

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
MINUTES

Regular Quarterly Meeting
1200 East Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas
October 25, 2018

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 8:31 a.m. on July 26, 2018, with the following members present: Stuart Stedman, presiding; Fred Farias; Arcilia Acosta; Javid Anwar; Michael Plank; Ricky Raven; John Steen; Donna Williams; Michelle Tran; and Welcome Wilson.

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I. Call to order: Opening Remarks and Strategic Planning Presentation	Mr. Stedman called the meeting of the Coordinating Board to order and announced that all board members were present.
A. Commissioner's Remarks	No action required. Commissioner Paredes provided remarks on some of today's agenda items.
B. Strategic Planning Presentation by Ray Martinez III, President, Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas, Inc.	No action required. Mr. Ray Martinez III, President of Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas, Inc.; Dr. Don Christian, President and CEO of Concordia University Texas; and Dr. Colette Pierce Burnett, President and CEO of Huston-Tillotson University, provided a summary presentation on the strategic plans of independent colleges and universities in Texas and how these align with <i>60x30TX</i> .
II. Approval of Minutes	
A. July 26, 2018, Board Meeting	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board approved the July 26, 2018, minutes.
B. August 14, 2018, Special Called Board Meeting	On a motion by Mr. Plank, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board approved the August 14, 2018, minutes.

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III. Approval of the Consent Calendar	On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the Consent Calendar. Items on the Consent Calendar were: IX-G; IX-H; X-D(1); X-E; X-F; X-G; X-H; X-O; X-P; X-Q; X-R; X-S; X-T; X-U; and X-V.
IV. Major Policy Discussion	
A. Dual Credit Education in Texas	No action required. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, introduced the panel and facilitated the major policy discussion for this meeting regarding dual credit education in Texas. The panelists were as follows: Dr. Julie Edmunds, Program Director of Secondary School Reform at Serve Center, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Dr. Trey Miller, Principle Researcher at American Institutes for Research; Dr. David Troutman, Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research and Advanced Analytics at The University of Texas System; and Mr. Jacob Fraire, President and CEO of Texas Association of Community Colleges.
V. Matters relating to the Full Board	
A. Consideration of approval of the AIR-THECB study on Dual Credit Education in Texas	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Plank, the Board approved the study on Dual Credit Education in Texas. Dr. Trey Miller, Principle Researcher at American Institutes for Research, was available for questions.
VI. Recognition of Excellence	
A. Texas A&M University – College of Architecture Visualization Laboratory	No action required. Dr. Jorge Vanegas, Dean and Research Professor at Texas A&M University College of Architecture, and Mr. Tim McLaughlin, Department Head of the Department of Visualization, made a presentation on the Texas A&M University College of Architecture and Department of Visualization’s Visualization Laboratory. The following visualization department faculty and staff were also present to assist with questions: Mr. Bill Jenks, Assistant Department Head of Visualization and Laboratory Director; Dr. Ann McNamara, Associate Professor Graduate

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	Program Coordinator and Associate Head of Department Visualization; Mr. Andre Thomas, Director of the LIVE Lab; and Dr. Ergun Ackleman, Professor of the Department of the Visualization.
VII. Matters relating to 60x30TX and Innovation in Higher Education	
A. Chatbot Technology on Texas Campuses	No action required. Dr. Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner, College Readiness and Success, gave a brief overview of chatbots, including how the agency is leveraging this technology, and introduced the following panelists: Mr. Michael J. Knox, Vice President of Student Enrollment, Engagement, and Success at West Texas A&M University; Ms. Karen L. Serna, Director of Student Money Management Office at Austin Community College and Member of the THECB Financial Aid Literacy Committee in 2016-2017; and Ms. Samantha Wilson, Executive Director of the Career Center at Texas A&M University.
VIII. Lunch	
IX. Matters Relating to the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	No action required. An overview of the Committee's activities was presented to the Board by Mr. Anwar, Chair of the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning.
B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning	No action required.
C. Data Highlight: The Changing Pipeline to Completion	No action required. Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner, Strategic Planning and Funding, and Dr. Jenna Cullinane Hege, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning, provided a presentation and were available for questions.
D. Presentation on the Preliminary Headcount for fall 2018	No action required. Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Funding, provided a brief report and was available for questions.

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E. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the five-year review of the Higher Education Fund (HEF) allocation	On a motion by Ms. Acosta, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board approved the five-year review of the Higher Education fund allocation. Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Funding, provided a brief presentation, and Dr. Eklund and Mr. Thomas Keaton, Director of Funding and Resource Planning, were available for questions.
F. Report on facilities projects that were submitted to the Coordinating Board	No action required. Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Funding, was available for questions.
G. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the Report on Student Financial Aid in Texas Higher Education, Fiscal Year 2017 (General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, Article III, page III-54, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session)	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
H. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the approval of the nominated members of the Financial Aid Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
X. Matters relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success	
A. Committee Chair’s Overview	No action required. An overview of the Committee’s activities was presented to the Board by Dr. Farias, Chair of the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success.
B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success	No action required.
C. Report to the Board on activities of the Community and Technical College Leadership Council	No action required. Mr. Ron Walker, Council Chair, provided a brief update of the Council’s activities and was available for questions.

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<p>D. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to requests for a new degree program:</p> <p>ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY (1) Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Mechanical Engineering</p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON (2) Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree with a major in Medicine</p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER (3) Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree with a major in Medicine</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board approved the new degree program. Dr. Stacey Silverman, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item. The following representatives from the University of Houston were present regarding this request: Dr. Durga Agrawal, Member, University of Houston System Board of Regents; Dr. Renu Khator, Chancellor of the University of Houston System and President of the University of Houston; and Dr. Stephen Spann, Founding Dean, College of Medicine and Vice President for Medical Affairs at the University of Houston.</p> <p>Mr. Steen made a motion that the following language be added: approved on the condition that the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) will never seek, nor if offered, ever accept any formula funding to support its Doctor of Medicine degree with a major in Medicine. No second was made; therefore, such motion never came before the meeting for consideration.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Plank, the Board approved the new degree program. Dr. Stacey Silverman, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item. Representatives present from the UNTHSC were: Dr. Michael Williams, President of the UNTHSC; and Dr. Charles Taylor, Provost, UNTHSC.</p>
<p>E. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the Aerospace and Aviation Report (<i>Senate Bill 458, 84th Texas, Legislature Regular Session</i>)</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>

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<p>F. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the Block Scheduled Workforce Programs at Public Junior Colleges Report <i>(House Bill 1483, 84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session)</i></p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>G. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene at Tyler Junior College Report <i>(House Bill 3348, 84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session)</i></p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>H. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the Report on the Recruitment of Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities at Institutions of Higher Education <i>(Senate Bill 37, 84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session)</i></p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>I. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the Report on the Effectiveness of Advise TX <i>(Rider 53, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session)</i></p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved the Report on Effectiveness of Advise TX. Dr. Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner for College Readiness and Success, presented this item to the Board and was available for questions.</p>
<p>J. Consideration of adopting the staff recommendation to the Board relating to the Assessment of Graduate Medical Education Positions Report <i>(Senate Bill 215, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session)</i></p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Steen, the Board approved the Assessment of Graduate Medical Education Positions Report. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented the update on this item to the Board and was available for questions.</p>
<p>K. Consideration of adopting the staff recommendation to the Board relating to the Advanced Placement Report <i>(House Bill 1992, 84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session)</i></p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Plank, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board approved the Advanced Placement Report. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented the update on this item and was available for questions.</p>

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<p>L. Consideration of adopting the staff recommendation to the Board relating to the Texas General Academic Institutions: Increasing Successful Community College Transfer Report (<i>General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, Article III, Section 49, 85th Texas Legislature</i>)</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the Texas General Academic Institutions: Increasing Successful Community College Transfer Report. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented the update on this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>M. Consideration of adopting the staff recommendation to the Board relating to Best Practices in the Transfer of Course Credit Between Public Institutions of Higher Education Report (<i>Senate Bill 802, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session</i>)</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board approved Best Practices in the Transfer of Course Credit Between Public Institutions of Higher Education Report. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented the update on this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>N. Report to the Board on school closures and/or teach-outs pursuant to Chapter 7, Subchapter A, Section 7.7(5)</p>	<p>No action required. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
<p>O. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to courses required for the Board-approved English Language & Literature Field of Study</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>P. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to courses required for the Board-approved Sociology Field of Study</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>Q. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to courses required for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Architectural Drafting (2) Electrical Lineworker (3) Industrial Electrician (4) Residential and Commercial Electrician (5) Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (6) Pipefitting (7) Plumbing 	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>

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<p>R. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to courses required for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Dental Hygiene (2) Emergency Medical Services/Paramedic (3) Occupational Therapy Assistant (4) Physical Therapist Assistant (5) Radiologic Technology 	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>S. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to issuance of a Request for Applications for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Autism Grant Program (2) Minority Health Research and Education Grant Program 	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>T. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board for approval of additional funding related to Request for Applications for the Developmental Education Program (<i>House Bill 2223, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session</i>)</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>U. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the appointment of member(s) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Graduate Education Advisory Committee (2) Health and Wellness Field of Study Advisory Committee (3) Learning Technology Advisory Committee (4) Multidisciplinary Studies Field of Study Advisory Committee (5) Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee 	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>
<p>V. Proposed Rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 1, Subchapter O, Sections 1.185 and 1.187 of Board rules concerning the Learning Technology Advisory Committee (2) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new Chapter 27, Subchapter DD, Sections 27.681 – 	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>

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<p>27.687 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the Communication Disorders Science and Services Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(3) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new Chapter 27, Subchapter EE, Sections 27.701 – 27.707 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the Fine and Studio Arts Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(4) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new Chapter 27, Subchapter FF, Sections 27.721 – 27.727 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the Journalism Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(5) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new Chapter 27, Subchapter GG, Sections 27.741 – 27.747 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the Animal Sciences Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(6) Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new Chapter 27, Subchapter HH, Sections 27.761 – 27.767 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the Agricultural Business and Management Field of Study Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p> <p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.</p>
<p>W. Report on institutional requests acted on by the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner since the last Board meeting</p>	<p>No action required. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
XI. Matters relating to the Agency Operation’s Committee	
<p>A. Committee Chair’s Overview</p>	<p>No action required. An overview of the Committee’s activities was presented to the Board by Mr. Steen, Chair of the Committee on Agency Operations.</p>
<p>B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Agency Operation’s Committee</p>	<p>No action required.</p>

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C. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the certification of Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP) funds to the Emerging Research Universities	On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board approved the certification of TRIP funds to the Emerging Research Universities. Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner of Strategic Planning and Funding, was available for questions.
D. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board regarding a resolution authorizing the issuance of State of Texas College Student Loan Bonds in one or more series to refund the 2007A and 2008A bond series; and delegation of the authority for administration and approval of the activities necessary to complete the sale of the private activity bonds	On a motion by Mr. Plank, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the resolution. Mr. Ken Martin, Assistant Commissioner for Financial Services/CFO, and Mr. Richard Donoghue from the Board's bond counsel McCall, Parkhurst & Horton, were available for questions.
E. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board to approve a two-year extension for the current student loan software contract	On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board approved the extension for the current student loan software contract.
XI. Adjournment	

With no further business, on a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Plank, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Steen
Secretary of the Board