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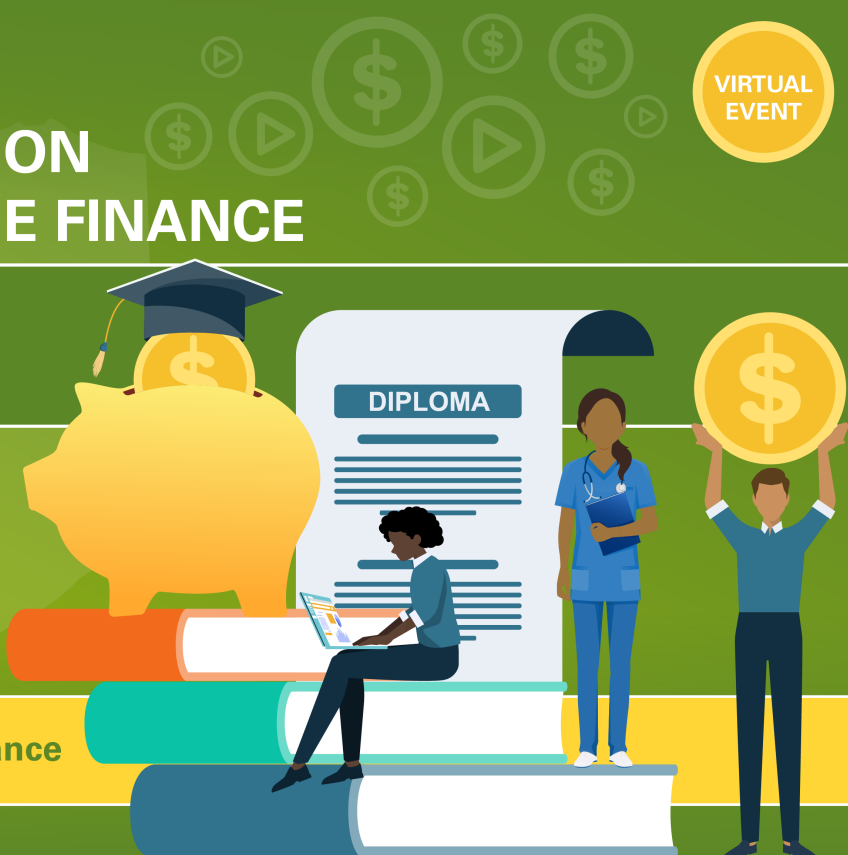
TEXAS COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FINANCE

MONDAY, APRIL 11
AT 3:00 – 4:00PM CT

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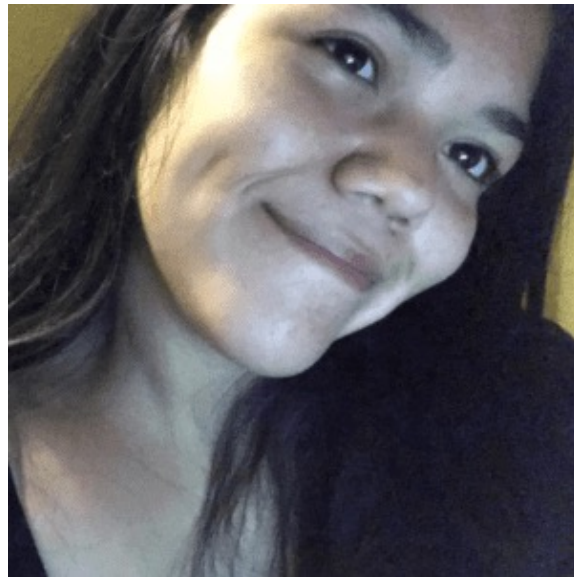
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Today's Roadmap

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Special Guest: Dr. Brenda Kays
3. April 6 Meeting Recap
4. Announcements & Next Steps

Special Guest



TCCCF Workgroups

Workforce Education



Dr. Mark Escamilla
*President and CEO,
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Sen. Brandon Creighton
District 4



Dr. Brenda Kays
*President, Kilgore
College*



Rep. Gary VanDeaver
District 1

College Operations



Dr. Stephen Head
*Chancellor, Lone Star
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Todd Williams
*Chairman and CEO,
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Carol Scott
*Chairwoman, Del Mar
College Board of
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Rep. Oscar Longoria
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TCCCF Workgroups

Student Support



Dr. Brenda Hellyer
*Chancellor, San Jacinto
College*



Sen. Larry Taylor
District 11



Dr. Brian Jones
*Director of Professional
Learning, Odessa College*

Agenda for April 6 Meeting



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Chairman Woody Hunt

AGENDA

105 West 15th Street
John H. Reagan Building, Room 120
Austin, Texas

10:00 AM, Wednesday, April 6, 2022

- 10:00 - 10:02 AM** Call to Order
- 10:02 - 10:05 AM** Welcome & Remarks
- 10:05 - 10:15 AM** **Invited Testimony:** Dr. Harrison Keller, Commissioner, THECB
- 10:15 - 11:00 AM** **Workgroup Updates**
 - College Operations – Dr. Steve Head
 - Student Support – Dr. Brenda Hellyer
 - Workforce Education – Dr. Mark Escamilla
- 11:00 - 11:45 AM** **Discussion on Workgroup Updates**
- 11:45 - 12:00 PM** **Lunch Break**
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM** **Public Testimony on State Funding Formula and Funding Levels for Public Junior Colleges in Texas**
- 1:00 - 1:45 PM** **Invited Testimony:** Jamie Merisotis, President & CEO, Lumina Foundation
- 1:45 - 2:00 PM** **Invited Testimony:** Dr. Lori Taylor, Principal Investigator, TXCCCF Research Project
- 2:00 - 2:05 PM** **Discussion on Future Meetings**
- 2:10 PM** **Adjournment**

All meeting materials, including agendas, presentation slides, and archived videos, are posted here:

<https://www.highered.texas.gov/legislative-media-resources/texas-commission-on-community-college-finance/>

Highlight #1: Key themes across the Workgroups

- **Student Success Points should be revised** so that they are **sufficient** to incentivize behavior and are simple enough to **reward ultimate outcomes** (transfer, credential attainment, occupational outcomes).
- According to the TEA there has been a **3% decline in 6-year postsecondary completion since the onset of Covid-19**. The state has also seen declines in 3rd grade reading and math for all students, but the problem is more acute for economically disadvantaged students.
- **The median age of community college students in Texas is 25**. Workforce education solutions for students on either side of this median age will need to be very different.

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- **Prior to Covid-19, dual enrollment had been growing, however, that increase was not keeping pace with the state's overall population growth.** Dual enrollment offerings and cost vary widely across the state and ought to be standardized to maximize opportunity for Texas high school students.
- Because the Texas context is unique, **no model from another U.S. state can be fully replicated here.** While the TCCCF has already benefited from learning about other states' policies and practices, members are faced with the challenging task of determining a solution that works specifically for Texas.
- **There is no effective state-level incentive to ensure community colleges respond in a concerted manner to state goals.**

Discussion Question: What is the most important topic that you think is missing or hasn't receive enough attention from the Commission so far?

Highlight #2: Update on Community College Finance Research Project

How Costs Differ from Expenditures

- Expenditures are what we observe in typical annual financial reporting, including expenditures on faculty salaries, staff salaries, benefits, heating and cooling of facilities and a variety of materials supplies and equipment.
- Costs are the amounts that, at a minimum, must be spent to achieve a specific set of outcomes.
 - Costs are not observable, because they require consideration of outcomes.
 - How much do we need to spend to get what we want?

Discussion Question: What “hidden” costs do you think are most important to achieve better outcomes for students?

Highlight #3: Testimony from business-oriented representatives expressed strong support for the Commission and stressed the urgency of the problems that Texas faces.

“ ... all students don't enjoy the same success. Here again, there was broad agreement from the business community that the zip code in which a child lives shouldn't determine their educational and life outcomes. And neither should the color of their skin, or the primary language they speak at home. This is especially important in a state like Texas where the most recent Census data showed that people of color drive a staggering 95 percent of the population growth in our state. If we are failing to educate and prepare these Texans for success, our state will be hard-pressed to maintain the thriving business climate we all love. In HB3, formulas were adjusted to account for low-income status, for English-language learners. The legislature recognized that different students had different needs to be able to succeed, and the cost to meet those needs varied, and formulas were adjusted for student need. Whether this may be appropriate for adjusting the formulas for our community colleges is a worthy consideration for this group.”

- Jessica Attas, Senior Vice President & Executive Director, Texas Association of Business Foundation (TAB)

Discussion Question: Which stakeholder voices do you think must be amplified in the coming months to ensure the Commission delivers actionable and impactful recommendations?

TCCCF Next Steps

- Workgroups will continue meeting throughout April, May and June to hear from national experts, dive deeper into the data, and brainstorm recommendations.
- Workgroup leads will share a set of initial recommendations at the next full Commission meeting on **Tuesday, June 21**.
- Stay tuned for our next recap then.

Meet the TX Community College Student Advisory Council!

- Brendan Batchelder, Paris Junior College
- Talia Christian, Northeast Lakeview College
- Kristie Davis, Dallas College
- Daisy Donjuan, Dallas College
- Christian Elizondo, San Jacinto College
- Angel Garcia Donjuan, Dallas College
- Victoria Hoover, Tyler Junior College
- Esther Ishimwe, Austin Community College
- Cristina Navarro, El Paso Community College
- Isabel Torres, Austin Community College
- Kay Trent, Austin Community College
- Nautika Trotty, Kilgore College

Events & Resources

- 2022 Missed Connections Summit on April 29 in Austin (student sponsorships available!)
 - More info at <https://younginvincibles.org/2022-missed-connections-conference-sponsorship-program/>
- Commit's new Texas Workforce Data Portal
 - Explore <https://commitpartnership.org/blog/workforcedata#completion-dashboard>