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**North Texas Regional P-16 Council  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**June 8, 2021  
9:00 am – 12:00pm  
Meeting via Zoom**

**Members present:** Javier Garza, Tiffany Gilmore, Mary Harris, Lisa Harrison, Christine Hubbard, Jean Keller, Barbara Lerner, Anna Mays, Jeffrey Miller, Anita Perry, Ray de los Santos, Karen Walker, Rosalyn Walker, Shareea Woods

**Guest:** Jenny Torres, TxCAN

**A. Greetings and Thanks**

Jean Keller welcomed everyone to the Executive Committee meeting and invited self-introductions.

**B. Approval of March 30, 2021, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Christine Hubbard moved to accept the minutes of the March 30 meeting; Lisa Harrison seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

**C. Approval of April 27, 2021, P-16 Council Meeting Minutes**

Christine moved acceptance of the April 27 Council meeting minutes; Lisa seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

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

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

Jean pointed out that this committee was charged with design of a campaign to bring issues of teacher shortage to the attention of the region. Rosalyn Walker responded that the committee is reviewing data from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) on the Teacher Supply 2020 Update, which shows that since 2011 Texas has had its lowest supply of newly certified teachers. The committee will continue to review the Texas data with a focus on North Texas. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) sets standards for and keeps records of demographics of certified educators. The committee will review programs in the region and assess their numbers. Math and science educator positions have always been difficult to fill.

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Jeffrey Miller cited the Texas branch of the Education Trust as a good information source. They keep records of educator preparation programs by regions and have very good breakdowns of numbers and demographics. He stated that the North Texas Council of Governments (NTCOG) Education Cluster Committee is revising a SWOT analysis produced several years ago. Christine posted this SWOT analysis in the Chat. Lisa shared that they realized that the region was not receiving access to some federal grants, in part because of their requirement of a Comprehensive Economic Development (CED) Plan. One was submitted and approved five years ago, but it must be updated every five years. This is the second round. The original CED did not include PreK-12. NTCOG reached out to ESC Region 11, which called on the P-16 Council, 60x30TX leaders, county superintendents, and colleges and universities, both public and private, to join in this effort. Jean thanked all who are participating.

Ray de los Santos suggested as one way to promote teacher education is for the Council to promote videos in which former educators shared how education preparation programs and their teaching experiences of advanced their life and career paths. Rosalyn endorsed this idea for herself. Lisa said Region 11 had produced videos in which teachers of the year discussed their own educators preparation.

The P-16 Council's Communication Committee could collect and publicize teacher preparation programs offered by regional PTECHs and ECHSs along with scholarships available for professional education of teachers and other education personnel. These could be shared with counselors.

Lisa noted that the ESC Regions 10 and 11 provide regional information on what K-12 partners have Grow Your Own Grants. Denton ISD is one of the leaders in the state that recognizes students as future teachers and provides summer camps, education, training, and encouragement for student to become further educators. Mary Harris suggested the Committee endorse and recognize local grow your own programs.

The Committee will be asked to provide updates of their work at each Council meeting. Barbara Lerner suggested a Council meeting or Lunch and Learn on Educator Preparation

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

Ray recommended emphasis on membership and shared some of the reasons that people from different institutions are active on the Council and what they see as the benefits of participation. We have proven that this Council is sustainable. We look forward to addressing issues facing the Council as a whole.

### **Professional Development** (Christine Hubbard and Barbara Lerner)

Christine announced the North Texas Community College Consortium (NTCCC) Monday Lunch and Learn series offered monthly with a focus on 60x30TX in the Metroplex Region. ([Conferences and Events 2020-21 | North Texas Community College Consortium \(ntccc.org\)](https://www.ntccc.org/conferences-and-events-2020-21)). NTCCC can offer targeted Monday Lunch and Learns on the topic of Educator Preparation and Grow Your Own programs and expand the Grow Your Own focus to include preparation programs in community colleges and universities. Lunch and Learns can also focus on issues such as how to identify people who show promise as educators and how to encourage commitment to education as a career. NTCCC is flexible and can build Lunch and Learns on any topics the Council identifies. NTCCC has annual conferences, which can focus on many education issues.

Upcoming events:

September 17, 2021, 8am-3pm, Fall Leadership Conference, New Opportunities in a Changed World, Collin College - Wylie Campus [2021 Fall Leadership Conference | North Texas Community College Consortium \(ntxccc.org\)](#)

October 8, 2021, 9am-2:30pm, Instructional Innovation Conference, Hill College [2021 Instructional Innovation Conference | North Texas Community College Consortium \(ntxccc.org\)](#)

October 27 and 28, 2021, K-12 Higher Education Advisor/Counselor Summit, focused on College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR), is currently being developed in partnership with ESC Region 11.

Opportunities to participate in existing events such as the Spring Leadership Conference and the Developmental Education Regional Forum, as well as the upcoming Spring Teaching History Conference (date TBD) are available and bring K-12 and higher education personnel together for professional development. These events will be in person and virtual.

Lisa shared future events hosted by ESC Region 11. These events will be in person and may be virtual as well. [ESC Region 11 Workshop Registration \(esc11.net\)](#)

Karen Walker shared that Region 10 ESC has training and other events this summer [Home - Region 10 Website](#).

**Research, Assessment, and Accountability (Raul Martinez)**

Jean Keller asked what kinds of data the Council needs to know. There are good data available; however, we need to ask the right questions and get with the right people to share the information that we can use to guide the Council's work and help the committees.

Data that may be helpful:

- K – 12 student data for this last year or year and a half to learn more about how to inform student success;
- Barbara expressed need for data to inform understanding of military readiness and success, including ROTC programs. Ray recommended Kevin Smith, UT Arlington ROTC.
- Lisa asked for data about transitions to college of students from ECHS, P-TECHS, and T-STEM academies.

Lisa pointed out that data may be spotty due to STAAR testing missed by self-choice. The STAAR data will not be packaged and released in the normal way for some time. Some districts may choose to pre-test students in the fall. Whether districts will choose to share their data remains to be seen. TEA will have a new dashboard to be released this summer. It will address what programs of study are being chosen by students as the basis for their future pipelines and eventual Texas workforce entry.

Christine said she will identify school superintendents who have spoken specifically on this topic and invite a higher education representative for discussion of where we are right now, what connections are aligned, and where there are mismatches.

Ray suggested a presentation from a demographer on what is happening statewide in Texas and in the nation. What is happening to the population of traditional high school students going to college? How it is impacting the numbers of students in various career choices, and what does that tell us about whom we need to be grooming to fill some career fields?

Mary suggested more qualitative research in times when quantitative data are unavailable. She suggested a survey of the members on what innovations in response to the pandemic they are likely to keep and why. For example, virtual instruction and online education will surely continue at some grade levels.

## **E. Updates and Events in the Region**

Regional Update – Barbara Lerner shared that most recent requests from the Coordinating Board are for Course Sequence Information that came out of Senate Bill 25. Senate Bill 25 requires Texas public institutions of higher education to begin reporting in Fall 2021 recommended course sequences for undergraduate certificate and degree programs.

Christine said NTCCC is planning an event focused on military credit and will invite individuals and institutions that work with veteran students. The event will focus on veterans and others re-entering education and curriculum aligned with industry needs. She also shared information on Texas Reskilling & Upskilling Through Education (TRUE) [Texas Reskilling & Upskilling through Education \(TRUE\) | Texas Association of Community Colleges \(tacc.org\)](https://tacc.org). The idea is to come out of the pandemic and ramp up. It is to move people to and through higher education and into the workforce aligned with the Texas Workforce Commission identified needs.

Barbara shared My Texas Future, in partnership with Texas Workforce Commission, is a statewide initiative in its initial phases. <https://texascareercheck.com/>

Members discussed the extent to which recent changes/relaxations in college admissions policies will be continued. Lisa said that TASB has formed a committee to study variations in local practice of GPA calculation. Barbara pointed out that colleges are less interested in GPA but in which students will succeed. Who will persist and graduate? Christine said what counselors want to know is how the colleges will evaluate the students for admission.

GenTX Update – Anita Perry stated GenTX Decision Day was May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fort Worth ISD had virtual celebrations throughout the week, and other celebrations through the month of May. Their numbers were very good because they were pushing seniors to return in person to get back on track. She also reminded everyone about the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board P-16 Professional Development Conference June 24<sup>th</sup>. It is virtual.

TXRAN Update. Jean stated that no information has become available on future funding of this program.

**F. 2021-2022 Council Meeting Dates and Programs and Executive Committee Meeting Dates**

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9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Date	Location	Host	Topic	Program Facilitator
September 21, 2021	Virtual	Rosalyn Walker	Equity and Social Justice in P-16 Education	Christine Hubbard Rosalyn Walker
December 7, 2021	ESC Region 11	Lisa Harrison	Legislative and Council of Government Updates	Anna Mays Christine Hubbard Lisa Harrison
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 New 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	Host
October 12, 2021	Virtual	
January 11, 2022	Virtual	
March 29, 2022	Virtual	
June 7, 2022	TBD	

**G. Adjournment**

Jean adjourned the meeting and wished everyone a safe and happy summer. She asked

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members to share any thoughts about the planned programs or concerns about dates and possible conflicts.