

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

MINUTES

July 25, 2019

Regular Quarterly Meeting

1200 East Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board convened at 8:30 a.m. on July 25, 2019, with the following members present: Stuart Stedman, presiding; Fred Farias; Javaid Anwar; John Steen; Welcome Wilson; and Lauren McKenzie.

Members absent: Ricky Raven; Donna Williams

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 Mr. Raven and Ms. Williams were unable to attend the board meeting today due to duties requiring their attention elsewhere. On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board excused the absence of Mr. Raven and Ms. Williams. A quorum was met for this board meeting.
A. Welcome new Student Board Member	No action required. The Board Members welcomed Ms. Lauren McKenzie to the Board.
B. Consideration of Resolutions of Appreciation for Outgoing Board Members	<p>Mr. Stedman read the resolution of appreciation for Dr. Fred Farias. On a motion by Mr. Stedman, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the resolution. A copy of the resolution can be found as Attachment A to these minutes.</p> <p>Mr. Stedman read the resolution of Mr. John Steen. On a motion by Mr. Stedman, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board approved the resolution. A copy of the resolution can be found as Attachment B to these minutes.</p>
C. Consideration of Resolution of Appreciation for Dr. Raymund A. Paredes, Commissioner of Higher Education	Mr. Stedman read the resolution of appreciation for Dr. Raymund Paredes. On a motion by Mr. Stedman, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board approved the resolution. A copy of the resolution can be found as Attachment C to these minutes.

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D. Recognition of Ms. Alisa Hernandez and Ms. Elyse Greenamyre, recipients of the Kenneth H. Ashworth Fellowship Award for 2019-2020	No action required.
E. Commissioner's Remarks	No action required. Commissioner Paredes provided remarks on some of today's agenda items.
II. Approval of Minutes	
A. April 25, 2019, Board Meeting	On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the April 25, 2019, Board Meeting minutes.
III. Approval of the Consent Calendar	
IV. Major Policy Discussion	
A. The Ongoing Challenge of Identifying Critical Fields	No action required. Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner, Strategic Planning and Funding, introduced the panel and facilitated a discussion focusing on identifying and responding to critical occupational fields. Panelists invited to present were: Ms. Mariana Vega, Director of Labor Market and Career Information at the Texas Workforce Commission; Mr. Peter Beard, Senior Vice President of Regional Workforce Development at the Greater Houston Partnership; and Dr. Charles Goldman, Senior Economist at RAND Corporation.
V. Recognition of Excellence	
A. James P. Allison, Ph.D., Nobel Laureate and Regental Professor/Chair of the Department of Immunology and Executive Director of the Immunotherapy Platform, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	No action required. Dr. James Allison made a presentation on his work in the fight against cancer.

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VI. Matters relating to 60x30TX and Innovation in Higher Education	
A. An Overview of National Discussions on the Future of Work	No action required. The focus of this presentation was an introduction to policy conversations about the Future of Work, as related to higher education. Dr. Ginger Gossman, Senior Director of Innovation and Policy Development, provided this overview and was available for questions.
VII. Matters relating to the Full Board	
A. Status Update for the Texas Higher Education Foundation	No action required. Mr. Neal Adams, Chairman and President of the Texas Higher Education Foundation, presented this item. Ms. Heather Marsh, Executive Director of the Texas Higher Education Foundation, was available to respond to questions.
B. Emergency Rules resulting from the 86th Texas Legislative Session: (1) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board to adopt, on an emergency basis, proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Subchapter D, Sections 4.83, 4.84, and 4.85 of Board rules concerning institutional agreements and state funding of dual credit courses	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board adopted the emergency rules. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions. A copy of the Board rules as adopted may be found in the agenda materials.
VIII. Lunch & Executive Session	
A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, the Board will meet in Executive Session to discuss various aspects of the search for the next Commissioner of Higher Education, including individual personnel matters	The Board went into closed session at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 1:14 p.m. There was no action taken during the closed session.
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.

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C. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to approval of the 60x30TX progress report	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Dr. Farias, the Board approved the 60x30TX progress report. Dr. Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Funding, presented an overview of the report and was available to answer questions.
D. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to approval of the nominated members of the Formula Funding Advisory Committees for the 2022-2023 biennium	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
E. Report on facilities projects that were submitted to the Coordinating Board	No action required. Dr. Julie Eklund was available to answer questions.
F. Overview of Outcomes of the 86th Texas Legislative Session	No action required. Mr. John Wyatt, Director for External Relations, provided an update and was available for questions.
G. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the report on the TEXAS Grant Program	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
<p>H. Proposed Rules:</p> <p>(1) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 1, Subchapter J, Section 1.152 of Board rules, concerning the Financial Aid Advisory Committee</p> <p>(2) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 21, Subchapter Z, Sections 21.789, 21.790, and 21.792 of Board rules, concerning the Exemption for Firefighters Enrolled in Fire Science Courses</p> <p>(3) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to repeal of Chapter 22, Subchapter A, Section 22.8 of Board rules, concerning General Provisions</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>(4) Consideration of adopting Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to proposed repeal of Chapter 22, Subchapter H, Sections 22.142 and 22.148 and amendment to Sections 22.143 and 22.144 of Board rules, concerning the License Plate Insignia Scholarship Program</p> <p>(5) Consideration of Adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to proposed new Chapter 22, Subchapter I, Section 22.174 of Board rules, concerning the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program</p> <p>(6) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 22, Subchapter G, Sections 22.128 – 22.136 of Board rules, concerning the Texas College Work-Study Program</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>
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 Joint Admissions Medical Program	No action required. Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, presented this item and was available for questions.
D. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to funding appropriated to the Joint Admissions Medical Program for Fiscal Years 2020-2021	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the funding appropriated to the Joint Admissions Medical Program. Dr. Rex Peebles presented this item and was available for questions.
E. Report to the Board on activities of the Family Practice Residency Advisory Committee, including the report on trustee funds distributed in Fiscal Year 2019	No action required. Dr. Rex Peebles presented this item and was available for questions.

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F. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the distribution of funds trustee to the Coordinating Board to support family practice residency programs for Fiscal Year 2020	On a motion by Mr. Stedman, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the distribution of funds trustee to the Coordinating Board to support family practice residency programs for Fiscal Year 2020. Dr. Rex Peebles presented this item and was available for questions.
G. Report to the Board on activities of Medical Education and Graduate Medical Education Programs	No action required. Dr. Rex Peebles was available for questions.
H. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the Report on the Autism Grant Program	On a motion by Mr. Anwar, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the report on the Autism Grant Program. Dr. Rex Peebles presented this item and was available for questions.
<p>I. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to requests for a new degree program:</p> <p>TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY/TEXAS A&M HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER (1) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree with a major in Pharmaceutical Sciences</p> <p>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO (2) Master of Science (MS) degree with a major in Biomedical Commercialization Technology</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the new degree program. Dr. Rex Peebles presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the new degree program. Dr. Rex Peebles presented this item and was available for questions.</p>
J. Consideration of adopting the Certification Advisory Council and the Commissioner's recommendation to the Board relating to a request from Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine for an initial Certificate of Authority to grant degrees in Texas	This item was withdrawn from the agenda.
K. 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 was available for questions.
L. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the January 2019 Annual Compliance Reports for institutions under a Certificate of Authorization (Names beginning with "A" through "O")	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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<p>M. 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) Apply Texas Advisory Committee (2) Certification Advisory Council (CAC) (3) Chemistry Field of Study Advisory Committee (4) Communications Disorders Field of Study Advisory Committee (5) Graduate Education Advisory Committee (GEAC) (6) Hospitality Administration Field of Study Advisory Committee (7) Learning Technology Advisory Committee (LTAC) (8) Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM) Advisory Committee (9) Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee (UEAC) 	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>N. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the issuance of a Request for Applications for the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Autism Grant Program (2) Emergency and Trauma Care Education Partnership Program (3) Graduate Medical Education Expansion Program (4) Graduate Medical Education Planning Grants Program (5) Statewide Preceptorship Program 	<p>This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.</p>
<p>O. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to changes in the Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM)</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Stedman, the Board approved the changes in the Academic Course Guide Manual. Dr. Rex Peebles was available for questions.</p>
<p>P. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to a contract award for the next generation classification and diagnostic assessment instrument used for the Texas Success Initiative</p>	<p>On a motion by Mr. Stedman, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the contract award for the next generation classification and diagnostic assessment instrument used for the Texas Success Initiative. Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner for College Readiness and Success, presented this item and was available for questions.</p>


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Q. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the allocation of funds for the Advise TX College Advising Program	On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the allocation of funds for the Advise TX College Advising Program. Jerel Booker presented this item and was available for questions.
R. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the allocation of funds for the Virtual Advising Program	On a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Stedman, the Board approved the allocation of funds for the Virtual Advising Program. Jerel Booker presented this item and was available for questions.
S. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the allocation of funds for the Work-Study Mentorship Program	On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the allocation of funds for the Work-Study Mentorship Program. Jerel Booker presented this item and was available for questions.
T. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to courses required for the Board-approved Computer Science/Information Technology Field of Study	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
U. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to courses required for the Board-approved Drama Field of Study	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
V. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to courses required for the Board approved Fine Arts Field of Study	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
W. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to courses required for the Board approved Health & Wellness Field of Study	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
X. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to courses required for the Board-approved Journalism Field of Study	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

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<p>Y. Proposed Rules:</p> <p>(1) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new rules Chapter 27, Subchapter MM, Sections 27.861 through 27.867 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the Media Studies Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(2) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new rules Chapter 27, Subchapter NN, Sections 27.881 through 27.887 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the Advertising and Public Relations Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(3) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 27, Subchapter F, Sections 27.203 and 27.204 of Board rules concerning the duration and committee membership terms for the Engineering Technology Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(4) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed new rules Chapter 27, Subchapter OO, Sections 27.901 through 27.907 of Board rules concerning the establishment of the Nutrition & Dietetics Field of Study Advisory Committee</p> <p>(5) Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the proposed amendments to Chapter 5, Subchapter A, Section 5.5 of Board rules concerning Uniform Admission Policy</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>Z. 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 presented this item and was available for questions.</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 the certification of gifts that are fundable through the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP) for the Emerging Research Universities	On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the certification of gifts that are fundable through the Texas Research Incentive Program for the Emerging Research Universities. Dr. Julie Eklund presented this item and was available for questions.
D. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the agency's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020	On a motion by Dr. Farias, seconded by Mr. Anwar, the Board approved the agency's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020. Mr. Ken Martin, Assistant Commissioner for Financial Services/CFO, presented this item and was available for questions.
E. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to amending the Board Operating Policies and Procedures	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
F. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the Annual Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2020	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.
G. Consideration of adopting the Committee's recommendation to the Board relating to the Annual Compliance Monitoring Plan for Fiscal Year 2020	This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
XI. Adjournment	

With no further business, on a motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Dr. Farias, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ricky A. Raven
Secretary of the Board

ATTACHMENT A



Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Resolution of Appreciation *Fred Farias III, O.D.*

WHEREAS, Fred Farias III, O.D. was appointed to the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) by Governor Greg Abbott on February 13, 2015, and was appointed as vice chair by Governor Greg Abbott on March 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, during his term on the board, Dr. Farias served with great distinction, not only as vice chair of the board of the THECB, but also as vice chair and chair of the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success; as a member of the Agency Operations Committee; and as a member of the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Farias's affability and passion for healthcare education made him an extraordinarily effective advocate for higher education in Texas and for the THECB with legislators, medical professionals, and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Farias brought his experiences serving as a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, and his service on the Texas Optometry Board, The University of Texas (UT) Development Board, the UT System Chancellor's Executive Committee, the McAllen Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Council, and many other community service endeavors to contribute to the leadership and vision of the agency; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Farias' service on the Board of Trustees for the Texas Higher Education Foundation reflects his commitment to and support of higher education access and success for students across Texas; and

WHEREAS, the THECB benefited greatly from his reputation as a well-respected community leader and businessman as well as his medical expertise in discussions regarding medical education and graduate medical education that will continue to benefit students and the citizens of Texas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on this 25th day of July, 2019, express our deepest appreciation to Dr. Fred Farias III for his distinguished service as an influential member of this Board and his unwavering dedication to higher education for all the people of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution be included in the minutes, and that a copy of the resolution, signed by the board members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, be presented to Dr. Fred Farias III in recognition of the high esteem in which he is held.



ATTACHMENT B



Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Resolution of Appreciation *John T. Steen, Jr.*

WHEREAS, John T. Steen, Jr. was appointed to the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) by Governor Rick Perry on January 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, during his term on the board, Mr. Steen served with great distinction as secretary of the board, as a member and chair of the Agency Operations Committee, and as a member and vice chair of the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success; and

WHEREAS, the THECB benefited greatly from Mr. Steen's legal and business knowledge as well as his esteemed service as the state's 108th secretary of state and his extensive experience with numerous boards, councils, and foundations, including serving as president or chairman of more than 12 local nonprofits in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, his attention to detail and protocol provided invaluable stewardship to the agency in properly running meetings in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order* and the Texas Open Meetings Act, and his welcoming manner to visitors at meetings enhanced goodwill between the THECB and representatives of higher education institutions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steen's expertise in risk management and risk assessment assisted the agency to prioritize critical external and internal auditing and compliance monitoring, including ensuring adequate staffing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steen staunchly protected taxpayer dollars, advocating for effective use of tax funds and efficiency in state government, while connecting agency staff with key legislators to advocate for legislative and budget priorities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on this 25th day of July 2019, express our deepest appreciation to John T. Steen, Jr. for his distinguished service as an influential member of this Board and his unwavering dedication to higher education for all the people of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution be included in the minutes, and that a copy of the resolution, signed by the board members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, be presented to John T. Steen, Jr. in recognition of the high esteem in which he is held.



ATTACHMENT C



Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Resolution of Appreciation *Raymund A. Paredes, Ph.D.*

WHEREAS, Raymund A. Paredes, Ph.D., was appointed Commissioner of Higher Education by the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) in July 2004; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Paredes successfully led the THECB staff in its work with board members, education leaders, legislators, and business and community leaders to achieve the goals of the state's previous higher education plan *Closing the Gaps by 2015*; and

WHEREAS, under Commissioner Paredes' leadership, the current higher education plan, *60x30TX*, which sets an overarching goal that 60 percent of Texans ages 25-34 will have a postsecondary credential or degree by 2030, has been widely accepted and supported across Texas and strongly influences discussions of higher education issues and policies in most legislative, higher education and workforce forums; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Paredes has worked tirelessly with higher education officials, primary and secondary school leaders, legislators, and the business community on student-centered educational policies, emphasizing the need to implement effective student success strategies, particularly for poor and underrepresented students; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Paredes' commitment to academic excellence, affordability and cost efficiency has resulted in the growth of competency-based education through the Texas Affordable Baccalaureate degree program; implementation of performance-based funding for two-year colleges; the reinvention of developmental education; strengthening the TEXAS Grant program as a need-plus-merit program; and the establishment of a tri-agency partnership among the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Education Agency, and the Texas Workforce Commission;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on this 25th day of July 2019, express our deepest appreciation to Dr. Raymund A. Paredes for his distinguished service to Texas higher education and his unwavering dedication to the goals of *60x30TX* for the state and all of the people of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution be included in the minutes, and that a copy of the resolution, signed by the members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, be presented to Dr. Paredes in recognition of the high esteem in which he is held.

