

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Committee on Academic and Workforce Success

AGENDA ITEM V-H

Report on Activities of the Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (Texas Education Code, Section 61.06641)

RECOMMENDATION: No action required

Background Information:

Texas Education Code, Section 61.06641, requires that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) establish an advisory council on postsecondary education for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). It further requires THECB to periodically review the policies and practices that increase access to higher education opportunities and distribute educational outreach materials developed by the advisory council.

The purpose of the advisory council is to study the accessibility of higher education for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It should also provide advice regarding resolving barriers to accessing higher education and developing recommendations to address barriers for persons with IDD who are or have been in the foster care system.

The "Report on the Activities of the Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities" is based on the advisory council's exploration and findings from examining the field. It includes the advisory council's activities, relevant rule changes to decrease barriers accessing higher education, and recommendations for potential outreach and distribution materials to increase public awareness.

The report is provided under separate cover and should be submitted to the governor and members of the Legislature by December 1 of each year.

Jerel Booker, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Workforce Education, will present this item and be available to answer questions.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ANNUAL REPORT

Council Purpose: According to the Texas Education Code (TEC), Section 61.06641(b), the advisory council is to advise the board on policies and practices to improve postsecondary education opportunities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Report Period:

September 2021 – August 2022

Chair:

Ashley Ford
Disability Advocacy Group Representative
The Arc of Texas

Council Members:

A list of the 2021-2022 council members is attached.

Council Meeting Dates:

December 10, 2021
January 28, 2022
April 29, 2022
July 22, 2022

Annual Costs Expended

Travel and lodging: \$0
THECB Staff Time (3): \$6,800

Time Commitments: Council members spent approximately eight days on committee work for the four meetings. THECB staff members averaged approximately 16 days to prepare, attend, and develop minutes for each of the meetings.

Current Recommendations to the Board:

- The advisory council drafted a comprehensive list of recommendations that will be included in the final “Report on Access to Higher Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities” that is required to the Board, according to TEC, Section 61.06641(k).
 - Identified 19 areas of concern, with over 56 recommendations for consideration

Summary of Tasks Completed:

The advisory council performed the following activities:

- Added seven members and re-elected a presiding officer from membership per TEC, Section 61.06641(c-4, f)
- Maintained quarterly meetings at the call of the presiding officer per TEC, Section 61.06641(h)
- Continued the work to review and research accessibility, policies, and marketing outreach material per TEC, Section 61.06641(a)
- Submitted the “Report on Access to Higher Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities” per TEC, Section 61.06641

Minutes for the 2021-2022 academic year are attached.

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

Ashley Ford, Presiding Officer

Disability Advocacy Group Representative
The Arc of Texas
Austin

Brenda Barrio, PhD

IDD College Program Representative
Empower, Learn, Excel, enVision, Advance, and
Rise Program
University of North Texas
Denton

Sandy Cox

Transition to Employment Specialist
Representative
Education Service Center Region 10
Richardson

Taylor Fidler

IDD College Program Representative
Connections for Academic Success and
Employment Program
Texas Tech University
Lubbock

Elizabeth Fuller

Student Representative
Texas Tech University
Lubbock

Tracy Glass

IDD College Program Representative
Postsecondary Access and Training in Human
Services Program
Texas A&M University
College Station

Tiffany Grady

Graduate and Student Representative
Houston Community College
Houston

Jennifer Hines

Texas Workforce Commission Representative,
Vocational Rehabilitation
Texas Workforce Commission
Austin

Linda Litzinger

Disability Advocacy Group Representative,
Parent
Texas Parent to Parent Network
Austin

Vickie Mitchell, PhD

Transition to Employment Specialist
Representative
Sam Houston State University
Huntsville

Susan Moraska

IDD College Program Representative
Vocational Advancement and Skill Training
Academy
Houston Community College
Houston

Ramonda Olaloye

Texas Education Agency Representative
Office of Special Populations and Monitoring
Texas Education Agency
Austin

Christine Price

IDD College Program Representative
Skills, Training and Education for Personal
Success Program
Austin Community College
Austin

DJ Puente

Student Representative
South Texas College
Rio Grande Valley

Jolene Sanders

Disability Advocacy Group Representative, Parent
Coalition of Texans with Disabilities
Austin

Beth Stalvey, PhD

Disability Advocacy Group Representative
Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities
Austin

Agatha Thibodeaux

Continuing Advisory Committee Representative, Parent
Texas Education Agency
Austin

Tera Torres, EdD

Additional Relevant Experience Representative
University of St. Thomas
Houston

Nina Zuna

University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Representative
University of Texas at Austin
Austin

Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental
Disabilities
Meeting Notes
December 10, 2021

The Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities convened at 10:00 a.m. on December 10, 2021, with the following committee members present,

Leigh Ann Godinez, Jennifer Hines, Linda Litzinger, Susan Moraska, Christine Price, DJ Puente, Beth Stalvey, Agatha Thibodeaux, Jolene Sanders, Ashley Ford, Nina Zuna, Taylor Fidler

Members Absent: Robert "Drew" Bezucha, Rhett Calvert, Dalun Zhang, Jana McLain, Jennifer Alexander

Guest(s)/Community Stakeholder(s): Tracy Glass, Director of the Postsecondary Access and Training in Human Services (PATHS) program at TAMU (Sub. for Dalun Zhang)

THECB Staff: Waylon Metoyer, Kendra Horn, and Diana Foose

Location: Virtual Meeting Online via Zoom

The meeting was broadcasted live and recorded for our records at the following link:
<https://youtu.be/yOtmIT76ICM>.

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order	Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A
Waylon Metoyer called meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed council members and guests.	

Agenda Item 2. Advisory Council Member Roll Call	Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A
Waylon Metoyer conducted roll call requesting each council member to voice their presence after calling their name.	

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes	Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff
Handout Provided: Yes	Formal Decision/Action Required: Yes

Critical Discussion Points:

- Motion by Linda Litzinger,
- Second by Nina Zuna,
- Minutes approved

Agenda Item 4. Membership	Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff
Handout Provided: NO	Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A
Critical Discussion Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consider additional student(s), graduate, high school counselor, and parent for new term • reach out to any new members and send recommendations to Waylon as soon as possible • elections for new presiding officer will take place at next meeting (Jan. 28th) once new members are approved by the Board • Discussion about adding someone who works with incarcerated youth who have disabilities to represent this underserved population with disabilities, including foster care. 	

Agenda Item 5. Marketing & Outreach	Christine Price, THECB Staff
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A
Critical Discussion Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60x30 TX Letter to Commissioner needs final review and ready to be submitted. • Send list of Colleges to begin to add to the THECB. Things to add: Links to program, format possibly PDF. Getting the list on website in an easy, accessible format and then next charge will be to create a more tech savvy list with buttons and links. *Asking for individuals to assist in creating the list format to upload. Hopefully Dec or early Jan completion. • Resources adding such as transportation, such as assisted driving programs. Christine will add Austin program and reach out to others to get any other driving programs in Texas. Then, I will send to Waylon for adding the pdf document. 	

Agenda Item 6. Announcements	Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting: January 28 	

Agenda Item 7. Adjournment	Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: YES

- Motion by Beth Stalvey
- Second by Sue Moraska
- Meeting adjourned by Waylon Metoyer at 11:23 a.m.

Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental
Disabilities
Meeting Notes
January 28, 2022

The Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities convened at 10:00 a.m. on January 28, 2022, with the following committee members present,

Linda Litzinger, Susan Moraska, Christine Price, Beth Stalvey, Agatha Thibodeaux, Ashley Ford, Taylor Fidler, Vickie Mitchell, Sandye Cox, Tiffany Grady, Elizabeth Fuller, Ramonda Olaloye, Tracy Glass

Members Absent: Jennifer Alexander, Leigh Ann Godinez, Jennifer Hines, DJ Puente, Jolene Sanders, Nina Zuna

Guest(s)/Community Stakeholder(s):

THECB Staff: Waylon Metoyer, Kendra Horn, and Diana Foose

Location: Virtual Meeting Online via Zoom

The meeting was broadcasted live and recorded for our records at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/NxsDnclmNlo>.

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order	Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A
Waylon Metoyer called meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and welcomed council members and guests.	

Agenda Item 2. Advisory Council Member Roll Call	Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A
Waylon Metoyer conducted roll call requesting each council member to voice their presence after calling their name.	

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes	Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff
Handout Provided: Yes	Formal Decision/Action Required: Yes

Critical Discussion Points:

- Motion by Ashley Ford,
- Second by Christine Price,
- Minutes approved

Agenda Item 4. Discussion on Electing a New Presiding Officer and Introduction of New Members

Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff

Handout Provided: NO**Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A****Critical Discussion Points:**

- Welcome and introductions from all members
- Taylor Fidler nominates Ashley Ford, accepted
- Christine Price also nominates Ashley Ford
- Linda Litzinger nominates Agatha Thibodeaux, declined
- Tiffany Grady nominates Sue Moraska, declined
- Vickie Mitchell supports nomination for Ashley Ford
- Ashley Ford honored to serve as Presiding Officer, unanimous decision

Agenda Item 5. Marketing & Outreach

Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff

Handout Provided: No**Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A****Critical Discussion Points:**

- 60x30 TX Letter to Commissioner is ready and should add a cover letter for Ashley Ford to be submitted.
- Website can include a list of programs. Linda Litzinger would like to help and suggest we could place on Navigate Life of Texas. Taylor Fidler, Sue Moraska
- Transportation Resources, Sandye Cox, Linda Litzinger would like to help with this as well (possibly a white paper). Christine Price also experience that this is an issue and getting more information on new ride share company for disabilities. Bubbl is another ride service company in the DFW area.
- Consider ideas, structure, and any feedback for new report, share with Ashley Ford

Agenda Item 6. Announcements

Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff

Handout Provided: No**Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A**

- Next Meeting: April 29, 2002
- Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities have an open RFA related to transition and 18+ programs into postsecondary, Beth Stalvey
- Additional members for consideration: High School Counselor, Parent of student currently enrolled in HIED

Agenda Item 7. Adjournment	Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion by Vickie Mitchell• Second by Taylor Fidler• Meeting adjourned by Waylon Metoyer at 11:07 a.m.	

Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental
Disabilities
Meeting Notes
April 29, 2022

The Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities convened at 10:00 a.m. on April 29, 2022, with the following committee members present,

Linda Litzinger, Susan Moraska, Christine Price, Beth Stalvey, Agatha Thibodeaux, Ashley Ford, Taylor Fidler, Vickie Mitchell, Sandye Cox, Tiffany Grady, Elizabeth Fuller, Ramonda Olaloye, Tracy Glass, DJ Puente, Nina Zuna, Brenda Barrio

Members Absent: Jennifer Hines, Jolene Sanders, Tera Torres

Guest(s)/Community Stakeholder(s):

THECB Staff: Waylon Metoyer and Kendra Horn

Location: Virtual Meeting Online via Zoom

The meeting was broadcasted live and recorded for our records at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2-AQuaGevY>

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order	Ashley Ford, Presiding Officer
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A
Ashley Ford called meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and welcomed council members and guests.	

Agenda Item 2. Advisory Council Member Roll Call	Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A
Waylon Metoyer conducted roll call requesting each council member to voice their presence after calling their name.	

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes	Ashley Ford, Presiding Officer
Handout Provided: Yes	Formal Decision/Action Required: Yes

Critical Discussion Points:

- Motion by Christine Price
- Second by Nina Zuna
- Minutes approved

Agenda Item 4. Membership (New Member Introductions)	Ashley Ford, Presiding Officer
Handout Provided: NO	Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A
Critical Discussion Points:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Brenda Barrio welcome and introduction 	

Agenda Item 5. Discussion of Accessibility Report (SB 1017)	Ashley Ford, Presiding Officer
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A
Critical Discussion Points:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of committee heads and members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Postsecondary Inclusion: Beth Stalvey ○ Postsecondary Finance: Jennifer Hines ○ Postsecondary Outreach: Taylor Fidler ○ Postsecondary Outcomes: Vickie Mitchell ○ Special Topics in Postsecondary: Jolene Sanders • Guests are welcome to join committee meetings to provide subject matter expertise or presentations on report topics • Upcoming legislative hearings related on postsecondary interim charges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 5 at 10am – House HIED Committee Hearing ○ May 10 at 1pm – Senator HIED Committee Hearing • Limiting scope of meetings until report is complete. Outreach can pickup once report is complete. • Break (5 minutes) • Vision of IDDAC Discussion 	

Agenda Item 6. Announcements	Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May? (to be determined) ○ Tentative July 29, 2002 	

Agenda Item 7. Adjournment	Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff
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Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion by Taylor• Second by Linda• Meeting adjourned by Ashley Ford at 11:57 a.m.	

Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental
Disabilities
Meeting Notes
July 22, 2022

The Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities convened at 10:00 a.m. on July 22, 2022, with the following committee members present,

Linda Litzinger, Susan Moraska, Christine Price, Beth Stalvey, Agatha Thibodeaux, Ashley Ford, Vickie Mitchell, Sandye Cox, Tracy Glass, Brenda Barrio

Members Absent: Jennifer Hines, Jolene Sanders, Tera Torres, Ramonda Olaloye, Nina Zuna, Taylor Fidler, Elizabeth Fuller, Tiffany Grady, DJ Puentes

Guest(s)/Community Stakeholder(s): Laura Villarreal (Program Specialist, Texas Workforce Commission)

THECB Staff: Waylon Metoyer and Kendra Horn

Location: Virtual Meeting Online via Zoom

The meeting was broadcasted live and recorded for our records at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/YtEQ9JmX7GI>

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order	Ashley Ford, Presiding Officer
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A
Ashley Ford called meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. and welcomed council members and guests.	
Agenda Item 2. Advisory Council Member Roll Call	Waylon Metoyer, THECB Staff
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A
Waylon Metoyer conducted roll call requesting each council member to voice their presence after calling their name.	
Jennifer Hines has accepted a new position and will no longer serve as the TWC representative. Laura Villarreal joined as a guest and would like to serve as the TWC representative moving forward.	
Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes	Ashley Ford, Presiding Officer
Handout Provided: Yes	Formal Decision/Action Required: Yes

Critical Discussion Points:

- Motion by Vickie Mitchell
- Second by Christine Price
- Minutes approved

Agenda Item 4. Discussion of Accessibility Report (SB 1017)	Ashley Ford, Presiding Officer
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A
Critical Discussion Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finance committee has been dissolved and each committee has been charged to include a financial component• All members should serve on, at a minimum, one committee• Sent out Template and include tables to track progress from the council• Ask committee heads to send drafts by August 17th• Upcoming legislative hearing related on postsecondary interim charges<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ July 26 at 10am – House Public Education Committee to examine partnerships between K-12, HIED, and Workforce○ August 11 at 10am – House HIED Committee• Limit meetings and discussions to focus on report and then consider outreach and other areas of importance• Updates provided by Ashley Ford due to absence<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Taylor Fidler – Outreach, plans to meet again next week and review other in○ Jolene Sanders– Special Topics, focusing on Justice Involved Youth and Adults and Foster Care• Vickie Mitchell – Outcomes, was able to collect data from THECB, reviewing two data sets from public education from State Performance Indicator Plan 14 and THECB related to IDD and HIED, next meeting is next Friday at 1pm• Beth Stalvey – Postsecondary Inclusion, looking at current recommendations and how they can consider next steps for implementation, 3 recommendations 1) possibly co-locate a staff member from TWC or VRC on site with the disability services dept 2) training and educational resources, teacher training avenues 3) internships and paid employment awareness and opportunities, Also discuss the difference in STEM camps• Ashley – would like to include a section from students with stories highlighting impact and successes.• Ashley shared wordclouds from vision, purpose, and what success looks like• Linda Litzinger inquiry regarding latest list for state programs available, THECB, TWC, & Think College• Ashley - Recruitment survey timeline consideration so we can include it in the Access Report• Brenda Barrio – consideration for what other states are doing and possibly include in our report• Sandye Cox – utilization of Education Research Centers for additional resources	

Agenda Item 5. Announcements	Ashley Ford, Presiding Officer
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sue Moraska, Fall online cohort now available as well as Comprehensive Transition Program for FinAid ○ Next meeting, TBD after Board Meeting 	

Agenda Item 6. Adjournment	Ashley Ford, Presiding Officer
Handout Provided: No	Formal Decision/Action Required: YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Vickie Mitchell • Second by Sue Moraska • Meeting adjourned by Ashley Ford at 11:20 a.m. 	