

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
MINUTES

Regular Quarterly Meeting
1200 East Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas
October 26, 2017

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 8:39 a.m. on October 26, 2017, with the following members present: Stuart Stedman, presiding; Javaid Anwar; Fred Farias; Janelle Shepard; John Steen; and Annie Jones.

Board Members not present were: Bobby Jenkins and Ricky Raven

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
I. Call to order: Opening Remarks and Strategic Planning Presentation	Mr. Stedman called the meeting of the Coordinating Board to order and announced that Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Raven were both unable to attend the board meeting today due to duties requiring their attention elsewhere. On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board excused the absence of Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Raven. A quorum was met for this Board meeting.
A. Commissioner's Remarks	No action required.
B. Strategic Planning Presentation by Chancellor Lesa Roe, University of North Texas System	Lesla Roe, Chancellor of the University of North Texas System (UNT), provided a presentation on UNT System's strategic plan and how it aligns with 60x30TX. Also presenting with the Chancellor was Dr. Michael Williams, President of UNT HSC, and Dr. Rosemary Haggett, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Student Success.
II. Approval of Minutes	
A. July 27, 2017, Board Meeting	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the July 27, 2017, minutes.
B. September 27, 2017, Special Called Board Meeting	On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Ms. Acosta, the Board approved the September 27, 2017, minutes.

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III. Approval of the Consent Calendar	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Stedman, the Board approved the Consent Calendar. Items on the Consent Calendar were: VII-B; VIII-G; VIII-H; VIII-I(2); VIII-I(3); VIII-I(4); VIII-I(5); VIII-I(6); VIII-I(7); VIII-I(8); VIII-J; X-E; X-I; X-J; X-K; X-M; XI-C; XI-D; XI-E; .
IV. Major Policy Discussion	
A. Creating clearer pathways to completion: Texas transfer initiatives	No action required. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce introduced a panel of institutional representatives and facilitated the discussion regarding the state of transfer in Texas and current initiatives to address the transfer and applicability of college courses to degrees; and Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Funding provided data regarding this item. The panel members consisted of: Ms. Melissa Henderson, Deputy Director of Policy, Educate Texas; and Dr. Troy Johnson, Vice President of Enrollment, The University of Texas at Arlington.
V. Recognition of Excellence	
A. Texans helping Texans: Institution's assistance to college students impacted by Hurricane Harvey	No action required. Ms. Kelly Carper Polden, Assistant Director for Communications provided an overview of the efforts being made by our public and independent colleges and universities in the Hurricane Harvey impact area to assist students and their communities, and showcase how Texans are helping Texans in dealing with the aftermath of this hurricane. The following institutions' representatives shared their efforts in-person regarding the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey: Dr. Beth Lewis, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer and Dr. Rito Silva, Vice President for Student Affairs from Del Mar College; Brenda Nichols, DNSc, Vice Provost, Shannon T. Tanner, MPA, and Progga Chirontoni, Harvey Hero Volunteer from Lamar University; and Caroline Quenemoen, Associate Dean of Undergraduates from Rice University

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VI. Matters relating to 60x30TX and Innovation in Higher Education	
A. Guidelines for implementing the Marketable Skills Goal	No action required. Dr. Ginger Gossman, Senior Director for Innovation and Policy Development, and Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, provided a brief presentation on the guidelines and were available to answer questions.
VII. Matters relating to the Full Board	
A. Consideration of adopting the Sexual Assault Policy Advisory Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new Chapter 3, Subchapter A, Sections 3.11 – 3.15 of Board rules concerning electronic reporting and amnesty for students reporting incidents of sexual assault	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Ms. Shepard, the Board adopted the new rules concerning electronic reporting and amnesty for students reporting incidents of sexual assault. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
B. Consideration of adopting the staff's recommendation to the Board for approval of certain members to remain on the Financial Aid Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
C. Discussion of Core Curriculum	No action required. Dr. Rex Peebles provided background information on this item and the Board heard public testimony from Mr. Mark Greenwalt, Professor of Art at College of the Mainland, and President of the Texas Association of Schools of Art.
VIII. 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. Presentation on the Preliminary Headcount for fall 2017	No action required. Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Funding, provided a brief report and was available to answer questions.

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D. Report on Data Highlight: 60x30 Educated Population Goal and Interactive Map	No action required. Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Funding, provided a presentation on the 60x30 educated population goal, including a demonstration of an interactive map that provided a visual representation of how the education levels of Texans ages 25-34 are distributed through the state.
E. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board for the approval of the process for setting regional targets for selected statewide <i>60x30TX</i> goals and targets	On a motion by Mr. Stedman, seconded by Ms. Acosta, the Board approved the process for setting regional targets for selected statewide <i>60x30TX</i> goals and targets. Dr. Jenna Cullinane Hege, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Strategic Planning, provided a brief presentation and was available for questions. The presentation included a review of preliminary regional targets and initial plans for statewide roll-out, including a starter kit for regions and early outreach activities.
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, provided a brief update and was available to answer questions.
G. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board for approval of the nominated members of the Financial Aid Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
H. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the report on Student Financial Aid in Texas Higher Education, Fiscal Year 2016, (<i>General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, Article III, Section 25, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session</i>)	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
I. Proposed Rules: (1) Consideration of adopting the Commissioner's recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 13, Subchapter F, Section 13.102 and 13.107, concerning definitions and formula funding for excess hours of developmental courses and interventions	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Ms. Shepard, the Board approved the proposed amendments concerning definitions and formula funding for excess hours of developmental courses and interventions. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.

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<p>(2) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the repeal of Chapter 21, Subchapter Y, Sections 21.760 – 21.766 of Board rules, concerning the Student Loan Default Prevention and Financial Aid Literacy Pilot Program (<i>Senate Bill 1799, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session</i>)</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>(3) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 22, Subchapter B, Sections 22.24 – 22.25 and 22.29 of Board rules, concerning the Provisions for the Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) Program (<i>General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, Article III, Section 10, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session</i>)</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>(4) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 22, Subchapter I, Sections 22.166 – 22.167 and 22.169 – 22.170 of Board rules, concerning the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (<i>Senate Bill 49 and House Bill 1117, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session</i>)</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>(5) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the repeal of Chapter 22, Subchapter Z, Sections 22.699 – 22.709 of Board rules, concerning the Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program for Students Graduating High School on or before June 20, 2011</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>(6) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 23, Subchapter G, Sections 23.186 and 23.193 of Board rules, concerning the Nursing Faulty Loan Repayment Assistance Program (<i>General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, Article III, Section 42, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session</i>)</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>(7) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the repeal of Chapter 23, Subchapter H, Sections 23.217 – 23.223 of Board rules, concerning the Educational Loan Repayment Program for Attorneys Employed by the Office of the Attorney General</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>(8) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the repeal of</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may</p>

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Chapter 23, Subchapter I, Sections 23.248 – 23.255 of Board rules, concerning the Loan Repayment Program for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists	be found in the agenda materials.
J. Consideration of adopting the Commissioner’s recommendation regarding an appointment to the Community and Technical College Formula Advisory Committee	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
IX. Lunch	
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 Ms. Shepard, 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 Technical College Leadership Council	No action required. Mr. Ron Walker, Council Chair, and Ms. Marie Flickinger, past Chair, provided a brief update of the Council’s activities.
D. 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, Regular Session</i>)	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board approved the report for submission to the Governor, House Appropriations Committee, Senate Finance Committee, and the Legislative Budget Board.
<p>E. Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation to the Board relating to requests for a new degree program:</p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-DOWNTOWN (1) Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree with a major in Nursing</p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS OF THE PERMIAN BASIN (2) Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Electrical Engineering</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board approved the new degree program.</p>

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(3) Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Chemical Engineering	On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Mr. Steen, the Board approved the new degree program.
F. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to a request from Southwest School of Art for a third Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Ms. Acosta, the Board approved the certificate of authority to grant degrees in Texas.
G. Report to the Board on school closures and/or teach-outs pursuant to Chapter 7, Subchapter A, Section 7.7(5)	No action required. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item to the Board and was available for questions.
H. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the request from Cisco College for a Branch Campus Maintenance Tax Election	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the Branch Campus Maintenance Tax Election for Cisco College.
I. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to a request to establish a contract with The University of Texas at Austin for maintenance of the Apply Texas System	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
J. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the approval of additional funding for Texas State University to continue providing professional development for institutions implementing corequisite models for underprepared students (<i>House Bill 2223, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session</i>)	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
<p>K. 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) Biology Field of Study Advisory Committee (2) Business Administration and Management Field of Study Advisory Committee (3) Criminal Justice Field of Study Advisory Committee (4) Kinesiology and Exercise Science Field of Study Advisory Committee (5) Psychology Field of Study Advisory Committee (6) Graduate Education Advisory Committee (7) Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee 	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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<p>L. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to issuance of a Request for Applications for:</p> <p>(1) Minority Health Research and Education Grant Program</p> <p>(2) Autism Grant Program</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Stedman, seconded by Ms. Acosta, the Board approved the issuance of a request for applications for the Minority Health Research and Education Grant Program.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Ms. Acosta, the Board approved the issuance of a request for applications for the Autism Grant Program.</p>
<p>M. Proposed Rules:</p> <p>(1) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 1, Subchapter G, Sections 1.128 and 1.130 of Board rules concerning the Apply Texas Advisory Committee</p> <p>(2) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Subchapter A, Section 4.11 of Board rules concerning the Common Admission Application Forms</p> <p>(3) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 9, Subchapter B, Section 9.22 and new Section 9.32 of Board rules concerning the required curriculum for commercial driver's license programs (<i>House Bill 29/Senate Bill 128, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session</i>)</p> <p>(4) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed repeal of Chapter 9, Subchapter K, Sections 9.201 – 9.206 of Board rules concerning Tech-Prep Programs, Consortia, State Administration of Tech-Prep, consortium responsibilities, and evaluation of Tech-Prep programs and consortia (<i>Senate Bill 22, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session</i>)</p> <p>(5) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendment to Chapter 13, Subchapter J, Section 13.184 of Board rules concerning the Texas Fund for Geography Education 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>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>(6) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new Chapter 27, Subchapter R, Sections 27.441 – 27.447 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the Finance Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(7) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new Chapter 27, Subchapter S, Sections 27.461 – 27.467 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the Marketing Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(8) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new Chapter 27, Subchapter T, Sections 27.481 – 27.487 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the English Language and Literature Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(9) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new Chapter 27, Subchapter U, Sections 27.501 – 27.507 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the History Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(10) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new Chapter 27, Subchapter V, Sections 27.521 – 27.527 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the Political Science and Government Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(11) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new Chapter 27, Subchapter W, Sections 27.541 – 27.547 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the Social Work 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>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>N. Report on institutional requests acted on by the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner since the previous Board meeting</p>	<p>No action required.</p>
<p>XI. Matters relating to the Agency Operation's Committee</p>	
<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>

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B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Agency Operation's Committee	No action required.
C. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to an amendment to the Board Operating Policies and Procedures	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
D. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 25, Subchapter A, Section 25.4 of Board rules concerning the Optional Retirement Program (<i>Senate Bill 1954, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session</i>)	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
E. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the selection of a vendor for postage services relating to the student loan program	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
XI. Adjournment	

With no further business, on a motion by Ms. Shepard, seconded by Mr. Steen, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Steen
Secretary of the Board