

# **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

## **Committee on Academic and Workforce Success**

### **AGENDA ITEM V-D (1)**

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

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Background Information:

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

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

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

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

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

**Linda Litzinger, Presiding Officer**

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

Continuing Advisory Committee  
Representative for Special Education  
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IDD College Program Representative  
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**Elizabeth Fuller**

Student Representative  
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**Tracy Glass**

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

**Kristen Gooch**

IDD College Graduate  
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**Christina Gushanas, Ph.D.**

Transition to Employment Specialist  
Representative  
Sam Houston State University  
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High School Representative  
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**Susan Moraska**

IDD College Program Representative  
Vocational Advancement and Skill Training  
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Disability Advocacy Group  
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**Sabrina Gonzalez Saucedo**

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Texas Workforce Commission  
Representative Vocational Rehabilitation,  
Texas Workforce Commission  
Austin

**Tamara Shetron**

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

**Kristi Watson**

High School Teacher of IDD students  
Groesbeck ISD  
Groesbeck

**Lauryn Woolfolk**

Student Representative  
University of North Texas  
Denton

**Nina Zuna**

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