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North Texas Regional P-16 Council Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2022

9:00 am – 12:00pm

Meeting via Zoom

Members present: Tiffany Gilmore, Lisa Harrison, Christine Hubbard, Jean Keller, Anna Mays, Rosalyn Walker, Shareea Woods

**Invited Guest: Jennifer Torres, Communities Foundation of Texas** 

#### A. Greetings

Jean Keller greeted all with Happy New Year wishes. She welcomed and thanked those who were able to participate in the Executive Committee meeting.

#### B. Approval of October 12, 2021, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Lisa Harrison moved to accept the minutes; Rosalyn Walker seconded the motion; and the minutes were approved as written.

#### C. Approval of December 7, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes

Lisa Harrison moved to accept the minutes; Rosalyn Walker seconded the motion; and the minutes were approved as written.

#### D. Committee Updates and Action Plans for 2021-2022 Academic Year

Communications, Networking, & Social Media – (Rosalyn Walker and Jeffrey Miller)

Rosalyn Walker shared a sub-committee is seeking to address the teacher shortage in this region by focusing para-professionals gaining education to become certified educators. All ideas are welcomed Rosalyn will convene this sub-committee in January and please share interested colleagues. Lisa Harrison shared the Grow Your Own is a twofold grant to accelerate school aids and high school students to future teachers. There is a current teacher shortage and there is also fear of a mass exodus in May. The Grow Your Own grant for high school students is a seven year plan. Areas in the region are doubling in size and the need for teachers will continue to grow.

The committee continues to share information regarding upcoming events from all agencies and organizations on the Council's Facebook page.

### **Council Leadership** – (Ray de los Santos and Mary Harris)

Jean Keller shared the executive committee needs to explore the Council's leadership and create succession plans. Barbara Lerner and Anna Mays have announced their upcoming retirements. Who will move into these roles and how can we make a smooth transition to maintain our Council? Our Council is one of few in the state that has maintained its integrity. Our Council has created an education access and success network work for this region.

Anna Mays shared that she will be retiring in August and she is committed that her replacement understands the importance of working collaboratively with the North Texas region. Barbara is doing likewise.

Christine Hubbard offered her support and that of the North Texas Community College Consortium. Jean thanked Christine and will ask Leadership and Sustainability Committee to draft succession plans for the Executive Committee to review.

#### **Professional Development -** (Lisa Harrison and Barbara Lerner)

Upcoming events are posted on the P-16 Calendar and Facebook page, as well as, on the North Texas Community College Consortium website <a href="https://ntxccc.org/">https://ntxccc.org/</a>.

Christine Hubbard shared NTCCC is very much interested in hosting/co-hosting addressing the teacher shortage and available to schedule events in Spring, Summer or Fall. Our thanks to Christine for her leadership.

#### Research, Assessment, and Accountability – (Raul Martinez)

No report available.

### E. Updates and Events in the Region

Lisa Harrison shared some universities in the area such as, Dallas College and UT Dallas are applying for the federal grants that are available through the COVID funds to retrain and reskill in the category of advanced manufacturing.

Anna Mays shared with the growth of dual credit and P-Tech programs, they are challenged to find instructors. They continue to have stable and in some cases increasing enrollments from their partner high schools. New early college high schools and P-Techs are scheduled to open next year. Some Dallas institutions have applied for Federal funding for high school instructors to get credentialed to teach at the college level. That is a slow process, because those high school teachers have to complete graduate courses, and then get reimbursed through the grant. Dallas ISD is one of the grantees, however, they have not had a large number of individuals who are interested.

Shareea Woods shared TxCAN has been monitoring the FAFSA financial aid requirement that went into effect this year. They have seen the needle move for Texas and are excited. In comparing Texas to other states, Texas is currently number five in the nation with the number of FAFSA applications, and number one in growth. Texas had a 22% increase in FAFSA forms completed, year over year. Internally, TxCAN is conducting strategic planning and will focus on two areas over the next three years. One area is core competencies for college advisors, making sure each advisor has the knowledge and skills to serve students. TxCAN is exploring the gaps in information, such as, how many college advisors are there in the state, and how many are doing this work on the different campuses? Basic landscape questions that need to be answered. They are also seeking information about the return on investment, especially with the HB3 bonus funds districts may receive to college, career, or military readiness. Superintendents and principals want to know they are going to get the return on investment that they are expecting, and that the investments will be sustainable. Shareea will also seek information from higher education counselors and advisors.

Jennifer Torres shared TSI will go back into effect with full implementation for placement in Fall 2022. Texas OnCourse reported only 20% of students were passing the new TSIA2. TxCAN is sharing resources on how to support students and counselors. What You Need to Know: TSIA2 Updates & Resources https://www.edtx.org/txcan/blog/review-and-resources-for-the-tsia2.

Rosalyn Walker shared Tarrant County College District has seen some similar findings, with Math scores remaining about the same. Reading is now integrated reading and writing, however, some people were not aware of that, although the Coordinating Board held sessions for a year prior to implementation in January. There are many resources available, such as the College Board platform, which has tools and study guides to help students, families, and educators stay aware.

Shareea Woods asked how things are going on the higher education side.

Jean Keller shared UNT saw some increased enrollment in the fall and anticipate growth in the spring. The campus is in full face to face operation, continuing to stress safety and offering online courses to best meet the needs of all students.

Anna Mays shared Dallas College had a slight decrease in the fall and were still enrolling for the spring semester January 18<sup>th</sup> start date.

Rosalyn Walker shared Tarrant County College enrollment was down in the fall and is still down for spring. They have created a phone bank to contact students who stopped out. They were also able to use portions of the COVID funds to pay students' balances to encourage students to return and complete their education.

## F. Planning February 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting – Virtual – All

An invitation has been extended to Dr. Potter at the Texas Demographic Center to do a focused presentation on North Texas. They are awaiting a reply.

Lisa Harrison suggested looking at one of the workforce boards and who they use for demographic information.

Tiffany Gilmore will pass on suggested names and resources.

## G. Adjourn

Jean adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for their contributions to the North Texas Regional P-16 Council.

# 2021-2022 NTRP-16 Council Meeting Dates and Programs

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Date	Location	Host	Topic	Program Facilitator
February 15, 2022	Virtual	Christine Hubbard (Technical Support)	North Texas Demographic and Education Challenges	Ray de los Santos Tiffany Gilmore Shareea Woods
April 26, 2022	Collin College Technical Campus	Raul Martinez	Career and Technical Education Pathways (HB-5, P-TECH, and T-STEM)	Javier Garza Anita Perry Lisa Harrison

# 2021-2022 NTRP-16 Executive Committee Meetings

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Date	Location	
March 29, 2022	Virtual	
June 7, 2022	TBD	