

**COMMITTEE ON
INNOVATION, DATA,
AND EDUCATIONAL
ANALYTICS**

A G E N D A

**Barbara Jordan Building (Room 2.035)
1601 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas**

9:00 A.M., Wednesday, July 26, 2023

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: S. Javaid Anwar

Vice Chair: Welcome W. Wilson, Jr.

Members: Richard L. Clemmer; Fred Farias III, O.D.; Daniel O. Wong

Student Representative: Cage M. Sawyers (Ex-Officio)

COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DATA, AND EDUCATIONAL ANALYTICS

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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 higher.ed.texas.gov/public-testimony.

- I. Welcome and committee chair's meeting overview
- II. Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2023, meeting of the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics
- III. Public testimony on agenda items relating to the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics
- IV. Consideration and possible action to approve the consent calendar
- V. Matters relating to the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics
 - A. *Building a Talent Strong Texas* Data Insight: Progress toward *Building a Talent Strong Texas*
 - B. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Standing Advisory Committee for Public Junior Colleges
 - C. Consideration and possible action to approve the recommended appointments to the General Academic Institutions Formula Advisory Committee
 - D. Consideration and possible action to approve the recommended appointments to the Health-Related Institutions Formula Advisory Committee
 - E. Consideration and possible action to approve the recommended appointments to the Financial Aid Advisory Committee
 - F. Consideration and possible action to approve the "Report on Student Financial Aid in Texas Higher Education, Fiscal Year 2022" (General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, Article III, Section 24, 87th Texas Legislature)

G. Proposed Rules

- (1) Consideration and possible action to amend Board Rules, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 22, Subchapter A, Section 22.6, concerning General Provisions

VI. 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, Section 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, Section 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 Texas Penal Code, Section 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 Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, and if the entity provided notice as required by that chapter.

Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

AGENDA ITEM I

Welcome and committee chair's meeting overview

Mr. S. Javaid Anwar, chair of the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics, will provide the committee an overview of the items on the agenda.

Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

AGENDA ITEM II

Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2023, meeting of the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

MINUTES

Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

Via Live Broadcast

April 26, 2023, 9:26 a.m.

DRAFT Minutes

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics convened via Zoom at 9:26 a.m. on April 26, 2023, with the following members, present: S. Javaid Anwar, Chair; Welcome W. Wilson, Jr., Vice Chair; Robert P. Gauntt; Fred Farias, III, O.D.; R. Sam Torn; Daniel O. Wong; and Georgia Hejny, Student Representative, Ex-Officio.

Other Board members present: Donna N. Williams and Emma Schwartz

Members absent: Richard L. Clemmer;

The meeting is available at the following link: <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/apps/Events/>.

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
I. Welcome and committee chair's meeting overview	Mr. S. Javaid Anwar, chair, called the meeting of the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics to order at 9:26 a.m. and announced the meeting was being held via live broadcast. Mr. Anwar established that a quorum was met.
II. Consideration of approval of the minutes from the January 25, 2023, meeting of the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics	On motion by Dr. Daniel Wong, seconded by Mr. Welcome Wilson, the committee approved this item with all members voting in favor.
III. Public testimony on agenda items relating to the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics	Mr. Anwar stated there was no public testimony.
IV. Consideration of approval of the consent calendar	On motion by Mr. Welcome Wilson, seconded by Dr. Wong, the committee approved the non-rule agenda items V-E and V-G with all members voting in favor. On motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Wong, the committee approved the non-rule agenda item V-H (1) with all members voting in favor.

V. Matters relating to the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

A. Update on Data Modernization Initiative

Ms. Lori Fey, Deputy Commissioner for Data Analytics and Innovation, provided a presentation and was available for questions.

This item was for information only.

B. Consideration and possible action to approve amending the technology service contract pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 2155, with Deloitte Consulting LLC from March 31, 2023, to August 31, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500,000

On motion by Mr. Sam Torn, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the committee approved the request to amend the technology service contract pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 2155, with Deloitte Consulting LLC from March 31, 2023, to August 31, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500,000, with all members voting in favor.

Ms. Lori Fey, Deputy Commissioner for Data Analytics and Innovation, provided a presentation and was available for questions.

C. Consideration and possible action to adopt the recommendation relating to the certification of gifts that are fundable through the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP) for emerging research universities

On motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Wong, the committee adopted the recommendation relating to the certification of gifts that are fundable through the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP) for emerging research universities, with all members voting in favor.

Ms. Emily Cormier, Assistant Commissioner for Funding, provided a presentation and was available for questions.

D. Consideration and possible action to approve the certification required by Texas Education Code, Section 62.146, for the National Research University Fund for Fiscal Year 2022

On motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the committee approved the certification required by Texas Education Code, Section 62.146, for the National Research University Fund for Fiscal Year 2022, with all members voting in favor.

Ms. Melitta Berger, Senior Director for Funding and Resource Planning, provided a presentation and was available for questions.

E. Report on Restricted Research Expenditures

This item was approved on consent

F. Consideration and possible action to adopt the commissioner's recommendation relating to the

On motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Robert Gauntt, the committee adopted the commissioner's recommendation relating to the

annual report about the financial condition of the state's community college districts (SB 1, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, Rider 12, III-226)

annual report about the financial condition of the state's community college districts (SB 1, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, Rider 12, III-226), with all members voting in favor.

Ms. Emily Cormier, Assistant Commissioner for Funding, provided a presentation and was available for questions.

G. Consideration and possible action to approve the Energy Savings Performance Contract for Texas A&M University Health Science Center

This item was approved on consent

H. Proposed rules

(1) Consideration and possible action to adopt proposed amendments to Board Rules 13.101-13.104 and 13.109, concerning limitations on hours eligible to be reported for formula funding to the Coordinating Board

This item was approved on consent

(2) Consideration and possible action to amend Board Rule 22.1, concerning Definitions

On motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Fred Farias, the committee adopted the amendment to Board Rule 22.1, concerning Definitions), with all members voting in favor.

Dr. Charles W. Contéro-Puls, Assistant Commissioner for Student Financial Aid Programs, provided a presentation and was available for questions.

(3) Consideration and possible action to amend Board Rules 22.22 – 22.24 and 22.28-22.30, concerning the Tuition Equalization Grant Program

On motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Farias, the committee adopted the amendment to Board Rules 22.22 – 22.24 and 22.28-22.30, concerning the Tuition Equalization Grant Program), with all members voting in favor.

Dr. Charles W. Contéro-Puls, Assistant Commissioner for Student Financial Aid Programs, provided a presentation and was available for questions.

(4) Consideration and possible action to amend Board Rule 22.49, concerning the Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan Program

On motion by Dr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Gauntt, the committee adopted the amendment to Board Rule 22.49, concerning the Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan Program), with all members voting in favor.

	<p>Dr. Charles W. Contéro-Puls, Assistant Commissioner for Student Financial Aid Programs, provided a presentation and was available for questions.</p>
VII Adjournment	<p>On motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Gauntt, this item was approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.</p>

Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

AGENDA ITEM III

Public testimony on agenda items relating to the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

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 at any other time as determined by the presiding chair.

Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

AGENDA ITEM IV

Consideration and possible action to approve the consent calendar

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Background Information:

To save institutions time and travel costs to attend the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics meetings in Austin, the committee has a consent calendar for items that are noncontroversial. Any item can be removed from the consent calendar by a committee member.

Consent Calendar

V. Matters relating to the Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

- C. Consideration and possible action to approve the recommended appointments to the General Academic Institutions Formula Advisory Committee
- D. Consideration and possible action to approve the recommended appointments to the Health-Related Institutions Formula Advisory Committee
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve the recommended appointments to the Financial Aid Advisory Committee
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Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

AGENDA ITEM V-A

Building a Talent Strong Texas Data Insight: Progress toward *Building a Talent Strong Texas*

RECOMMENDATION: No action required

Background Information:

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), in close partnership with institutions, other state agencies, and communities across the state, launched a refreshed strategic plan to effectively meet the needs of the state's workforce, its economy, and individual Texans in 2022. Since the roll out of the *Building a Talent Strong Texas* plan last year, the agency has been tracking progress on each of the goals of the plan. Staff will present updated figures on each of the plan's metrics: attainment of postsecondary credentials; postsecondary credentials of value; and research, development, and innovation.

Dr. Melissa Humphries, Interim Assistant Commissioner of Data Management and Research, and Dr. David Troutman, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, will present this item and be available to answer questions.

Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

AGENDA ITEM V-B

Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Standing Advisory Committee for Public Junior Colleges

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Background Information:

The 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, passed House Bill 8 (HB 8) which overhauls the community college funding system and will bolster community colleges' roles in meeting emerging workforce needs. The legislation removed public junior colleges from the Formula Advisory Committee structure established under Texas Education Code, Section 61.059(b), requiring instead a "standing advisory committee composed of representatives of public junior colleges to provide advice and counsel to the coordinating board with respect to the funding of public junior colleges" under Texas Education Code 130.001(b).

Rules governing this new Standing Advisory Committee will be presented to the board for consideration at its August meeting per the emergency rulemaking authority granted under HB 8. In advance of that meeting, the proposed list of SAC committee members is provided for appointment by the Board.

Emily Cormier, Assistant Commissioner for Funding, will present this item and be available to answer questions.

Standing Advisory Committee for Public Junior Colleges

The 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session passed House Bill 8 (HB 8) which overhauls the community college funding system and will bolster community colleges' roles in meeting emerging workforce needs. The legislation removed public junior colleges from the Formula Advisory Committee structure established under Texas Education Code, Section 61.059(b), requiring instead a "standing advisory committee composed of representatives of public junior colleges to provide advice and counsel to the coordinating board with respect to the funding of public junior colleges" under Texas Education Code 130.001(b).

Rules governing this new Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) will be presented to the board for consideration at its August meeting per the emergency rulemaking authority granted under HB 8. The following sections describe components of the SAC as provided under the draft rules.

Composition. The SAC will include up to 12 representatives and senior administrators of community colleges, including representatives of each accountability group and of college CEOs, Chief Financial Officers, Chief Academic Officers (Provosts), and institutional researchers or other experts, appointed by the Board to staggered three-year terms. The Commissioner of Higher Education (Commissioner) recommends members and selects the presiding officer.

Core Duties. The SAC will study and provide counsel and recommendations regarding the formulas, administration, and other components of the Public Junior College Finance Program established by HB 8 and carry out other charges issues by the Board or Commissioner. The committee reports on its activities and recommendations to the Commissioner by May 15 of each year.

Individuals shown in the following table are recommended for nomination to the SAC and have been set to terms that create a staggered three-year term limit.

Standing Advisory Committee for Public Junior Colleges

Name/Title	Institution	Accountability Group	Term Ends June 1
Dr. William Serrata President	El Paso Community College District	Very Large Colleges	2026
Ms. Teri Zamora Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Affairs	San Jacinto College District	Very Large Colleges	2025
Dr. Jenna Cullinane Hege Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research & Analytics	Austin Community College	Very Large Colleges	2026
Ms. Jennifer Mott Chief Financial Officer	Lone Star College System	Very Large Colleges	2024
Mr. Chris Sullivan Chief Financial Officer	Angelina College	Medium Colleges	2024
Mr. Tex Buckhaults President	Clarendon College	Small Colleges	2026
Dr. Pam Anglin President	Paris Junior College	Medium Colleges	2025
Dr. Brent Wallace Chancellor	North Central Texas College	Large Colleges	2025
Dr. Leonard Rivera Associate Vice President, Continuing Education & Off-Campus Programs	Del Mar College	Large Colleges	2025
Dr. Jeremy McMillen President	Grayson College	Medium Colleges	2024
Ms. Brenda Claxton Chief Financial Officer	Howard College District	Small Colleges	2024
Mr. Ray Martinez President and Chief Executive Officer	Texas Association of Community Colleges	N/A (Representative)	2026

Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

AGENDA ITEM V-C

Consideration and possible action to approve the recommended appointments to the General Academic Institutions Formula Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Background Information:

Texas Education Code, Section 61.059(b) requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) 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 institutions of higher education. 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 those institutions of higher education. In carrying out its duties under this section, the board shall employ an ongoing process of committee review and expert testimony and analysis.”

To assist in this process, advisory committees are established to prepare recommendations to the Board. In each summer of odd-numbered years, two committees are convened: the General Academic Institutions, Technical Colleges, and Lamar State Colleges Formula Advisory Committee and the Health-Related Institutions Formula Advisory Committee. As part of recent legislative changes enacted for community colleges, the former Community and Technical Colleges Formula Advisory Committee is no longer in existence and has been replaced by the Standing Advisory Committee for Public Junior Colleges. The state and technical colleges are now included in the committee for the general academic institutions and the committee will include representatives from those higher education sectors.

Texas Education Code, Section 61.059(b-1) requires:

- 1) the Commissioner of Higher Education to solicit recommendations for the committee's membership from the chancellor of each university system and from the president of each institution of higher education that is not a component of a university system; and
- 2) the Board to appoint representatives of a cross-section of institutions representing each of the institutional groupings under the Board's accountability system.

The proposed list of committee members is provided.

Emily Cormier, Assistant Commissioner for Funding, will be available to answer questions.

Formula Advisory Committees for the 2026-27 Biennium

Texas Education Code, Section 61.059(b) requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) 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 institutions of higher education...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 those institutions of higher education. In carrying out its duties under this section, the board shall employ an ongoing process of committee review and expert testimony and analysis.”

To assist in this process, advisory committees are established to prepare recommendations to the board of the THECB. In each summer of odd-numbered years, two committees are convened: the General Academic Institutions, Technical Colleges, and Lamar State Colleges Formula Advisory Committee and the Health-Related Institutions Formula Advisory Committee. As part of recent legislative changes enacted for community colleges, the former Community and Technical Colleges Formula Advisory Committee is no longer in existence and has been replaced by the Standing Advisory Committee for Public Junior Colleges. The state and technical colleges are now included in the committee for the general academic institutions and the committee will include representatives from those higher education sectors.

Individuals shown in each of the committees include the existing members and terms, new members recommended for appointment to complete a vacant term, and new members nominated for a six-year term to end in 2028.

**General Academic Institutions, Technical Colleges, and Lamar State Colleges
Formula Advisory Committee**

Name & Term Expiration	Institution	Accountability Group
Bonnie Albright (2024) Associate Vice President for Finance & Operations	Sul Ross State University	Master's
*Rana Askins (2024) Associate Vice President - Budget & Finance	Texas Woman’s University	Doctoral
Dr. Loren Blanchard (2024) President	University of Houston-Downtown	Master's
Susan Brown (2024) AVP for Strategic Analysis & Institutional Reporting	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Doctoral
Emily Deardorff (2028) Assistant Vice Chancellor for Government Relations	University of North Texas System (representing the University of North Texas)	Emerging Research
Joseph Duron (2026) Chief Administrative Officer	Texas A&M University System (representing Texas A&M University)	Research
Daniel Harper (2024) Vice Chancellor & CFO	Texas State University System (representing Sul Ross State University – Rio Grande College)	Master's
Dr. James Hurley (2026) Chief Executive Officer and President	Tarleton State University	Comprehensive
Judi Kruwell (2028) Interim VP for Finance and Administration	Stephen F. Austin State University	Comprehensive
Veronica Salazar (2028) VP for Business Affairs	The University of Texas at San Antonio	Emerging Research
Noel Sloan (2026) Senior VP and CFO	Texas Tech University	Emerging Research
*Chad Wooten (2026) Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer	Texas State Technical College	Technical Colleges
*Wendy Elmore (2026) Provost and Executive Vice President	Lamar State College Orange	State Colleges

*Individual is nominated to replace a member for the remainder of an existing term.

Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

AGENDA ITEM V-D

Consideration and possible action to approve the recommended appointments to the Health-Related Institutions Formula Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Background Information:

Texas Education Code, Section 61.059(b) requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) 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 institutions of higher education...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 those institutions of higher education. In carrying out its duties under this section, the board shall employ an ongoing process of committee review and expert testimony and analysis.”

To assist in this process, advisory committees are established to prepare recommendations to the Board of the THECB (Board). In each summer of odd-numbered years, two committees are convened: the General Academic Institutions, Technical Colleges, and Lamar State Colleges Formula Advisory Committee and the Health-Related Institutions Formula Advisory Committee.

Texas Education Code, Section 61.059(b-1) requires:

- 1) the Commissioner of Higher Education to solicit recommendations for the committee's membership from the chancellor of each university system and from the president of each institution of higher education that is not a component of a university system; and
- 2) the Board to appoint representatives of a cross-section of institutions representing each of the institutional groupings under the Board's accountability system.

The proposed list of Health-Related Institutions committee members is provided.

Emily Cormier, Assistant Commissioner for Funding, will be available to answer questions.

Formula Advisory Committees for the 2024-25 Biennium

Texas Education Code, Section 61.059(b) requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) 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...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 those institutions of higher education. In carrying out its duties under this section, the board shall employ an ongoing process of committee review and expert testimony and analysis.”

To assist in this process, advisory committees are established each summer of odd-numbered years to prepare recommendations to the board of the THECB (Board). On June 6, 2023, a request for nominations was sent to all chancellors and presidents of the public higher education institutions as required by Texas Education Code, Section 61.059(b-1). Nominations have been received and are presented to the Board to appoint representatives of a cross-section of institutions representing each of the institutional groupings under the Board's accountability system. Nominees are appointed for a three-biennium term. If an appointee leaves the institution or requests to be removed from the committee, a replacement will be nominated to serve the remaining term.

Individuals shown in each of the committees include the existing members and terms, new members recommended for appointment to complete a vacant term, and new members nominated for a six-year term to end in 2028.

The following individuals are nominated to serve the terms as displayed below. This creates a rolling six-year term for the committee.

**Health Related Institutions Formula Advisory Committee
for the 2026-2027 Biennium**

Name	Institution
Angelica Marin-Hill (2026) Vice President for Government Affairs and Policy	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center 5323 Harry Hines Blvd. Dallas, TX 75390-9131
Lauren Sheer (2028) Vice President, Legislative Affairs	The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston 301 University Blvd. Galveston, TX 77555-0126
Michael Tramonte (2026) Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston PO Box 20036 Houston, TX 77030
Ginny Gomez-Leon (2024) Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio 7703 Floyd Curl Drive San Antonio, TX 78229-3900
Tomas Guajardo (2026) Associate Vice President	The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Box 95 Houston, TX 77030
Natalie Harms (2028) Vice President of Finance	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler 11937 US Hwy 271 Tyler, TX 75708
Jeff Burton (2024) Associate Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	Texas A&M University System Health Science Center Clinical Building 1, Ste 4130 8441 State Hwy 47 Bryan, TX 77807
Chuck Fox (2026) Vice President for Finance and Planning	University of North Texas Health Science Center 3500 Camp Bowie Blvd. Fort Worth, TX 76107-2644
Penny Harkey (2026) Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center 3601 4th Street Lubbock, TX 79430
Richard A. Lange, MD (2026) President	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center-El Paso 5001 El Paso Dr., Suite 3200 El Paso, TX 79905
Dr. Michael Morrey (2028) Chief Administrative Officer	The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School 1912 Speedway Austin, TX 78712
Michael Mueller (2028) Executive VP for Finance and Business Affairs and CFO	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine 2102 Treasure Hills Blvd. Harlingen, TX 78550
Dr. Diane Chase (2028) Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost	University of Houston College of Medicine 4302 University Dr., Room 204 S2019 Houston, TX 77204
Amanda Withers (2028) Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President for Operations	Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine 925 City Central Ave. Conroe, TX 77304

*the year listed after the name is the term expiration

Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

AGENDA ITEM V-E

Consideration and possible action to approve the recommended appointments to the Financial Aid Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION: Appoint Members

Background Information:

In accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 61.0776, and Texas Government Code, Section 2110.0012, the Financial Aid Advisory Committee (FAAC) was created to make recommendations regarding the development, implementation, and evaluation of state financial aid programs for college students. To strengthen student access to higher education, the committee also advises the Board regarding strategies for communicating financial aid information to students, parents, secondary school counselors, and others.

The FAAC consists of individuals representing public and private institutions of higher education, public school counselors, and other stakeholders. All members of the advisory committee have student financial aid, admissions, or enrollment experience. The FAAC meets quarterly, and most members serve for a term of three years.

The recommended appointments will replace outgoing members whose terms have expired and expand institutional and regional representation. Agency staff and the FAAC Chair, Vice Chair, and Past Chair reviewed the nominations submitted by institutional chancellors and presidents and other stakeholders. A list of the candidates recommended for appointment to the FAAC appears on the following page.

DeChà Reid, Senior Director for Student Financial Aid Programs, will be available to answer questions.

Recommended new 2023 Financial Aid Advisory Committee members:

Rebeca Moreno-Adorno
Assistant Director of Performance and Analytics
Texas Christian University
(Term ending 2026)

Mary Escobar
Associate Director, Financial Aid
Angelo State University
(Term ending 2026)

Amy Wilson
Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships
Sam Houston State University
(Term ending 2025 to serve the remainder of unexpired term due to Reginald Brazzle vacating his position on the committee)

Beth Tolan
Assistant Vice President for Financial Aid
University of North Texas
(Term ending 2026)

Heather Fountain
Associate Director
Texas A&M University
(Term ending 2026)

Jackie Kelley
Director of Financial Aid & Scholarships
Kilgore College
(Term ending 2026)

Tonya Richardson-Dean
Director of Financial Aid & Veterans Services
Trinity Valley Community College
(Term ending 2026)

Michelle Hill
Director of Student Financial Aid
Alamo Colleges District
(Term ending 2026)

Erica Denae Ramos
Financial Aid Officer & College Prep Counselor
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD
(Term ending 2026)

Denise Welch President-ElectTASFAA
(Nominated for a one-year term as the TASFAA representative.)

Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

AGENDA ITEM V-F

Consideration and possible action to approve the “Report on Student Financial Aid in Texas Higher Education, Fiscal Year 2022” (General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, Article III, Section 24, 87th Texas Legislature)

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Background Information:

General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, Article III, Section 24, 87th Texas Legislature, directs the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to prepare an annual report concerning student financial aid at Texas public and independent institutions of higher education. Following Board adoption, the report will be forwarded to the Legislative Budget Board no later than August 15, 2023. The report provides a summary of student financial aid in Texas.

Dr. Charles W. Contéro-Puls, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Student Financial Aid Programs, will be available to answer questions.

Committee on Innovation, Data, And Educational Analytics

AGENDA ITEM V-G (1)

Consideration and possible action to amend Board Rules, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 22, Subchapter A, Section 22.6, concerning General Provisions

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Background Information:

The proposed amendment provides the Coordinating Board the flexibility to respond to unforeseen exigent circumstances that may otherwise significantly impact students' ability to meet the financial aid priority deadline. Specifically, the Commissioner may delay the financial aid application priority deadline for a specific aid cycle, if the Commissioner determines that the ability of students to meet the deadline will be significantly impaired by a natural disaster, federal financial aid development, or other unforeseen exigent circumstance. Any delay would be determined in consultation with representatives of the financial aid community.

The benefit anticipated from the proposed amendment will be allowing the Coordinating Board the flexibility to respond to unforeseen exigent circumstances that may otherwise significantly impact students' ability to meet the financial aid priority deadline.

Dr. Charles W. Contéro-Puls, Assistant Commissioner for Student Financial Aid Programs, will be presenting this item and be available to answer questions.

Date Published in the *Texas Register*: April 28, 2023.

The 30-day comment period with the *Texas Register* ended on: May 27, 2023.

Comment: There were two comments received supporting this change.

CHAPTER 22 STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMSSUBCHAPTER A GENERAL PROVISIONS

§22.6. Applying for State Financial Aid.

(a) Priority deadline:

(1) All general academic teaching institutions shall use January 15 as the priority application deadline to receive state financial aid.

(2) The priority deadline is not to serve as a determination of eligibility for state financial aid, but otherwise eligible students who apply on or before the deadline shall be given priority consideration for available state financial aid before other applicants.

(3) If the Commissioner determines that the ability of students to meet the deadline will be significantly impaired by a natural disaster, federal financial aid development, or other unforeseen exigent circumstance, the Commissioner may delay the priority deadline for a specific aid cycle, after consultation with representatives of the financial aid community. The updated priority deadline will be immediately published on THECB's public website.

(b) Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA):

(1) The TASFA collects data necessary for determining state financial aid eligibility for those applicants classified as Texas residents, as outlined in Chapter 21, Subchapter B of this Part, who are not eligible to apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

(2) Beginning with the financial aid application cycle for academic year 2023-2024 and thereafter, the online TASFA available through the ApplyTexas website is the sole, acceptable online TASFA. All institutions participating in financial aid programs covered by this chapter must accept the data generated by the completion of this online TASFA.

(3) Beginning with the financial aid application cycle for academic year 2023-2024 and thereafter, the TASFA document available through the ApplyTexas website is the sole, acceptable printable version of the TASFA, which institutions may accept from applicants who do not have access to the necessary technology to complete the online TASFA.

(4) An institution is not prohibited from requiring an applicant to submit additional information to accompany the data received via the TASFA.

(c) Authority for this section is provided in Texas Education Code, Chapter 56, Section 56.008 and Chapter 61, Section 61.07762.