bilingual Education Program	1,099,482.00	-	1,099,482.00	(68,484.00)	-	-	1,167,966.00
C.1.3	Educational Loan Repayment	39,890,625.00	-	39,890,625.00	-	-	-	39,890,625.00
Total C		83,671,498.00	1,425,558.14	85,097,056.14	7,469,998.54	29,279,017.37	329.46	48,347,710.77
D. Indus	try Workforce - Health Related							
D.1. 1	Family Practice Residency	8,250,000.00	-	8,250,000.00	8,179,858.33	66,500.00	-	3,641.67
D.1. 2	Preceptorship Program	2,425,000.00	-	2,425,000.00	2,424,999.00	-	-	1.00
D.1. 3	GME Expansion	116,550,000.00	-	116,550,000.00	-	-	-	116,550,000.00
D.1.4	Trauma Care Program	2,957,203.00	-	2,957,203.00	-	-	-	2,957,203.00
D.1. 5	Joint Admission Medical Progra	11,696,794.00	-	11,696,794.00	11,696,794.00	-	-	-
D.1. 6	ProfNurseShortageReductionPgm	22,700,000.00	-	22,700,000.00	(36,571.73)	-	-	22,736,571.73
D.1. 7	Child Mental Health Care Conso	15,377,324.00	929,649.66	16,306,973.66	-	-	-	16,306,973.66
D.1. 8	Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Pgm	2,500,000.00	-	2,500,000.00	-	-	-	2,500,000.00
D.1. 9	Nursing Scholarships	12,500,000.00	-	12,500,000.00	-	-	-	12,500,000.00
D.1.10	Rural Resident Physician Program	1,500,000.00	-	1,500,000.00	-	-	-	1,500,000.00
D.1.11	Nursing Innovation Grant Program	6,000,000.00	-	6,000,000.00	-	-	-	04/24 6,000,000.00
Total D		202,456,321.00	929,649.66	203,385,970.66	22,265,079.60	66,500.00	-	, 181,054,391.06

			Budget					
		Original	Adjusts. or	Adjusted	FYTD	FYTD	FYTD	Available
		Budget	Reclass	Budget	Expense	Encumb	Pre-Encumb	Budget
E. Bayle	or College of Medicine							
E.1.1	Baylor Coll of Medicine - UGME	38,446,836.00	-	38,446,836.00	20,129,918.05	7,088,115.24	-	11,228,802.71
E.1.2	Baylor Coll of Medicine - GME	9,002,575.00	-	9,002,575.00	9,002,575.00	-	-	-
E.1.3	BaylorCollMedPermEndowFund	1,425,000.00	-	1,425,000.00	437,077.63	987,922.37	-	-
E.1.4	BaylorCollMedPermHealthFund	1,914,193.00	-	1,914,193.00	497,977.52	1,416,215.48	-	-
E.1.5	Baylor Coll Med Hold Harmless	1,753,079.00	-	1,753,079.00	1,753,079.00	-	-	-
Total E		52,541,683.00	-	52,541,683.00	31,820,627.20	9,492,253.09	-	11,228,802.71
F. Toba	cco Funds							
F.1.1	EARNINGS - Minority Health	1,066,551.00	5,479,811.92	6,546,362.92	-	-	-	6,546,362.92
F.1.2	EARNINGS - Nursing/Allied Heal	1,883,810.00	-	1,883,810.00	-	-	-	1,883,810.00
Total F		2,950,361.00	5,479,811.92	8,430,172.92	-	-	-	8,430,172.92
G. Rese	arch and Innovation							
G.1.1	Texas Research Incentive Progr	16,625,000.00	-	16,625,000.00	16,625,000.00	-	-	-
G.1.2	AUTISM Program	3,705,000.00	-	3,705,000.00	(89,495.93)	-	-	3,794,495.93
Total G		20,330,000.00	-	20,330,000.00	16,535,504.07	-	-	3,794,495.93
H. Sala	ry Adjustments							
H.1.1	Salary Increases	1,391,298.00	(1,391,298.00)	-	-	-	-	-
Total H		1,391,298.00	(1,391,298.00)	-	-	-	-	-
Other P	rograms							
Z.1.1	Community Colleges	1,157,420,866.00	-	1,157,420,866.00	870,755,546.75		-	286,665,319.25
Total Z		1,157,420,866.00	-	1,157,420,866.00	870,755,546.75	-	-	286,665,319.25
Total U	ses Of Revenue	2,458,171,396.00	28,849,563.74	2,487,020,959.74	1,464,559,856.80	58,180,516.59	319,091.09	963,961,495.26

Project Group	Project Description / ALN / Fed Year	Award Start Date	Award End Date	Award Amount	Expenditures	Obligated	Unobligated Balance	Revenue/ Drawdown	Cash Balance
ARPA	ARPA CMHC CONSORTIUM-21.027-FFY22	11/8/2021	12/31/2024	113,082,887.00	113,082,885.00	-	2.00	113,195,223.00	112,338.00
ARPA	ARPA INTEREST REVENUE 21.027-FFY22	1/1/2022	12/31/2024	-	-	-	-	53,820.01	53,820.01
ARPA	ARPA RURAL VET GRANT PG-21.027-FFY22	11/8/2021	12/31/2024	1,000,000.00	205,760.00	-	794,240.00	205,760.00	-
ARPA	ARPA TX TRUE PROGRAM-21.027-FFY22	11/8/2021	11/7/2023	15,000,000.00	13,351,993.97	-	1,648,006.03	16,658,074.89	3,306,080.92
GEER I - 2nd Round	GEER DCS 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	6,199,566.00	6,199,566.00	-	-	6,199,566.00	-
GEER I - 2nd Round	GEER DATA INFR 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	10,290,422.57	9,418,146.50	89,628.33	782,647.74	9,418,146.50	-
GEER I - 2nd Round	GEER ONLINE LRN 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	10,865,065.30	10,663,958.99	-	201,106.31	10,660,958.10	(3,000.89)
GEER I - 2nd Round	GEER UPSKILL RSK 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	44,144,946.13	43,008,698.23	-	1,136,247.90	44,659,431.71	1,650,733.48
GEER I - 3rd Round	GEER ACCEL CRED 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	14,571,112.92	11,798,104.59	-	2,773,008.33	15,349,363.41	3,551,258.82
GEER I - 3rd Round	GEER ADV RESRCS 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	948,725.00	232,012.68	-	716,712.32	232,012.68	-
GEER I - 3rd Round	GEER COMCOLL CST 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	661,628.16	661,638.02	-	(9.86)	661,638.02	-
GEER I - 3rd Round	GEER COMPL GRNTS 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	5,832,129.76	4,460,519.65	-	1,371,610.11	4,723,156.42	262,636.77
GEER I - 3rd Round	GEER CRED REPOST 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	2,195,581.51	1,670,613.85	-	524,967.66	2,616,604.68	945,990.83
GEER I - 3rd Round	GEER GRADTX 2.0 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	4,715,071.04	3,989,475.90	-	725,595.14	4,497,515.00	508,039.10
GEER I - 3rd Round	GEER LEGACY DCS 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	2,126,659.23	1,163,840.08	-	962,819.15	1,163,840.08	-
GEER I - 3rd Round	GEER LEGCY MOD 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	1,507,929.02	1,420,585.68	-	87,343.34	1,420,585.68	-
GEER I - 3rd Round	GEER LRNANALYTIC 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	1,017,746.22	944,013.00	-	73,733.22	944,013.00	-
GEER I - 3rd Round	GEER STU ENGMT 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	3,291,852.00	3,017,057.83	-	274,794.17	3,017,057.83	-
GEER I - 3rd Round	GEER STU SUCCESS 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	1,876,574.94	1,701,692.88	-	174,882.06	1,701,692.88	-
GEER I - 3rd Round	GEER TOP TEN 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	65,000.00	65,000.00	-	-	65,000.00	-
GEER I - 3rd Round	GEER TRNSFR GRNT 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	9,900,000.00	9,618,286.84	50,000.00	231,713.16	9,978,286.84	360,000.00
GEER I - 3rd Round	GEER TRUE INSTIT 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	29,500,105.81	25,400,202.49	-	4,099,903.32	25,686,234.95	286,032.46
GEER I - 3rd Round	GEER TX LEAD SCH 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	11,146,917.76	11,146,917.76	-	-	11,146,917.76	-
GEER I - 3rd Round	GEER WORK BASED 84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2022	5,333,974.63	4,408,775.52	-	925,199.11	4,618,117.75	209,342.23

Project Group	Project Description / ALN / Fed Year	Award Start Date	Award End Date	Award Amount	Expenditures	Obligated	Unobligated Balance	Revenue/ Drawdown	Cash Balance
GEER II	GEERII ADMIN/STAFFING-84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	1,994,274.83	2,100,518.53	85,337.50	(191,581.20)	2,224,969.26	124,450.73
GEER II	GEERII ADVISE TX-84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	3,145,356.05	2,375,871.50	-	769,484.55	3,582,308.93	1,206,437.43
GEER II	GEERII APPLY TX-84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	3,706,851.47	3,701,359.58	5,491.89	(0.00)	3,702,629.07	1,269.49
GEER II	GEERII CCFINIMPL 84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	150,000.00	44,088.77	38,114.84	67,796.39	66,919.03	22,830.26
GEER II	GEERII COMM DL TRAIN&R-84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	-	-	-	-	222,011.40	222,011.40
GEER II	GEERII COLL RDN 84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	2,700,000.00	2,695,000.00	-	5,000.00	3,970,000.00	1,275,000.00
GEER II	GEERII DCS-84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	7,410,167.76	7,358,715.00	-	51,452.76	7,511,764.44	153,049.44
GEER II	GEERII DCS DMI 84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	3,000,000.00	2,911,832.24	23,188.97	64,978.79	3,721,122.40	809,290.16
GEER II	GEERII DCS GAAP 84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	4,145,210.32	3,127,762.51	770,867.22	246,580.59	4,906,917.38	1,779,154.87
GEER II	GEERII DATA CYBR 84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	2,517,247.90	2,135,018.87	62,231.53	319,997.50	3,828,092.48	1,693,073.61
GEER II	GEERII DMI EDU & WKFRC-84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	14,732,165.04	13,998,155.70	958,376.58	(224,367.24)	14,282,661.88	284,506.18
GEER II	GEERII EDU PREP 84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	1,500,000.00	1,295,722.47	-	204,277.53	3,727,256.02	2,431,533.55
GEER II	GEERII-INTRST REV84.425C-FFY20	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	-	-	-	-	1,520,279.12	1,520,279.12
GEER II	GEERII LEADERSHIP PROG-84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	1,647,994.94	1,620,088.94	-	27,906.00	1,647,994.94	27,906.00
GEER II	GEERII MAP MY PATH-84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	3,267,948.01	3,267,948.01	-	(0.00)	3,267,948.01	-
GEER II	GEERII MY TX FUTURE-84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	3,508,021.00	3,498,442.64	10,497.63	(919.27)	3,722,266.92	223,824.28
GEER II	GEERII NURSING INNOVAT-84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	7,059,263.74	6,913,793.56	-	145,470.18	8,064,504.32	1,150,710.76
GEER II	GEERII NURSING OER-84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	2,700,000.00	2,700,000.00	-	-	3,740,000.00	1,040,000.00
GEER II	GEERII NURSING LRP-84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	2,700,000.00	2,055,700.20	-	644,299.80	2,761,408.14	705,707.94
GEER II	GEERII NURS SHORTG GRT-84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	3,321,199.27	3,313,986.16	-	7,213.11	4,274,900.52	960,914.36
GEER II	GEERII SHARED SERV CTR 84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	2,989,488.00	2,925,150.40	-	64,337.60	3,175,150.40	250,000.00
GEER II	GEERII SSI ACCEL&SCALE-84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	16,210,218.39	15,726,263.89	0.02	483,954.48	20,026,483.56	4,300,219.67
GEER II	GEERII TRANSFER GRANTS-84.425C-FFY22	1/1/2022	9/30/2023	3,931,540.06	3,693,786.73	64,370.33	173,383.00	3,761,922.41	68,135.68

Project Group	Project Description / ALN / Fed Year	Award Start Date	Award End Date	Award Amount	Expenditures	Obligated	Unobligated Balance	Revenue/ Drawdown	Cash Balance
Perkins	PERKINS-LEADER-84.048-FFY23 (2 YEARS)	9/29/2022	9/30/2024	3,649,347.00	1,319,190.77	1,934,896.94	395,259.29	1,260,072.06	(59,118.71)
Perkins	PERKINS-LEADER-84.048-FFY24 (2 YEARS)	12/20/2023	9/30/2025	3,785,439.00	18,153.04	3,598,666.96	168,619.00	16,665.04	(1,488.00)
Perkins	PERKINS-ADMIN-84.048-FFY24	10/17/2023	9/30/2024	1,915,219.00	520,588.11	4,340.67	1,390,290.22	273,558.44	(247,029.67)
Perkins	PERKINS-FORMULA-84.048-FFY24	10/17/2023	9/30/2024	32,558,733.00	6,997,998.00	25,560,734.00	1.00	897,308.00	(6,100,690.00)
Perkins	PERKINS-NON-TRAD-84.048-FFY24	10/17/2023	9/30/2024	45,000.00	-	-	45,000.00	-	-
Other Programs	COREQ DE MODELS-84.305A-FFY22	8/1/2021	7/31/2025	112,067.00	11,236.15	-	100,830.85	11,234.82	(1.33)
Other Programs	HRSA STATE LOAN REPAYM-93.165-FFY23	9/1/2022	8/31/2025	2,501,552.27	255,807.01	-	2,245,745.26	309,837.81	54,030.80
Other Programs	SLDS ERC UPGRADES-84.372A-FFY21	3/1/2021	2/28/2024	375,000.00	114,332.49	195,717.45	64,950.06	96,896.93	(17,435.56)
Total				433,547,449.27	375,044,720.94	33,728,246.87	24,774,481.46	400,579,064.33	25,534,343.39

Agency Budget Year-to-Date Budget Adjustments 1 As of 2/29/2024

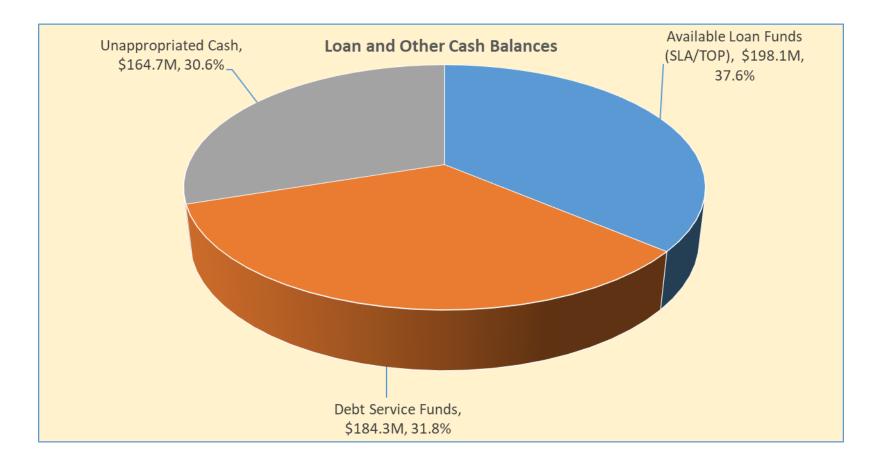
Strategy	Budget Adjustments By Strategy	PCA Code	Transaction Description	Increase	Decrease
Agency Ope	erations				
A.1.1	A.1.1 Agency Operations		Salary Allocation, College Work Study, DCS	1,158,342.00	-
	Agency Operations	38003	BU03 INCRS COLL BDGT TASFA; TRNSFR BDGT AGY OPS to EDA Match	-	(64,815.42)
	Data Center Services (DCS)	13960	Salary Allocation, College Work Study, DCS	1,950,000.00	-
	EDA Salary Match	38013	BU03 INCRS COLL BDGT TASFA; TRNSFR BDGT AGY OPS to EDA Match	64,815.42	-
	SHEEO FA Learning	46004	BU10 INCRS & ESTABLISH BDGTs PER CASH UB	15,000.00	-
				3,123,342.00	
College Rea	adiness and Success				
A.1.3	My Texas Future	30019	Salary Allocation, College Work Study, DCS	-	(1,950,000.00)
	Student Success	30006	Salary Allocation, College Work Study, DCS	24,840.00	-
	TASFA Development	40106	BU03 INCRS COLL BDGT TASFA; TRNSFR BDGT AGY OPS to EDA Match	250,000.00	-
					(1,675,160.00)
Texas Onco	ourse Program				
A.1.4	OnCourse Initiative	40105	BU10 Budget Adjustments based on UB AY23 to AY24 Adj.	1,997,173.52	-
	OnCourse Initiative	40105	Salary Allocation, College Work Study, DCS	134,640.00	-
				2,131,813.52	
Innovation	and Collaboration				
A.1.5	Open Education&Course Sharing	30021	Salary Allocation, College Work Study, DCS	36,336.00	-
	Student Success Programs	30020	Salary Allocation, College Work Study, DCS	37,140.00	-
				73,476.00	
College Wo	rk Study Program				
B.1.5	College Work Study Program	22339	Salary Allocation, College Work Study, DCS	2,750,000.00	-
	Work Study Mentorship Program	22349	Salary Allocation, College Work Study, DCS	-	(2,750,000.00)
				-	

Agency Budget Year-to-Date Budget Adjustments 2 (continued) As of 2/29/2024

Strategy	Budget Adjustments By Strategy	PCA Code	Transaction Description	Increase	Decrease
License Plat	te Scholarships				
B.1. 6	6 Abilene Christian Univ LP		BU10 INCRS & ESTABLISH BDGTs PER CASH UB	1,489.81	-
	Austin College PLT	66016	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	155.54	-
	Baylor Bear Crossover LP	66026	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	1,305.03	-
	Baylor University PLT	66014	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	934.88	-
	Boy Scout License Plates	66008	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	316.43	-
	College for Texans L Plates	66002	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	89.32	-
	Collegiate Crossover Lic Plate	66004	BU10 Budget Adjustments based on UB AY23 to AY24 Adj.	2,076.72	-
	Cotton Boll License Plates	66006	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	1,446.51	-
	Girl Scout License Plates	66007	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	170.19	-
	Houston CC License Plate	66025	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	45.10	-
	Houston Rodeo License Plates	66005	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	298.92	-
	Lubbock Christian Univ PLT	66020	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	152.23	-
	MADD License Plate	66011	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	132.41	-
	Omega Psi Phi License Plates	66013	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	823.28	-
	Rice University PLT	66017	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	618.57	-
	Schreiner University LP	66028	BU10 INCRS & ESTABLISH BDGTs PER CASH UB	448.97	-
	SMU Royalty License Plate	66012	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	3,058.55	-
	Southern Methodist Univ PLT	66018	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	374.21	-
	Southwestern University PLT	66022	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	66.60	-
	St. Mary's University PLT	66021	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	180.11	-
	Texas Christian Univ PLT	66019	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	424.12	-
	TX Water Works License Plate	66001	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	246.53	-
	Univ of Florida Crossover LP	66029	BU10 INCRS & ESTABLISH BDGTs PER CASH UB	3,036.40	-
	Univ of Mary Hardin Baylor PLT	66015	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	67.03	-
	University of St. Thomas PLT	66023	BU10 Budget Adjustments based on UB AY23 to AY24 Adj.	23.04	
				17,980.50	
Educational	Loan Repayment				
B.1.13	HB8 Swift Transfer	46801	SWIFT Transfer Budget Adjustment AY24	18,734,390.00	-
				18,734,390.00	

Agency Budget Year-to-Date Budget Adjustments 3 (continued) As of 2/29/2024

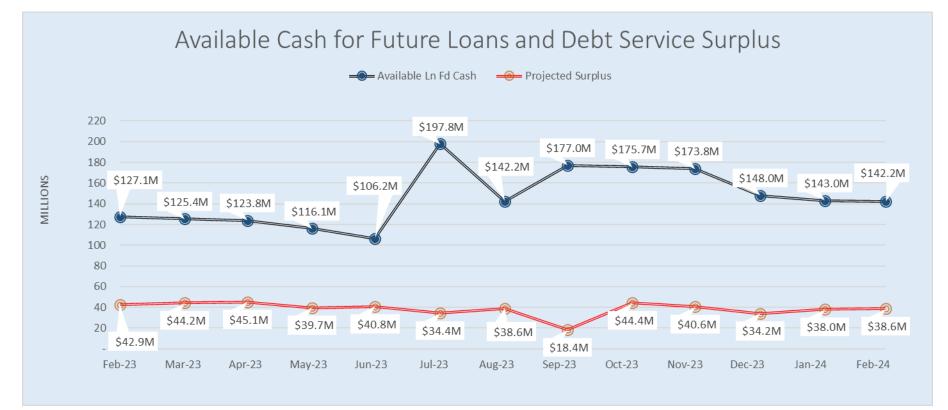
Strategy	Budget Adjustments By Strategy	PCA Code	Transaction Description	Increase	Decreas
Career/Tecl	hnical EDU PGMS				
C.1.1	GEER Work Based Learn 84.425C	32513	Move Budget from AY23 to AY24 PCA 32513	10,929.82	-
	GEERII CC Finance Impl 84.425C	32564	AY24 GEER II BUDGETS_EXP	38,114.84	-
	GEERII College Rdns 84.425C	32561	AY24 GEER II BUDGETS_EXP	148,000.00	-
	GEERII Data M Cybersec 84.425C	32563	AY24 GEER II BUDGETS_EXP	436,653.75	-
	GEERII DMI Edu & Wkfrc 84.425C	32545	AY24 GEER II BUDGETS_EXP	1,456,793.52	-
	GEERII DMI Edu & Wkfrc 84.425C	32545	GEER II DCS BDGT ADJ AM24026600	25,512.00	-
	GEERII Leadership Prog 84.425C	32544	GEER II BDGT ADJ AY23 to AY24	1,710,953.70	-
	GEERII Leadership Prog 84.425C	32544	GEER II DCS BDGT ADJ AM24026600	-	(152,005.0
	GEERII Shared Serv Ctr 84.425C	32556	AY24 GEER II BUDGETS_EXP	28,317.40	-
	GEERII Transfer Grants 84.425C	32543	AY24 GEER II BUDGETS_EXP	68,135.68	-
	HRSA State Loan Repaym 93.165	56005	HRSA_EXP_BDGT_AY24	797,258.00	-
	Perkins Admin 84.048	52001	Perkins Admin and Leadership Alignment	500,000.00	-
	Perkins Leadership 2-Yr 84.048	52005	Perkins Admin and Leadership Alignment	-	(45,000.0
	SLDS ERC Upgrades 84.372A	54005	Transfer Budget from AY23 to AY24 SLDS.	173,300.14	_
				5,196,963.79	
Educationa	I Loan Repayment				
C.1.3	ARPA Rural Vet Grant Pg 21.027	32553	Rural Vet, Preceptorship, Minority Health Recon.	1,000,000.00	-
	Physician Ed Loan Repay Pgm	21949	CORRECT CAPPS FUNDS #S	17,767,492.00	(17,767,492.0
				1,000,000.00	
Preceptorsh	nip Program				
D.1. 2	FP Statewide Preceptorship	23030	Rural Vet, Preceptorship, Minority Health Recon.	-	(1.0
	Peds Statewide Preceptorship	23230	Rural Vet, Preceptorship, Minority Health Recon.	1.00	-
				-	
Child Menta	al Health Care Consortium	1			
D.1. 7	ARPA CMHC Consortium 21.027	32554	ADJ ARPA TCMHCC BDGT	419,002.00	-
	CMHC Consortium	32023	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	929,649.66	-
				1,348,651.66	
EARNINGS	- Minority Health				
F.1.1	Minority Health Research/Edu	13067	BU10 Budget Adjustments based on UB AY23 to AY24 Adj.	355,660.20	-
	Minority Health Research/Edu	13067	Rural Vet, Preceptorship, Minority Health Recon.	1,113,706.83	-
	Minority Health Research/Edu	13067	CORRECT Neg Balance Minority Health FY22,24	-	(355,660.2
	Minority Health Research/Edu	13067	UB BUDGET TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS	4,366,105.09	_
				5,479,811.92	
Salary Incre	eases				
- H.1.1	Salary Increases	31001	Salary Allocation, College Work Study, DCS	-	(1,391,298.0
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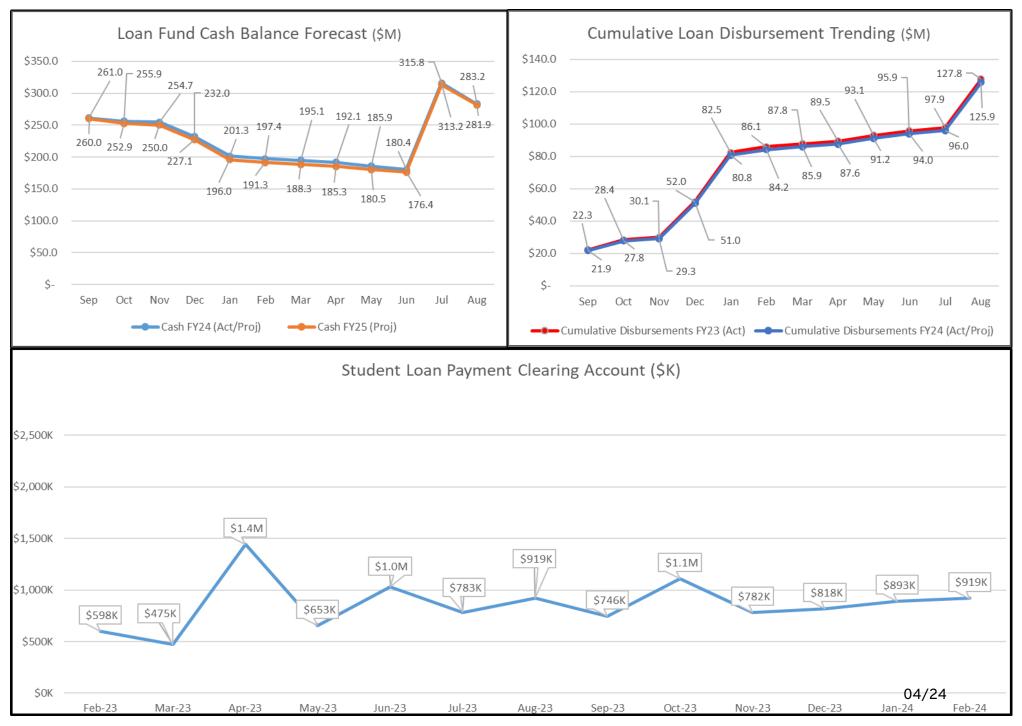
Monthly Loan Activity	Principal	Interest	Fees	TOTAL
Beginning Balances - 2/1/2024	\$ 1,668,828,575	\$ 234,845,445	\$ 27,326,973	\$ 1,931,000,993
Loan Disbursements	3,607,437	-	-	3,607,437
Loan Repayments	(7,759,267)	(5,219,682)	(118,726)	(13,097,675)
Loans Forgiven	3,566	(3,566)	-	-
Write off - Uncollectible	298	_	(298)	-
Judgments Assessed	361,330	(359,704)	(1,129)	497
Interest And Fee Accruals	-	6,325,784	163,849	6,489,633
Federal Interest Subsidy	-	(985)	-	(985)
Other Loan Adjustments	(168,093)	(12,364)	(786)	(181,243)
Total Changes - 2/29/2024	(3,954,729)	729,482	42,911	(3,182,336)
Ending Balances	\$ 1,664,873,846	\$ 235,574,927	\$ 27,369,883	\$ 1,927,818,657

Note: Loan balances are made up of predominantly Hinson-Hazlewood Loans. Other loan types include the B-On-Time, Texas Armed Services Scholarship, Teach for Texas programs and FORWARD loan.

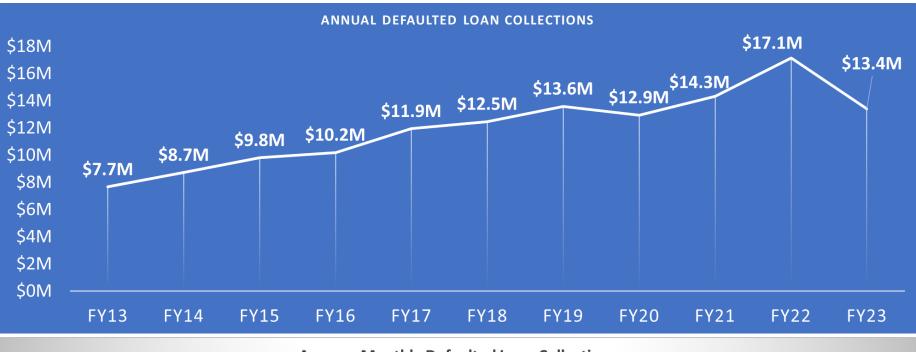


Loan Fund/Cash Flo	w		Debt Service Cash Flow			
Loan Fund Cash Balance (SLA/TOP)	\$	198,062,163	Debt Service Fund Balance	\$	184,262,658	
Less: Indirect Admin Draws Remaining	\$	(15,521,826)	Add: FY24 Proj Loan Repayments	\$	89,147,635	
Less: Loan Fund Reserve	\$	(30,000,000)	Less: FY24 Pending Debt Payments	\$	(98,950,778)	
Less: * Scheduled Loan Disbursements	\$	(10,382,237)	Fund Excess/(Deficit)	\$	174,459,515	
Available Cash for Future Loans	\$	142,158,100	Less: FY25 Debt Service Payments	\$	(135,861,881)	
*Net unposted disbursements and certified Loans			Over/(Under) Reserve Y/E 2024	\$	38,597,634	

Loan Forecasting and Trending Period Ending: 2/29/2024



Defaulted Loan Collections Report Period Ending: 2/29/2024



Average Monthly Defaulted Loan Collections



AGENDA ITEM VI-A

<u>Discussion of Statements on Auditing Standards No. 114, "The Auditor's Communication with</u> <u>Those Charged with Governance"</u>

RECOMMENDATION: No action required

Background Information:

In accordance with the requirements of the Statements on Auditing Standards No. 114, the Board's external auditor, KPMG LLP, will be discussing their responsibility under generally accepted auditing standards. The discussion will include the auditor's responsibility for forming and expressing an opinion on whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, are presented fairly in all material respects and in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The auditor will also communicate an overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit, as well as financial risk areas.

Susan Warren, Audit Partner, and Shannon Canals, Senior Manager, with KPMG LLP, will present this item to the committee and be available for questions.

AGENDA ITEM VI-B

Auditor's update on Internal Audit reports and activities

RECOMMENDATION: No action required

Background Information:

Working on three internal audit projects.

<u>Projects</u>

- 1. Reporting phase for internal audit of the Texas Research Incentive Program.
- 2. Starting internal audit of Community College Finance key processes.
- 3. Continuing advisory project related to Community College Finance.

Fiscal Year 2024 Project Status as of April 2023	Stage of Project
Audit of Grant Research Funding - Texas Research	Reporting
Incentive Program	
Audit of Community College Finance key processes	Planning
Grant funds administration – Review and advisory	Not started
services	
Information Security – Review and advisory services	Not started
Audit of Contact Administration	Not started
Advisory services related to Community College Finance	Ongoing
Review of State's <i>Building a Talent Strong Texas</i> Strategic Plan (Carry-over from Fiscal Year 2023)	Canceled

Other Internal Audit Activities

- Starting risk assessment for internal audit plan for Fiscal Year 2025
- > External auditor coordination
 - Financial statement audit (KPMG) Fiscal Year 2023
- Recruiting a vacant Senior Internal Auditor position.

Arby Gonzales, Assistant Commissioner for Internal Audit and Compliance, will present this item and be available to answer questions.

AGENDA ITEM VII-A

Auditor's update on state and federal compliance monitoring reports and activities

RECOMMENDATION: No action required

Background Information:

State Compliance Monitoring

The state Compliance Monitoring team completed 10 projects and a corrective action status report during the reporting period since the January 2024 Agency Operations Committee meeting. The final reports are attached.

Formula funding projects and other reports

- 1. "A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of Formula Funding at University of Houston -Victoria" (no findings)
- 2. "A Compliance Monitoring Onsite Review of Formula Funding at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston" (no findings)
- 3. "A Compliance Monitoring Onsite Review of Formula Funding at the University of North Texas" (no findings)
- 4. "A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of Formula Funding at The University of Texas Permian Basin" (no findings)
- 5. "A Compliance Monitoring Follow-Up Review of Formula Funding at Austin Community College" (no findings)

Financial aid projects and other reports

- 6. "A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of the Tuition Equalization Grant at Southwestern Adventist University" (two findings)
- 7. "Compliance Monitoring Corrective Action Status Report April 2024

<u>Sexual misconduct reporting projects - reports submitted in CAWS agenda, included here for</u> <u>cross-reference purposes only</u> Agenda Item VII-A

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- "A Compliance Monitoring Review of Requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Victoria College; Compliance Requirements – Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3" (no observations)
- "A Compliance Monitoring Review of Requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Brazosport College; Compliance Requirements – Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3" (no observations)
- "A Compliance Monitoring Review of Requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Houston Christian University" (two observations)
- "Summary Results Compliance Requirements Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapters E-2 and E-3" No penalties were assessed in this review period

Fiscal Year 2024 Project Status as of April 2024	Stage
San Jacinto College (FF)	Planning
Stephen F. Austin (TEXAS)	Planning
Midwestern State University (TEXAS)	Planning
Lamar State College - Orange (TEOG)	Planning
Dallas College (TEOG)	Planning
Texas Lutheran University (TEG)	Planning
Grayson College (TEOG)	Planning
Odessa College (TEOG)	Planning
University of Dallas (TEG)	Planning
Ranger College (FF)	Planning
Collin County Community College (Collin College) (FF)	Planning
McMurry University (TEG)	Planning
Midland College (TEOG)	Planning
West Texas A&M University (TEXAS)	Planning
Jacksonville College (TEG)	Planning

Other state compliance monitoring activities

- > Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 risk assessment and FY 25 plan
- Complaint-resolution assistance
- Hiring and training new compliance specialist

Federal Compliance Monitoring

Federal compliance monitoring activities

- > CLA Single Audit assistance for ARPA grant review
- > Single audit reviews planning FY 2023
- > Perkins reviews planning/fieldwork FY 2022
- > GEER FY 2022 subrecipient monitoring reviews planning/fieldwork

Arby Gonzales, Assistant Commissioner for Internal Audit and Compliance, and Paul Maeyaert, Director of Compliance for Internal Audit and Compliance, will present this item and be available to answer questions.

AGENDA ITEM VII-A.1 Texas Higher Education coordinating board

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Dr. Bob Glenn President University of Houston - Victoria 3007 N. Ben Wilson Street Victoria, Texas 77901

Re: A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of Formula Funding at University of Houston - Victoria, Report No. THECB-CM-FF-24-003.

Dear Dr. Glenn,

I am attaching the final report on *A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of Formula Funding at University of Houston - Victoria*, Report No. THECB-CM-FF-24-003. There were no observations resulting from this engagement.

Summary

University of Houston - Victoria complied with relevant Coordinating Board (THECB) rules and regulations for the Formula Funding (FF) program and with Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 13, Subchapter F, Sections 13.100.

Our review included tests of relevant CBMOCS and CBMO08 enrollment data reported and certified by the University of Houston - Victoria.

Our work included procedures to verify:

- Student tuition payment was received in accordance with requirements;
- Reported course enrollment was eligible for formula funding;
- Evidence of academic credentials were maintained to support instructor qualifications; and
- Information Security Controls related to student information were sufficient for the limited purpose of our review.

This Compliance Monitoring report will be presented to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Committee on Agency Operations, a standing committee of the THECB Board, in April 2024.

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The cooperation of your staff during this review is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or comments on the conduct of this review, please let me know.

Arby James Gonzales, CPA, CFE Assistant Commissioner, Internal Audit and Compliance

Ms. Shebah Washington, Compliance Specialist CC:

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Dr. Giuseppe N. Colasurdo President The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston 7000 Fannin St. Houston, Texas 77030

Re: A Compliance Monitoring Onsite Review of Formula Funding at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Report No. THECB-CM-FF-24-007

Dear Dr. Colasurdo,

Attached is the final report on *A Compliance Monitoring Onsite Review of Formula Funding at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston,* Report No. THECB-CM-FF-24-007. There were no observations resulting from this engagement.

This Compliance Monitoring onsite review report will be presented to the THECB Committee on Agency Operations, a standing committee of the THECB Board, in April, 2024.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Arby James Gonzales, CPA, CFE Assistant Commissioner, Internal Audit and Compliance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston complied with relevant Coordinating Board (THECB) rules and regulations for enrollment data used for formula funding and with Texas Education Code, Title 3, Subtitle B, Chapter 61, Section 61.035.

Our consideration of internal control was for the compliance purposes described in the objective/scope section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control.

We reviewed the following areas:

<u>Reported Semester Credit Hours were Eligible for Formula Funding</u> No reportable findings were noted.

Student Tuition Payments were Received in Accordance with Requirements

No reportable findings were noted.

Reported Enrollment were Eligible for Formula Funding

No reportable findings were noted.

Onsite Review Scope, Objective, and Methodology

Our onsite review included tests of enrollment data reported and certified by The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and focused on the following enrollment data and time periods:

• CBM001 (Student Report) – Summer semester 2022, and Fall semester 2022, and Spring semester 2023.

Our work included procedures to verify:

- Reported semester credit hours were eligible for formula funding;
- Student tuition payment was received in accordance with requirements;
- Reported enrollment and contact hours reported were eligible for formula funding; and
- Information Security Controls related to student information were sufficient for the limited purpose of our review.

The methodology included objectively reviewing and analyzing various forms of documentation, conducting interviews and observations, and performing other tests of controls necessary to achieve the objectives of the onsite review. THECB used random sampling to determine the extent to which The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston accurately reported semester credit hour data.

Background

The Texas Education Code §61.059(b) – directs the Board to "devise, establish, and periodically review and revise formulas for the use of the governor and the Legislative Budget Board in making appropriations recommendations to the legislature for all institutions of higher education, including the funding of postsecondary vocational-technical programs. As a specific element of the periodic review, the board shall study and recommend changes in the funding formulas based on the role and mission statements of institutions of higher education."

The funding formulas are allocations; institutions of higher education have the authority to spend funds appropriated through the formulas in the manner deemed most appropriate; the formula models include enrollment as a major driver; and not all appropriations are made through the formulas.

Texas Administrative Code §1.13(b)(2) states, "The purpose of the Board's risk assessment process and compliance methodologies is to maximize the effectiveness of monitoring funds allocated by the Board and data reported to the Board. The agency-wide, risk-based compliance monitoring function is established for... (B) data reported by institutions of higher education to the Board and used by the Board for funding or policymaking decisions, including data used for formula funding allocations, to ensure the data are accurately and consistently reported."

Ms. Jamyen Robinson-Hall, Senior Compliance Specialist

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Re: A Compliance Monitoring Onsite Review of Formula Funding at the University of North Texas; Report No. THECB-CM-FF-24-001

Dear Dr. Smatresk,

Attached is the final report on *A Compliance Monitoring Onsite Review of Formula Funding at the University of North Texas,* Report No. THECB-CM-FF-24-001. There were no observations resulting from this engagement.

This Compliance Monitoring report will be presented to the THECB Committee on Agency Operations, a standing committee of the THECB Board, in April, 2024.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Arby James Gonzales, CPA, CFE Assistant Commissioner, Internal Audit and Compliance University of North Texas complied with relevant Coordinating Board (THECB) rules and regulations for enrollment data used for formula funding and with Texas Education Code, Title 3, Subtitle B, Chapter 61, Section 61.035.

Our consideration of internal control was for the compliance purposes described in the objective/scope section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control.

We reviewed the following areas:

<u>Reported Semester Credit Hours were Eligible for Formula Funding</u> No reportable findings were noted.

<u>Student Tuition Payments were Received in Accordance with Requirements</u> No reportable findings were noted.

Reported Enrollment were Eligible for Formula Funding

No reportable findings were noted.

Instructors of Record met Applicable Requirements

No reportable findings were noted.

Onsite Review Scope, Objective, and Methodology

Our onsite review included tests of enrollment data reported and certified by the University of North Texas, and focused on the following enrollment data and time periods:

- CBM0CS (Census Student Schedule Report) Summer 2022, Fall 2022, and Spring 2023 semesters; and
- CBM008 (Faculty Report) Summer 2022, Fall 2022, and Spring 2023 semesters.

Our work included procedures to verify:

- Reported semester credit hours were eligible for formula funding;
- Student tuition payment was received in accordance with requirements;
- Reported enrollment were eligible for formula funding;
- Evidence of academic credentials were maintained to support required instructor qualifications; and
- Information Security Controls related to student information were sufficient for the limited purpose of our review.

The methodology included objectively reviewing and analyzing various forms of documentation, conducting interviews and observations, and performing other tests of controls necessary to achieve the objectives of the onsite review. THECB used random sampling to determine the extent to which the University of North Texas accurately reported semester credit hour data.

Background

The Texas Education Code §61.059(b) – directs the Board to "devise, establish, and periodically review and revise formulas for the use of the governor and the Legislative Budget Board in making appropriations recommendations to the legislature for all institutions of higher education, including the funding of postsecondary vocational-technical programs. As a specific element of the periodic review, the board shall study and recommend changes in the funding formulas based on the role and mission statements of institutions of higher education."

The funding formulas are allocations; institutions of higher education have the authority to spend funds appropriated through the formulas in the manner deemed most appropriate; the formula models include enrollment as a major driver; and not all appropriations are made through the formulas.

Texas Administrative Code §1.13(b)(2) states, "The purpose of the Board's risk assessment process and compliance methodologies is to maximize the effectiveness of monitoring funds allocated by the Board and data reported to the Board. The agency-wide, risk-based compliance monitoring function is established for... (B) data reported by institutions of higher education to the Board and used by the Board for funding or policymaking decisions, including data used for formula funding allocations, to ensure the data are accurately and consistently reported."

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Harrison Keller, Ph.D. COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION March 11, 2024

Dr. Sandra Woodley President The University of Texas Permian Basin 4901 East University Odessa, Texas 79762

Re: A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of Formula Funding at The University of Texas Permian Basin, Report No. THECB-CM-FF-24-002.

Dear Dr. Woodley,

I am attaching the final report on *A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of Formula Funding at The University of Texas Permian Basin,* Report No. THECB-CM-FF-24-002. There were no observations resulting from this engagement.

Summary

The University of Texas Permian Basin complied with relevant Coordinating Board (THECB) rules and regulations for the Formula Funding (FF) program and with Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 13, Subchapter F, Sections 13.100.

Our review included tests of relevant CBM0CS and CBM008 enrollment data reported and certified by The University of Texas Permian Basin.

Our work included procedures to verify:

- Student tuition payment was received in accordance with requirements;
- Reported course enrollment was eligible for formula funding;
- Evidence of academic credentials were maintained to support instructor qualifications; and
- Information Security Controls related to student information were sufficient for the limited purpose of our review.

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This Compliance Monitoring report will be presented to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Committee on Agency Operations, a standing committee of the THECB Board, in April 2024.

The cooperation of your staff during this review is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or comments on the conduct of this review, please let me know.

Arby James Gonzales, CPA, CFE Assistant Commissioner, Internal Audit and Compliance

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Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart Chancellor Austin Community College 5930 Middle Fiskville Rd. Austin, Texas 78752

Re: A Compliance Monitoring Follow-Up Review of Formula Funding at Austin Community College, Report No. THECB-CM-FF-23-005F

Dear Dr. Lowery-Hart,

Attached is the final report on *A Compliance Monitoring Follow-Up Review of Formula Funding at Austin Community College,* Report No. THECB-CM-FF-23-005F. There were no observations resulting from this engagement.

Austin Community College implemented the recommendation in our prior report *A Compliance Monitoring Audit of Formula Funding at Austin Community College*, Report No. THECB-CM-FF-23-005, issued May 1, 2023.

Management has implemented the audit recommendation by:

• Capturing and retaining student information system audit logs or change history, for critical data used for formula funding.

This Compliance Monitoring report will be presented to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Committee on Agency Operations, a standing committee of the THECB Board, in April, 2024.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Arby James Gonzales, CPA, CFE Assistant Commissioner, Internal Audit and Compliance

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Ms. Ana Maria Patterson President Southwestern Adventist University 100 W. Hillcrest Street Keene, Texas 76059

Re: A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of the Tuition Equalization Grant at Southwestern Adventist University, Report No. THECB-CM-FA-23-025

Dear Ms. Patterson,

Attached is the final report on *A Compliance Monitoring Desk Review of the Tuition Equalization Grant at Southwestern Adventist University*, Report No. THECB-CM-FA-23-025. We made two observations from this engagement, one related to information technology controls, and one related to separation of duties. Your responses have been incorporated into the report.

Summary

We were unable to address our review objective to determine the accuracy of the Tuition Equalization Grant awards reported by Southwestern Adventist University (SWAU) because key financial aid data was unreliable due to access control issues. Improving its information security controls over student information and developing a risk assessment can help SWAU ensure the reliability and integrity of data used for financial aid decision making purposes. We adjusted this project from an audit to a desk review because of the IT controls issues we identified.

We will perform a follow-up review to evaluate SWAU's corrective action to address the recommendations.

The evidence we obtained during the project provides a reasonable basis for the reportable observations and recommendations based on the review objectives.

We will present this Compliance Monitoring desk review report to the THECB Committee on Agency Operations, a standing committee of the THECB Board, in April 2024. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Arby James Gonzales, CPA, CFE Assistant Commissioner, Internal Audit and Compliance

Detailed Observations, Recommendations and Management's Responses

1. Strengthening information security controls over key data can help Southwestern Adventist University (SWAU) improve reliability and integrity of data used for financial aid purposes.

Developing internal controls and risk management policies can help SWAU better safeguard personally identifiable and confidential information.

The institution did not provide sufficient documentation regarding information technology control policies and procedures indicating that internal control and risk management standards have been fully implemented.

An institution should identify reasonably foreseeable internal and external risks to the security, confidentiality, and integrity of student information that could result in the unauthorized disclosure, misuse, alteration, destruction, or other compromise of such information and assess the sufficiency of any safeguards in place to control these risks. At a minimum, an institution's risk assessment should include consideration of risks in each relevant area of their operations and periodically perform additional risk assessments and the sufficiency of safeguards.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has ruled that colleges are subject to the provisions of the Financial Services Act's Security Provisions. Under federal financial aid agreements and the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA), (See FTC 16 CFR 314.1-5), schools must protect student financial aid information. The GLBA requires institutions to, among other requirements:

- a) Develop, implement, and maintain a written information security program;
- b) Designate the employee(s) responsible for coordinating the information security program;
- c) Identify and assess risks to customer information;
- d) Design and implement an information safeguards program;
- e) Select appropriate service providers that are capable of maintaining appropriate safeguards; and
- f) Periodically evaluate and update their security program.

Other state and federal requirements support the need for sufficient internal controls:

- 1. Federal grant rules strongly suggest the implementation of internal controls as described in "Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government," commonly referred to as the "Green Book", per 2 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Section 200.303.
- 2. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A, Part 99, Subpart D, Section 99.31 [34 CFR 99.31(a)(1)(ii)] requires that "An educational agency or institution must use reasonable methods to ensure that school officials obtain access to only those education records in which they have legitimate educational interests."
- 3. The Program Participation Agreement relating to financial aid between Southwestern Adventist University and the THECB requires that Southwestern Adventist University administer all THECB Program funds in accordance with state and federal laws.

Recommendation #1:

Develop policies and procedures, including a risk assessment, to meet the requirements of the Federal Trade Commission, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and other referenced guidance that pertain to internal controls and institutional information security systems.

Management Response:

Southwestern Adventist University was only aware of the requirements as noted in FTC 16. C.F.R. 314.4 under the provisions of the Financial Services Act's Provisions and the Gramm Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA) and published as 88FR 77508 when the auditor brought this to our attention. While we do not currently have a formal written security program in place, we want to assure you that we are committed to ensuring the safety and security of our organization, our employees, and our data. We recognize the importance of a robust security framework in today's digital landscape, and we are actively working towards establishing a comprehensive written security program to adhere to federal grant rules as described in "Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government referred to as the "Green Book", per 2 CFR Section 200.303.

To date, we have been following industry best practices to secure our systems and sensitive information. Our team has been diligent in implementing security measures and protocols wherever possible to mitigate risks and protect our assets. However, we acknowledge the need for a more structured and documented approach as noted in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A, Part 99 Subpart D, Section 99.31 [34 CFR 99.31 (a)(1)(ii)].

We are pleased to inform you that we have initiated the process of building a formal security program document that aligns with industry standards and regulatory requirements. This document will encompass all aspects of seculity, including data protection, network security, physical security, incident response, and employee training. Our dedicated team is collaborating closely to ensure that this program is thorough, effective, and tailored to our specific needs. We anticipate that this security program document will be completed within the next two months. During this time, we will be rigorously reviewing and refining our security policies and procedures to ensure they meet the highest standards of security excellence. We are committed to transparency in our efforts and will keep you updated on our progress.

We understand that security is a critical concern for our stakeholders, and we take this responsibility seriously. Rest assured; we are actively working towards establishing a formal security program that will provide a clear roadmap for safeguarding our organization's assets. Administration made an executive decision on January 23, 2024 to designate Mr. Keith Beucler who is currently our Associate ITS Director as our Chief Information and Security Officer as per 16 C.F.R.314.4(a) since he holds a master's degree in cybersecurity and currently completing his doctoral work in cybersecurity. He will have the responsibilities to implement and enforce the information security program, and will have the necessary authority, resources, and access to carry out his work. He will ultimately report to the VP for Institutional Research and Effectiveness who is tasked with overall compliance for all regulations and policies for Southwestern Adventist University, by way of the Director ITS, Mr. Charles Lewis.

Southwestern Adventist University is committed to meeting the requirement of 16 C.F.R.

314.4 thus we have decided to do the following:

I. Add a half time position in the ITS department to relieve Mr. Beucler of other responsibilities so he can have more dedicated time to fulfill said requirements as soon as possible.

2. Add an additional \$40,000 in ITS annual budget to invest in state-of-the-art security equipment and software, hiring external security consultants for comprehensive assessments and training and awareness programs for staff and students.

Administrator Responsible for the Corrective Action: Dr. Marcel Sargeant, VP for Institutional Research and Effectiveness

2. Improving security access to the student information system can help ensure separation of duties among SWAU staff and compliance with federal requirements.

For the fiscal year 2023, SWAU used the OpenCUAS system to maintain student financial aid data. One Security Profile in the OpenCUAS system, Student Financial Services Staff, has create/modify/delete access to both student accounts and financial aid data which creates a lack of separation of duties among employees that create student accounts and those that disburse financial aid. Currently, SWAU uses Ellucian Colleague to maintain student financial aid data. Employees in the new system continue to have access to both student accounts and financial aid data.

Five of 12 employees tested had been assigned the Student Financial Services Staff security profile.

FERPA (34 CFR 99.31(a)(1)(ii)) requires that "An educational agency or institution must use reasonable methods to ensure that school officials obtain access to only those education records in which they have legitimate educational interests." In addition, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA), (See FTC 16 CFR 314.1-5) requires institutions to, among other requirements:

- a) Develop, implement, and maintain a written information security program;
- b) Designate the employee(s) responsible for coordinating the information security program;
- c) Identify and assess risks to customer information;
- d) Design and implement an information safeguards program;
- e) Select appropriate service providers that are capable of maintaining appropriate safeguards; and
- f) Periodically evaluate and update their security program.

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Recommendation #2:

Improving controls over security access to all systems that maintain student data by implementing appropriate separation of duties among staff can help SWAU better protect financial aid and other student data from unauthorized use and comply with 34 CFR 99.31 (FERPA) and the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA), (See FTC 16 CFR 314.1-5).

Management Response:

Southwestern as of 2022 Fall moved away from OpenCUAS and is currently using Ellucian Colleague. This system allows for the control of employee's access as noted in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A, Part 99 Subpart D, Section 99.31 [34 CFR 99.31 (a)(1)(ii)]. This means that employees working in the Federal Financial Aid office will only have the access based on their security clearance called persona that will allow to the administrative rights to view, edit or modify students' records. Student Accounts employees will only have access to carry out the task as required of them. The business office has access to approve and post the disbursement of funds to students' accounts; however, they do not have access to the financial aid staff persona for students' accounts.

As was noted in our response to recommendation 1 in our corrective plan as outlined in our response to recommendation 1, the same plan, personnel and budget will be implemented so we can adhere to [34 CFR 99.31 (a)(1)(ii)]. The personas as created for these employees will be according to the Federal grant rules and FERPA since Texas Higher Education and Coordinating Board requires that Southwestern Adventist University administers all THECB Program funds in accordance with state and federal laws, so they will be no opportunity for misuse and/or abuse as noted the findings of the auditor.

Administrator Responsible for the Corrective Action: Dr. Marcel Sargeant, VP for Institutional Research and Effectiveness

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Project	Issue date	Recommendation	Expected	Status
Coastal Bend College (Perkins)	5/12/2022	Update Inventory Control Policy	Oct-23	Not Verified
Coastal Bend College (Perkins)	5/12/2022	Establish Centralized Inventory Control	Oct-23	Not Verified
South Plains College (TEOG)	9/19/2022	Update existing degree eligibility review	May-23	Completed, Not Verified
South Plains College (TEOG)	9/19/2022	Return \$3310 to THECB	May-23	Completed, Not Verified
Howard County Junior College (TEOG) 12/16/2022	Update TEOG Tuition Matching procedures	Dec-22	Not Verified
Howard County Junior College (TEOG)) 12/16/2022	Corrective Plan to reimburse students	Sep-23	Not Verified
Wayland Baptist University (TEG)	12/16/2022	Update Selective Service review procedures	Dec-22	Not Verified
Wayland Baptist University (TEG)	12/16/2022	Return \$5130 to THECB	Dec-22	Completed, Not Verified
Austin Community College (FF)	5/1/2023	Update Information Security controls	Jun-23	Verified
Paul Quinn College (TEG)	9/15/2023	Update financial aid reporting procedures	Jul-24	Not Verified
Southwestern Christian College (TEG)		Strengthen Information Security controls	Jun-24	Not Verified
Southwestern Christian College (TEG)	9/15/2023	Update financial aid reporting procedures	Feb-24	Not Verified
Southwestern Christian College (TEG)	9/15/2023	Update existing degree eligibility procedures	Oct-23	Not Verified
Southwestern Christian College (TEG)	9/15/2023	Return \$7800 to THECB	Oct-23	Not Verified
Jarvis Christian University	11/1/2023	Update TEG policies for disb/ cash mgmt	May-24	Not Verified
Houston Christian University	2/14/2024	Update Sexual Misconduct policies	Feb-24	New
Southwestern Adventist University	2/15/2024	Strengthen IT controls	Jul-24	New
Southwestern Adventist University	2/15/2024	Improve separation of duties	Jul-24	New

	LEGEND
New	Recommendation is newly reported.
Verified	Verified - Recommendation has been verified as implemented.
Completed, Not Verified	Completed, Not Verified - Recommendation has been completed but has not been tested and verified as implemented.
Not Verified	Not verified - Recommendation is in progress or pending verification.
Verified as not Implemented	Verified as not implemented - Verification determined that either no corrective action was taken, or the corrective action taken did not mitigate the identified risk.

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Dr. Jennifer Kent President Victoria College 2200 E. Red River Street Victoria, TX 77901

Re: A Compliance Monitoring Review of Requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Victoria College; Compliance Requirements – Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3

Dr. Kent,

Attached is the final report on a compliance monitoring review of requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Victoria College. There were no observations to the requirements contained in Texas Education Code (TEC), Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3.

Summary

Victoria College substantially complied with requirements contained in Texas Education Code, Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3.

This Compliance Monitoring report will be presented to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Committee on Workforce Success, a standing committee of the THECB Board, on April 24, 2024.

The cooperation of your staff during this review is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Arby James Gonzales CPA, CFE Assistant Commissioner, Internal Audit and Compliance

Review Objective, Scope and Methodologies

Our review objective was limited to reviewing compliance with specific HB-1735 compliance and reporting requirements as codified in TEC, Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3 for the institutions of higher education (IHE). We collaborated with AAWE and agreed that for the initial reporting cycle, our audit scope would be limited to certain criteria as noted in the Summary of Results section in this report.

We further agreed that our role would be to remain neutral in policy matters while providing an objective review regarding the nature and extent of the IHE's compliance with the requirements of HB-1735 for IHEs.

We reviewed the information submitted to the THECB, requested follow up information as needed, and performed limited testing to address the review objective.

Background

This review was included in the 2023 Compliance Monitoring Plan. Policy guidance and direction is centralized in the Academic Affairs and Workforce Education (AAWE) office under the Director, Private Postsecondary Institutions who also acts as the agency's Title IX Coordinator for Institutions.

The 86th Legislature enacted HB-1735, amending Texas Education Code (TEC), Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, by adding Subchapter E-3 requiring each postsecondary education institution to adopt a policy on sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking applicable to each student enrolled at and each employee of the institution. Further, Section 51.292(a) authorizes the coordinating board to assess an administrative penalty for failure of the IHE to show substantial compliance with the act.

Additionally, Section 51.292(f) requires the THECB to annually submit its report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the standing legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over legislation concerning sexual assault at postsecondary educational institutions. The report will include a summary of the postsecondary educational institutions found not to be in substantial compliance as provided by this section and any penalties assessed under this section during the calendar year preceding the date of the report. The initial report is to be filed not later than September 1, 2021. No penalties were assessed in this review period.

Bill	e 1: Subchapter E-3 Compliance Requir	ements and Summary Results
Reference by		
Section	Policy Compliance Requirements	Compliance Assessment
51.282	A "Definitions" page and details	compliance Assessment
(a)(1)(A)	prohibited behavior.	Complied
51.282 (a)(2)	Board-approved policy.	Complied
	Included in student handbook and	Complied
51.282 (b)(1)	personnel handbook.	Complied
51.282 (b)(2)	Dedicated webpage and clearly linked to the institution homepage.	Complied
	Requires each entering freshman or	
51.282 (c)	undergraduate transfer students to	Complied
	attend an orientation on the institution's policy.	
51.282 (d)	Prevention and outreach program that addresses required elements.	Complied
51.282 (e)(1) and (2)	Protocol addresses counseling resources and must allow course drop.	Complied
51.282 (f)	Biennial review and governing board approval of policy revisions.	Complied
51.283	Electronic reporting option for an enrolled student or an institution employee.	Complied
51.284	Provides "Amnesty for Students Reporting Certain Incidents".	Complied
51.285 (a) and (c)	Procedures for documenting a victim request not to investigate and to notify the victim of the institution's decision whether it will investigate the alleged incident.	Complied
51.286	A disciplinary process for certain violations.	Complied
51.287	Protocol for when a student withdraws or graduates with pending disciplinary charges.	Complied
51.288	Trauma-informed investigation training to each peace officer employed by an institution.	Complied
51.289 (1), (2), and (3)	Institution has an MOU with one or more of the following: (1) local law enforcement agencies;	Complied

Table 1: Subcha	nter E-3 Comp	liance Require	ements and Su	immary Results
Table I. Subcila	pier L-5 comp	nance Keyun	ements and Su	ininaly Nesults

Bill Reference by		
Section	Policy Compliance Requirements	Compliance Assessment
	(2) sexual harassment, sexual	
	assault, dating violence, or stalking	
	advocacy groups; or	
	(3) hospitals or other medical	
	resource providers.	
	Provides for at least one or more	
	responsible employee, confidential	
	employee, and student advocate.	
	Responsible employee for the	
51.290 (1)	purposes of Title IX;	Compliant
and (2)	(1) Confidential employee to whom	Complied
	enrolled students may speak	
	confidentially; and (2) Student advocate is an enrolled	
	student to whom an enrolled student	
	may speak confidentially.	
<u> </u>	Addresses confidentiality adheres to	
51.291	these requirements stipulated in this	Complied
	sub-section.	
	Protocols address equal access for	
51.293	students enrolled at or employees of	Complied
51.275	an institution who are persons with	complied
	disabilities.	

Statute and Rule	ule Institutional Failure to Maintain Substantial	
Violations	Compliance Related to	Penalty
Tex. Educ. Code §51.282; §3.4	Policy Requirements	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.282; §3.4	Policy Accessibility	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.282; §3.4	Policy Orientation for Students	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.282; §3.4	Outreach Program for Students and Employees	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.282; §3.4	Policy Review	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.283; §3.7	Electronic Reporting Option	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.284; §3.5(e)	Amnesty for Students Reporting Certain Incidents	\$30,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.285; §3.19	Victim Request Not to Investigate	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.286; §3.10	Disciplinary Process for Certain Violations	\$30,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.287; §§3.11, 3.30	Student Withdrawal or Graduation Pending Disciplinary Charges	\$30,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.288; §3.12	Trauma Informed Investigation Training	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.289: §3.13	Memoranda of Understanding Required	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.290; §§3.14, 3.15	Responsible and Confidential Employee; Student Advocate	\$30,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.291; §3.17	Confidentiality	\$60,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.293; §3.16	Equal Access	\$5,000

Table 2: Potential Penalties for Substantial Non	compliance
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Dr. Vincent R. Solis President Brazosport College 500 College Drive Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Re: A Compliance Monitoring Review of Requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Brazosport College; Compliance Requirements – Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3

Dr. Solis,

Attached is the final report on a compliance monitoring review of requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Brazosport College. There were no observations to the requirements contained in Texas Education Code (TEC), Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3.

Summary

Brazosport College substantially complied with requirements contained in Texas Education Code, Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3.

This Compliance Monitoring report will be presented to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Committee on Workforce Success, a standing committee of the THECB Board, on April 24, 2024.

The cooperation of your staff during this review is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

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Review Objective, Scope and Methodologies

Our review objective was limited to reviewing compliance with specific HB-1735 compliance and reporting requirements as codified in TEC, Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3 for the institutions of higher education (IHE). We collaborated with Academic & Health Affairs (AHA) and agreed that for the initial reporting cycle, our audit scope would be limited to certain criteria as noted in the Summary of Results section in this report.

We further agreed that our role would be to remain neutral in policy matters while providing an objective review regarding the nature and extent of the IHE's compliance with the requirements of HB-1735 for IHEs.

We reviewed the information submitted to the THECB, requested follow up information as needed, and performed limited testing to address the review objective.

Background

This review was included in the 2023 Compliance Monitoring Plan. Policy guidance and direction is centralized in the AHA office under the Director, Private Postsecondary Institutions who also acts as the agency's Title IX Coordinator for Institutions.

The 86th Legislature enacted HB-1735, amending Texas Education Code (TEC), Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, by adding Subchapter E-3 requiring each postsecondary education institution to adopt a policy on sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking applicable to each student enrolled at and each employee of the institution. Further, Section 51.292(a) authorizes the coordinating board to assess an administrative penalty for failure of the IHE to show substantial compliance with the act.

Additionally, Section 51.292(f) requires the THECB to annually submit its report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the standing legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over legislation concerning sexual assault at postsecondary educational institutions. The report will include a summary of the postsecondary educational institutions found not to be in substantial compliance as provided by this section and any penalties assessed under this section during the calendar year preceding the date of the report. The initial report is to be filed not later than September 1, 2021. No penalties were assessed in this review period.

Bill Reference		•
by Section	Policy Compliance Requirements	Compliance Assessment
51.282	A "Definitions" page and details	compliance Assessment
(a)(1)(A)	prohibited behavior.	Complied
51.282 (a)(2)	Board-approved policy.	Complied
51.202 (0)(2)	Included in student handbook and	
51.282 (b)(1)	personnel handbook.	Complied
	Dedicated webpage and clearly linked to	
51.282 (b)(2)	the institution homepage.	Complied
	Requires each entering freshman or	
51.282 (c)	undergraduate transfer students to	Complied
51.262 (C)	attend an orientation on the institution's	Compiled
	policy.	
51.282 (d)	Prevention and outreach program that	Complied
	addresses required elements.	
51.282 (e)(1)	Protocol addresses counseling resources	Complied
and (2)	and must allow course drop.	
51.282 (f)	Biennial review and governing board	Complied
()	approval of policy revisions.	
	Electronic reporting option for an	
51.283	enrolled student or an institution	Complied
	employee.	
51.284	Provides "Amnesty for Students	Complied
	Reporting Certain Incidents". Procedures for documenting a victim	
	request not to investigate and to notify	
51.285 (a) and	the victim of the institution's decision	Complied
(c)	whether it will investigate the alleged	complica
	incident.	
51.286	A disciplinary process for certain	Complied
51.280	violations.	Complied
	Protocol for when a student withdraws	
51.287	or graduates with pending disciplinary	Complied
	charges.	
	Trauma-informed investigation training	
51.288	to each peace officer employed by an	Complied
	institution.	
	Institution has an MOU with one or	
F1 200 (1)	more of the following:	
51.289 (1),	(1) local law enforcement agencies;	Complied
(2), and (3)	(2) sexual harassment, sexual assault,	
	dating violence, or stalking advocacy	
	groups; or	

Table 1: Subchapter E-3 Compliance Requirements and Summary Results

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by Section	Policy Compliance Requirements	Compliance Assessment
	(3) hospitals or other medical resource	
	providers.	
	Provides for at least one or more	
	responsible employee, confidential	
	employee, and student advocate.	
	Responsible employee for the purposes	
54 202 (4)	of Title IX;	
51.290 (1)	(1) Confidential employee to whom	Complied
and (2)	enrolled students may speak	
	confidentially; and	
	(2) Student advocate is an enrolled	
	student to whom an enrolled student	
	may speak confidentially.	
	Addresses confidentiality adheres to	
51.291	these requirements stipulated in this	Complied
	sub-section.	
	Protocols address equal access for	
F1 202	students enrolled at or employees of an	Complied
51.293	institution who are persons with	Complied
	disabilities.	

Table 1: Subchapter E-3 Compliance Requirements and Summary Results

	Potential Annual	
Statute and Rule Violations	Compliance Related to	Penalty
Tex. Educ. Code §51.282; §3.4	Policy Requirements	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.282; §3.4	Policy Accessibility	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.282; §3.4	Policy Orientation for Students	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.282; §3.4	Outreach Program for Students and Employees	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.282; §3.4	Policy Review	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.283; §3.7	Electronic Reporting Option	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.284; §3.5(e)	Amnesty for Students Reporting Certain Incidents	\$30,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.285; §3.19	Victim Request Not to Investigate	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.286; §3.10	Disciplinary Process for Certain Violations	\$30,000
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Tex. Educ. Code §51.288; §3.12	Trauma Informed Investigation Training	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.289: §3.13	Memoranda of Understanding Required	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.290; §§3.14, 3.15	Responsible and Confidential Employee; Student Advocate	\$30,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.291; §3.17	Confidentiality	\$60,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.293; §3.16	Equal Access	\$5,000

 Table 2: Potential Penalties for Substantial Noncompliance

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Harrison Keller, Ph.D. COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION February 14, 2024

Dr. Robert B. Sloan President Houston Christian University 7502 Fondren Rd Houston, TX 77074

Re: A Compliance Monitoring Review of Requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Houston Christian University; Summary Results – Compliance Requirements – Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3

Dr. Sloan,

Attached is the draft report on *A Compliance Monitoring Review of Requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Houston Christian University.* Below is a summary of our results.

Summary

Houston Christian University (HCU) substantially complied with requirements in Texas Education Code (TEC), Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3. However, there were two requirements where HCU did not completely comply. Specifically, HCU had policies related to TEC, Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3; however, it could not provide documentation to support that:

- 1. The Board of Trustees approved its policy, as required by Section 51.282 (a)(2)), and
- 2. It reviewed policies at least biennially, as required by Section 51.282 (f).

Documenting the Board of Trustees' approval of the policy and establishing at least a biennial review of the policy could help HCU better ensure it complies with all requirements. HCU staff agreed with the observations during the project and committed to remedying them moving forward.

Contents of the report include:

- Table 1: Subchapter E-3 Compliance Requirements and Summary Results
- DETAILED REPORT
- Table 2: Potential Penalties for Substantial Noncompliance

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This Compliance Monitoring report will be presented to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Committee on Workforce Success, a standing committee of the THECB Board, on April 24, 2024.

We greatly appreciated HCU staffs' assistance, collaboration, and cooperation during this review. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Arby James Gonzales CPA, CFE Assistant Commissioner, Internal Audit and Compliance

Bill Reference by Section	Policy Compliance Requirements	Compliance Assessment
51.282 (a)(1)(A)	A "Definitions" page and details prohibited behavior.	Complied
51.282 (a)(2)	Board-approved policy.	Could not provide documentation to support that the Board of Trustees approved the policy.
51.282 (b)(1)	Included in student handbook and personnel handbook.	Complied
51.282 (b)(2)	Dedicated webpage and clearly linked to the institution homepage.	Complied
51.282 (c)	Requires each entering freshman or undergraduate transfer students to attend an orientation on the institution's policy.	Complied
51.282 (d)	Prevention and outreach program that addresses required elements.	Complied
51.282 (e)(1) and (2)	Protocol addresses counseling resources and must allow course drop.	Complied
51.282 (f)	Biennial review and governing board approval of policy revisions.	Could not provide documentation to support that it reviewed policies at least biennially.
51.283	Electronic reporting option for an enrolled student or an institution employee.	Complied
51.284	Provides "Amnesty for Students Reporting Certain Incidents."	Complied
51.285 (a) and (c)	Procedures for documenting a victim request not to investigate and to notify the victim of the institution's decision whether it will investigate the alleged incident.	Complied
51.286	A disciplinary process for certain violations.	Complied
51.287	Protocol for when a student withdraws or graduates with pending disciplinary charges.	Complied
51.288	Trauma-informed investigation training to each peace officer employed by an institution.	Complied

Table 1: Subcha	pter E-3 Com	pliance Red	uirements an	d Summary	/ Results
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51.289 (1), (2), and (3)	Institution has an MOU with one or more of the following: (1) local law enforcement agencies; (2) sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking advocacy groups; or (3) hospitals or other medical resource providers.	Complied
51.290 (1) and (2)	Provides at least one or more responsible employee, confidential employee, and student advocate. Responsible employee for the purposes of Title IX; (1) Confidential employee to whom enrolled students may speak confidentially; and (2) Student advocate is an enrolled student to whom an enrolled student may speak confidentially.	Complied
51.291	Addresses confidentiality adheres to these requirements stipulated in this sub-section.	Complied
51.293	Protocols address equal access for students enrolled at or employees of an institution who are persons with disabilities.	Complied

DETAILED REPORT

Houston Christian University substantially complied with the requirements codified in Texas Education Code (TEC), Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3. However, it can improve its compliance with two of eighteen requirements, specifically:

- Section 51.282 (a)(2), related to board approved policy; and
- Section 51.282 (f), related to biennial review and governing board approval of any policy revisions.

The Compliance Monitoring team greatly appreciates the cooperation and assistance provided by Houston Christian University and Academic and Health Affairs (AHA) staff members during this review. We look forward to our ongoing collaborative efforts to ensure HCU's compliance.

Detailed Observations, Recommendations, and Management Responses:

Incorporating the Board of Trustees to approve E-3 policy requirements and establishing biennial review of policy revisions could help HCU better comply with requirements.

Observation 1.

HCU could not provide documentation to support that the Board of Trustees approved a policy that covers the required elements for its sexual assault and reporting (Title IX) policy. (51.282(a)(2))

Recommendation:

HCU should include a provision in its sexual assault and reporting (Title IX) policy that ensures Board of Trustees approval.

Management Response:

HCU has added a provision in its sexual assault and reporting (Title IX) policy to ensure Board of Trustees approval. The policy will be approved by the Board of Trustees at the next board meeting on February 20, 2024.

Observation 2.

HCU could not provide documentation to support that it has a process in place to conduct a biennial review of its Title IX policy that is approved by the Board of Trustees. (51.282(f))

Recommendation:

HCU should include a provision in its Title IX policy that ensures it conducts a biennial review and revisions are approved by the Board of Trustees.

Management Response:

HCU has added a provision in its sexual assault and reporting (Title IX) policy to ensure there is a biennial review of the Title IX policy and revisions are approved by the Board of Trustees.

Review Objective, Scope and Methodologies

Our review objective was limited to reviewing and reporting requirements as codified in TEC, Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3 for the institution. We collaborated with AHA and agreed that for the initial reporting cycle, our audit scope would be limited to certain criteria as noted in the Summary of Results section in this report.

We further agreed that our role would be to remain neutral in policy matters while providing an objective review regarding the nature and extent of the institution's compliance with the requirements for institutions.

We reviewed the information submitted to the THECB, requested follow up information as needed, and performed limited testing to address the review objective.

Background

This review was included in the 2023 Compliance Monitoring Plan. Policy guidance and direction is centralized in the Academic and Health Affairs office under the Director, Private Postsecondary Institutions who also acts as the agency's Title IX Coordinator for Institutions.

The 86th Legislature enacted HB-1735, amending Texas Education Code (TEC), Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, by adding Subchapter E-3 requiring each postsecondary education institution to adopt a policy on sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking applicable to each student enrolled at and each employee of the institution. Further, Section 51.292(a) authorizes the coordinating board to assess an administrative penalty for failure of the institution to show substantial compliance with the act.

Additionally, Section 51.292(f) requires the THECB to annually submit its report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the standing legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over legislation concerning sexual assault at postsecondary educational institutions. The report will include a summary of the postsecondary educational institutions found not to be in substantial compliance as provided by this section and any penalties assessed under this section during the calendar year preceding the date of the report. The initial report is to be filed not later than September 1, 2021. No penalties were assessed in this review period.

Statute and Rule	Institutional Failure to Maintain Substantial	Potential Annual
Violations	Compliance Related to	Penalty
Tex. Educ. Code §51.282; §3.4	Policy Requirements	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.282; §3.4	Policy Accessibility	\$5,000
Tex. Educ. Code §51.282; §3.4	Policy Orientation for Students	\$5,000
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Dr. Harrison Keller Commissioner of Higher Education 1801 N. Congress Avenue Suite 12.200 Austin, TX 78701

Re: Summary Results – Compliance Requirements – Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapters E-2 and E-3

Dr. Keller,

Attached is the final report of our *Summary Results – Compliance Requirements – Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapters E-2 and E-3.* This information will be presented at the April 2024 Committee on Academic and Workforce Success.

All institutions we reviewed were in substantial compliance with Subchapters E-2 and E-3. However, some postsecondary educational institutions (PEIs) did not comply with specific requirements. Specifically:

• 11 of 218 PEIs we tested under Subchapter E-2 did not timely file the annual Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Certification by the October 31, 2023 due date established by the coordinating board.

• One of three PEIs we tested under Subchapter E-3 could not provide documentation to support that:

- The Board of Trustees approved its policy, as required by Section 51.282

 (a)(2)), and
- It reviewed policies at least biennially, as required by Section 51.282 (f).

Contents of the report include:

- Subchapter E-2 results in Table 1;
- E-3 compliance requirements in Table 2;
- Potential Penalties for Substantial Noncompliance in Table 3; and
- Individual reports of E-3 compliance are included as Attachments 1, 2, and 3.

The E-2 and E-3 requirements became effective on September 1, 2019.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

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Arby James Gonzales CPA, CFE Assistant Commissioner, Internal Audit and Compliance

Institution Type/Number	Institution	Date Received by Coordinating Board
Public Universities		
1	The University of Texas Permian Basin	11/01/2023
Private Universities		
2	Huston-Tillotson University	11/01/2023
3	LeTourneau University	11/02/2023
4	Parker University	11/2/2023
5	Texas Lutheran University	11/02/2023
6	Houston Christian University*	11/30/2023
7	Southwestern Christian College	11/30/2023
Community Colleges		
8	Amarillo College	11/08/2023
9	Brazosport College*	11/16/2023
10	Temple College	11/3/2023
11	Victoria College*	11/15/2023
*See the final reports for ti	hese PEIs as Attachments 1, 2, and 3.	

¹ Texas Education Code Chapter 51 Subchapter E-2, Sec. 51.258 (a) The chief executive officer of each postsecondary educational institution shall annually certify in writing to the coordinating board that the institution is in substantial compliance with this subchapter. THECB requires the CEO Certification to be filed no later than October 31_{st} each year based on Rule 3.19(a).

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Item	Bill Reference by		
Number	Section	Policy Compliance Requirements	
1	51.282 (a)(1)(A)	A "Definitions" page and details prohibited behavior.	
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18	51.293	Protocols address equal access for students enrolled at or employees of an IHE who are persons with disabilities.	

Table 2	2: Subch	apter E-3	Compliance	Requirements

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Violations	Compliance Related to	Penalty
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Table 3: Potential Penalties for Substantial Noncompliance

<u>Attachment 1:</u> A Compliance Monitoring review of Requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Brazosport College

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Dr. Solis,

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Summary

Brazosport College substantially complied with requirements contained in Texas Education Code, Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3.

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Review Objective, Scope and Methodologies

Our review objective was limited to reviewing compliance with specific HB-1735 compliance and reporting requirements as codified in TEC, Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3 for the institutions of higher education (IHE). We collaborated with Academic & Health Affairs (AHA) and agreed that for the initial reporting cycle, our audit scope would be limited to certain criteria as noted in the Summary of Results section in this report.

We further agreed that our role would be to remain neutral in policy matters while providing an objective review regarding the nature and extent of the IHE's compliance with the requirements of HB-1735 for IHEs.

We reviewed the information submitted to the THECB, requested follow up information as needed, and performed limited testing to address the review objective.

Background

This review was included in the 2023 Compliance Monitoring Plan. Policy guidance and direction is centralized in the AHA office under the Director, Private Postsecondary Institutions who also acts as the agency's Title IX Coordinator for Institutions.

The 86th Legislature enacted HB-1735, amending Texas Education Code (TEC), Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, by adding Subchapter E-3 requiring each postsecondary education institution to adopt a policy on sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking applicable to each student enrolled at and each employee of the institution. Further, Section 51.292(a) authorizes the coordinating board to assess an administrative penalty for failure of the IHE to show substantial compliance with the act.

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51.282 (a)(2)	Board-approved policy.	Complied	
	Included in student handbook and		
51.282 (b)(1)	personnel handbook.	Complied	
	Dedicated webpage and clearly linked to		
51.282 (b)(2)	the institution homepage.	Complied	
	Requires each entering freshman or		
E1 292 (c)	undergraduate transfer students to	Complied	
51.282 (c)	attend an orientation on the institution's	Complied	
	policy.		
51.282 (d)	Prevention and outreach program that	Complied	
	addresses required elements.		
51.282 (e)(1)	Protocol addresses counseling resources	Complied	
and (2)	and must allow course drop.		
51.282 (f)	Biennial review and governing board	Complied	
	approval of policy revisions.		
	Electronic reporting option for an		
51.283	enrolled student or an institution	Complied	
	employee.		
51.284	Provides "Amnesty for Students	Complied	
	Reporting Certain Incidents".		
	Procedures for documenting a victim		
51.285 (a) and	request not to investigate and to notify the victim of the institution's decision	Complied	
(c)	whether it will investigate the alleged	Complied	
	incident.		
	A disciplinary process for certain		
51.286	violations.	Complied	
	Protocol for when a student withdraws		
51.287	or graduates with pending disciplinary	Complied	
	charges.		
	Trauma-informed investigation training		
51.288	to each peace officer employed by an	Complied	
	institution.		
	Institution has an MOU with one or		
	more of the following:		
51.289 (1),	local law enforcement agencies;	Complied	
(2), and (3)	(2) sexual harassment, sexual assault,	complied	
	dating violence, or stalking advocacy		
	groups; or		

Table 1: Subchapter E-3 Compliance Requirements and Summary Results

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by Section	Policy Compliance Requirements	Compliance Assessment		
	(3) hospitals or other medical resource			
	providers.			
	Provides for at least one or more			
	responsible employee, confidential			
	employee, and student advocate.			
	Responsible employee for the purposes			
F1 200 (1)	of Title IX;			
51.290 (1)	(1) Confidential employee to whom	Complied		
and (2)	enrolled students may speak			
	confidentially; and			
	(2) Student advocate is an enrolled			
	student to whom an enrolled student			
	may speak confidentially.			
	Addresses confidentiality adheres to			
51.291	these requirements stipulated in this	Complied		
	sub-section.			
	Protocols address equal access for			
51.293	students enrolled at or employees of an	Complied		
51.295	institution who are persons with	Complied		
	disabilities.			

	Institutional Failure to Maintain Substantial	Potential Annual
Statute and Rule Violations	Compliance Related to	Penalty
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Tex. Educ. Code §51.282; §3.4	Policy Orientation for Students	\$5,000
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Tex. Educ. Code §51.289: §3.13	Memoranda of Understanding Required	\$5,000
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Dr. Jennifer Kent President Victoria College 2200 E. Red River Street Victoria, TX 77901

Re: A Compliance Monitoring Review of Requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Victoria College; Compliance Requirements – Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3

Dr. Kent,

Attached is the final report on a compliance monitoring review of requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Victoria College. There were no observations to the requirements contained in Texas Education Code (TEC), Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3.

Summary

Victoria College substantially complied with requirements contained in Texas Education Code, Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3.

This Compliance Monitoring report will be presented to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Committee on Workforce Success, a standing committee of the THECB Board, on April 24, 2024.

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We reviewed the information submitted to the THECB, requested follow up information as needed, and performed limited testing to address the review objective.

Background

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	personnel handbook.	
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	Requires each entering freshman or	
51.282 (c)	undergraduate transfer students to	Complied
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	institution's policy.	
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	Electronic reporting option for an	
51.283	enrolled student or an institution	Complied
	employee.	
51.00.4	Provides "Amnesty for Students	
51.284	Reporting Certain Incidents".	Complied
	Procedures for documenting a victim	
	request not to investigate and to	
51.285 (a)	notify the victim of the institution's	Complied
and (c)	decision whether it will investigate	
	the alleged incident.	
	A disciplinary process for certain	
51.286	violations.	Complied
	Protocol for when a student	
51.287	withdraws or graduates with pending	Complied
	disciplinary charges.	
	Trauma-informed investigation	
51.288	training to each peace officer	Complied
	employed by an institution.	
	Institution has an MOU with one or	
51.289 (1),	more of the following:	Complied
(2), and (3)	(1) local law enforcement agencies;	Complied
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Table 1: Subchapter E-3 Compliance Requirements and Summary Results

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Section	Policy Compliance Requirements	Compliance Assessment
	(2) sexual harassment, sexual	
	assault, dating violence, or stalking	
	advocacy groups; or	
	(3) hospitals or other medical	
	resource providers.	
	Provides for at least one or more	
	responsible employee, confidential	
	employee, and student advocate.	
	Responsible employee for the	
51.290 (1)	purposes of Title IX;	
and (2)	(1) Confidential employee to whom	Complied
	enrolled students may speak	
	confidentially; and	
	(2) Student advocate is an enrolled	
	student to whom an enrolled student	
	may speak confidentially.	
	Addresses confidentiality adheres to	
51.291	these requirements stipulated in this	Complied
	sub-section.	
	Protocols address equal access for	
51.293	students enrolled at or employees of	Complied
	an institution who are persons with	
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<u>Attachment 3:</u> *Compliance Monitoring review of Requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Houston Christian University*

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Harrison Keller, Ph.D. COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION February 14, 2024

Dr. Robert B. Sloan President Houston Christian University 7502 Fondren Rd Houston, TX 77074

Re: A Compliance Monitoring Review of Requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Houston Christian University; Summary Results – Compliance Requirements – Texas Education Code, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3

Dr. Sloan,

Attached is the draft report on *A Compliance Monitoring Review of Requirements related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking at Houston Christian University.* Below is a summary of our results.

Summary

Houston Christian University (HCU) substantially complied with requirements in Texas Education Code (TEC), Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3. However, there were two requirements where HCU did not completely comply. Specifically, HCU had policies related to TEC, Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3; however, it could not provide documentation to support that:

- 1. The Board of Trustees approved its policy, as required by Section 51.282 (a)(2)), and
- 2. It reviewed policies at least biennially, as required by Section 51.282 (f).

Documenting the Board of Trustees' approval of the policy and establishing at least a biennial review of the policy could help HCU better ensure it complies with all requirements. HCU staff agreed with the observations during the project and committed to remedying them moving forward.

Contents of the report include:

- Table 1: Subchapter E-3 Compliance Requirements and Summary Results
- DETAILED REPORT
- Table 2: Potential Penalties for Substantial Noncompliance

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This Compliance Monitoring report will be presented to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Committee on Workforce Success, a standing committee of the THECB Board, on April 24, 2024.

We greatly appreciated HCU staffs' assistance, collaboration, and cooperation during this review. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Arby James Gonzales CPA, CFE Assistant Commissioner, Internal Audit and Compliance

Bill Reference by Section	Policy Compliance Requirements	Compliance Assessment
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51.282 (b)(2)	Dedicated webpage and clearly linked to the institution homepage.	Complied
51.282 (c)	Requires each entering freshman or undergraduate transfer students to attend an orientation on the institution's policy.	Complied
51.282 (d)	Prevention and outreach program that addresses required elements.	Complied
51.282 (e)(1) and (2)	Protocol addresses counseling resources and must allow course drop.	Complied
51.282 (f)	Biennial review and governing board approval of policy revisions.	Could not provide documentation to support that it reviewed policies at least biennially.
51.283	Electronic reporting option for an enrolled student or an institution employee.	Complied
51.284	Provides "Amnesty for Students Reporting Certain Incidents."	Complied
51.285 (a) and (c)	Procedures for documenting a victim request not to investigate and to notify the victim of the institution's decision whether it will investigate the alleged incident.	Complied
51.286	A disciplinary process for certain violations.	Complied
51.287	Protocol for when a student withdraws or graduates with pending disciplinary charges.	Complied
51.288	Trauma-informed investigation training to each peace officer employed by an institution.	Complied

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51.290 (1) and (2)	Provides at least one or more responsible employee, confidential employee, and student advocate. Responsible employee for the purposes of Title IX; (1) Confidential employee to whom enrolled students may speak confidentially; and (2) Student advocate is an enrolled student to whom an enrolled student may speak confidentially.	Complied
51.291	Addresses confidentiality adheres to these requirements stipulated in this sub-section.	Complied
51.293	Protocols address equal access for students enrolled at or employees of an institution who are persons with disabilities.	Complied

Table 1: Subchapter E-3 Compliance Requirements and Summary Results

DETAILED REPORT

Houston Christian University substantially complied with the requirements codified in Texas Education Code (TEC), Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3. However, it can improve its compliance with two of eighteen requirements, specifically:

- Section 51.282 (a)(2), related to board approved policy; and
- Section 51.282 (f), related to biennial review and governing board approval of any policy revisions.

The Compliance Monitoring team greatly appreciates the cooperation and assistance provided by Houston Christian University and Academic and Health Affairs (AHA) staff members during this review. We look forward to our ongoing collaborative efforts to ensure HCU's compliance.

Detailed Observations, Recommendations, and Management Responses:

Incorporating the Board of Trustees to approve E-3 policy requirements and establishing biennial review of policy revisions could help HCU better comply with requirements.

Observation 1.

HCU could not provide documentation to support that the Board of Trustees approved a policy that covers the required elements for its sexual assault and reporting (Title IX) policy. (51.282(a)(2))

Recommendation:

HCU should include a provision in its sexual assault and reporting (Title IX) policy that ensures Board of Trustees approval.

Management Response:

HCU has added a provision in its sexual assault and reporting (Title IX) policy to ensure Board of Trustees approval. The policy will be approved by the Board of Trustees at the next board meeting on February 20, 2024.

Observation 2.

HCU could not provide documentation to support that it has a process in place to conduct a biennial review of its Title IX policy that is approved by the Board of Trustees. (51.282(f))

Recommendation:

HCU should include a provision in its Title IX policy that ensures it conducts a biennial review and revisions are approved by the Board of Trustees.

Management Response:

HCU has added a provision in its sexual assault and reporting (Title IX) policy to ensure there is a biennial review of the Title IX policy and revisions are approved by the Board of Trustees.

Review Objective, Scope and Methodologies

Our review objective was limited to reviewing and reporting requirements as codified in TEC, Title 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51, Subchapter E-3 for the institution. We collaborated with AHA and agreed that for the initial reporting cycle, our audit scope would be limited to certain criteria as noted in the Summary of Results section in this report.

We further agreed that our role would be to remain neutral in policy matters while providing an objective review regarding the nature and extent of the institution's compliance with the requirements for institutions.

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