SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Committee on Academic and Workforce Success

AGENDA ITEM V-E (3)

<u>Consideration and possible action to appoint student representatives to the Texas Transfer</u> <u>Advisory Committee</u>

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Background Information:

The Texas Transfer Advisory Committee is composed of 24 members, with equal representation from public junior colleges and general academic teaching institutions. A majority of members are faculty who currently teach undergraduate courses and are engaged in transfer policy development. Other members include administrators who understand transcript evaluation and those actively engaged in promoting seamless transfer of students from public two-year institutions to four-year institutions. The committee meets at least twice a year and may do so more frequently as needed. The committee provides the commissioner and Board with advice on Field of Study Curricula, including their establishment and revisions.

Texas Education Code, Section 61.071, directs the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to appoint student representatives to various advisory committees. This agenda item relates to the appointment of two student representatives to the Texas Transfer Advisory Committee.

The term of membership for student members of this committee starts June 1, 2024, and ends May 31, 2026.

THECB staff received applications from two- and four-year public institutions of higher education. Applicants were reviewed to ensure they first met the minimum criteria, and then were further evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Academic achievement
- Community and school service
- Work or internship experience
- General commitment to higher education issues

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A review committee, composed of staff who directly support the advisory committee identified the finalists. One student will represent two-year institutions, and one will represent four-year institutions.

Finalist: Evan Scott

Evan Scott is a student at Northwest Vista College pursuing a course of study in biology.

Finalist: Jennifer Martinez

Jennifer Martinez is a student at The University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley pursuing an EdD in Curriculum & Instruction.

Elizabeth Mayer, Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Health Affairs, will be available to answer questions.