

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
MINUTES
January 24, 2019

Regular Quarterly Meeting
1200 East Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 8:30 a.m. on January 24, 2019, with the following members present: Stuart Stedman, presiding; Fred Farias; Arcilia Acosta; Javaid Anwar; Michael Plank; Ricky Raven; John Steen; Donna Williams; Michelle Tran; and Welcome Wilson.

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
I. Call to order: Opening Remarks and University 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. Presentation on Prairie View A&M University by President Ruth Simmons	No action required. Dr. Ruth J. Simmons provided a presentation on Prairie View A&M University and her vision for the future of the institution.
II. Approval of Minutes	
A. October 25, 2018, Board Meeting	On a motion by Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Steen, the Board approved the October 25, 2018, minutes.
III. Approval of the Consent Calendar	Dr. Farias requested that Item 10-D be added to the Consent Calendar. On a motion by Ms. Acosta, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board added Item 10-D to the Consent Calendar. On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board approved the Consent Calendar as amended. Items on the Consent Calendar were: IX-E; IX-F; X-D; X-E; X-F; X-I; X-J; X-K; X-L; X-M; X-N; XI-D; and XI-E.

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IV. Major Policy Discussion	
A. Texas Demographics: Implications for Higher Education	No action required. Dr. Lloyd Potter, State Demographer for Texas, made a presentation to the Board and shared information and insights from the work produced by the Texas Demographic Center (TDC) as part of the Texas Population Estimates and Projections Program. Following Dr. Potter's presentation, Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Funding, presented the results of the Biennial Higher Education Enrollment Forecast and discussed the implications of the forecast with Dr. Potter.
B. Consideration of adopting the staff recommendation to the Board relating to approval of the Enrollment Forecast	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board approved the Enrollment Forecast. Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Funding, provided a presentation during the Major Policy Discussion and was available to answer questions.
V. Recognition of Excellence	
A. Houston Community College – Open Educational Resources	No action required. Dr. Nathan Smith, Open Educational Resources Coordinator and Professor of Philosophy at Houston Community College, provided a presentation on open educational resources at Houston Community College.
VI. Matters relating to <i>60x30TX</i> and Innovation in Higher Education	
A. <i>60x30TX</i> Regional Strategies	No action required. Dr. Jenna Cullinane Hege, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning, provided a presentation and facilitated a discussion regarding <i>60x30TX</i> efforts to date in the Metroplex and High Plains higher education regions. Dr. Rosemary Haggett, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Student Success and Board Secretary at the University of North Texas System, and Dr. Ryan Gibbs, Vice President for Academic Affairs at South Plains College, who serve on the regional advisory groups from the Metroplex and High Plains respectively, described the <i>60x30TX</i> efforts in their regions to date.

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VII. Matters relating to the Full Board	
A. State of Registered Apprenticeship in Texas, by Julian Alvarez III, Commissioner Representing Labor, Texas Workforce Commission	No action required. Mr. Julian Alvarez III, Commissioner Representing Labor, Texas Workforce Commission, provided a presentation on registered apprenticeships in Texas and visions for their future. Also presenting with Mr. Alvarez were Mr. Dudley Light, Regional Director, U.S. Department of Labor/Education & Training Administration/Office of Apprenticeship; Ms. Desi Holmes, Apprenticeship Director, Workforce Development Division, Texas Workforce Commission; and Dr. Sallie Kay Janes, Associate Vice Chancellor Continuing & Professional Development, San Jacinto College District.
B. Update on initiatives related to providing healthcare to rural areas	No action required. Dr. Stacey Silverman, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, introduced this item. Dr. Nancy Dickey, President Emeritus, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, and Ms. Mari Robinson, Director of Telehealth, The University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston, presented an update of institutional efforts currently underway to improve healthcare in rural areas.
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: How Rising Graduation Rates Support the Completion Goal	No action required. Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner, Strategic Planning and Funding, provided a presentation and was available for questions.
D. 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.

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E. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to approval of the Facilities Audit Report	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
F. Report on Financial Aid Advisory Committee activities	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.
<p>C. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to requests for a new degree program:</p> <p>TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY (1) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree with a major in Criminal Justice</p> <p>TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY (2) Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Civil Engineering</p> <p>TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (3) Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Environmental Engineering</p>	<p>On a motion by Ms. Acosta, seconded by Mr. Steen, the Board approved the new degree program. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Raven, the Board approved the new degree program. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Plank, the Board approved the new degree program. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>

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D. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the Report on Developmental Education (<i>Rider 33, 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 relating to the approval to increase funding for Grad TX activities designed to help meet the completion goal of <i>60x30TX</i>	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
F. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the July 2018 Annual Compliance Reports for institutions under a Certificate of Authorization (Names beginning with "P" through "Z")	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
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 and was available for questions.
H. Consideration of adopting the staff recommendation to the Board relating to the 2018 report on the National Research University Fund	On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the 2018 report on the National Research University Fund. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item to the Board and was available for questions.
I. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to issuance of a Request for Applications for: (1) Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Basic Grant Program (2) Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Leadership Grant Program	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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<p>J. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the appointment of member(s) to:</p> <p>(1) Graduate Education Advisory Committee (2) Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual Advisory Committee (3) Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee (4) Kinesiology and Exercise Science field of Study Advisory Committee (5) Fine Arts Field of Study Advisory Committee (6) Agricultural Business and Administration Field of Study Advisory Committee (7) Journalism Field of Study Advisory Committee (8) Animal Sciences Field of Study Advisory Committee</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>K. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to courses required for the Board-approved Mathematics Field of Study</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>L. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to courses required for the Board-approved Radio and Television Field of Study</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>M. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to courses required for the Board-approved Economics Field of Study</p>	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>N. Proposed Rules:</p> <p>(1) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new Chapter 27, Subchapter II, Sections 27.781 – 27.787 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the Health Services Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(2) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new Chapter 27, Subchapter JJ, Sections 27.801 – 27.807 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the Hospitality 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 KK, Sections 27.821 – 27.827 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the Natural Resources 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>

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O. Report on institutional requests acted on by the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner since the last Board meeting	No action required. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions.
XI. Matters relating to the Agency Operation's Committee	
A. Committee Chair's Overview	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.
B. Public Testimony on Items Relating to the Agency Operation's Committee	No action required.
C. Update on the Board's Legislative Appropriations Request to the 86th Texas Legislature	No action required. Ms. Linda Battles, Deputy Commissioner for Agency Operations and Communications/Chief Operating Officer, provided a brief presentation and was available for questions.
D. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the Amended Risk-Based Compliance Monitoring Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2019	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
E. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the certification of gifts that are fundable through the Texas Research Incentive Program for the Emerging Research Universities	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
F. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to amending the Board Operating Policies and Procedures	This item was not considered today, because at the Agency Operations Committee (AOC) meeting yesterday, the Committee voted to defer it to the next AOC meeting to give staff sufficient time to make the changes that were discussed.

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XI. Adjournment	

With no further business, on a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Plank, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Steen

Secretary of the Board