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North Texas Regional P-16 Council Meeting

September 20, 2023

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Region 10 Education Service Center, 400 E. Spring Valley Road, Richardson, TX 75081

Attendees:

Members Present: Melissa DeSimone, Annette Duvall, Jorge Figueroa, Tracey Fleniken, Tiffany Gilmore, Adam Hile, Abigail Hobert, Christine Hubbard, Lisa Huffman, Tinisha Johnson, Jean Keller, Raul Martinez, Victoria Morales, Anita Perry, Kristin Petrunin, Richard Vela, Rosalyn Walker, and Karen Zeske

Guests: Dr. Tina Jackson, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce Development, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and Mr. Jarrad Toussant, Senior Vice President, Education & Workforce Team, Dallas Regional Chamber

A. Greetings, Welcome Back, and Introductions

Council members were welcomed, ESC Region 10 and Dr. Abigail Hobart were thanked for the warm hospitality. The members introduced themselves.

B. Approval of April 25, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes

Rosalyn Walker moved approval of the April 25, 2023, Council meeting minutes. Lisa Huffman seconded the motion, and all approved the minutes as written. The minutes will be posted on the Council's website.

C. Program and Discussion: 88th Texas Legislative Session Updates and What They Mean

Jean Keller thanked Christine Hubbard for preparing an exceptional program for the Council membership and mentioned how timely the topic is to the Council's work.

Christine introduced Dr. Tina Jackson, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce Development, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and Mr. Jarrad Toussant, Senior Vice President, Education & Workforce Team, Dallas Regional Chamber, and shared they would discuss the 88th Texas Legislative Session updates and discussed what the changes may mean to the Council's work.

Dr. Jackson's and Mr. Toussant's PowerPoint presentations are provided.



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A discussion between the Council members and the panelists followed the presentation.

Dr. Jackson was asked to explain what is meant by educationally disadvantaged students. She explained a system is in place to determine if a student would qualify for free or reduced lunch. Also, this could be based on geographical areas, and if students are interested in certain fields.

Dr. Jackson discussed and explained FAST (Financial Aid for Swift Transfer) along with the details of HB 8. She stressed access to postsecondary education and its affordability.

Mr. Toussant discussed HB 1605 and the upcoming special session. He also shared issues about vouchers and school choice.

Council members shared that much remains unknown about the impact of the sessions' legislation on education.

D. Committees Reports

1. Communications, Networking & Social Media – Rosalyn Walker shared this committee could be an effective source of information sharing. She stressed the importance of Council members sharing with the committee so the group could promote events and professional development.
2. Leadership & Sustainability – The leadership and sustainability group joined the professional development committee for their discussion.
3. Professional Development – Christine Hubbard shared that the two committees focused on teacher preparation and the promotion of education careers. They would like to showcase the positive aspects of being an educator.
4. Research, Assessment & Accountability – Karen Zeske reported the group focused on how to define their work considering changes since the pandemic and changes in benchmark measures of students' progress and success. The committee will continue to define their work.

E. Updates and Information Sharing

Dr. Hobart shared the importance and challenges associated with HB 1605 and how the special session will be important to K-12 schools. Discussion of instructional materials and the curriculum followed.

Several Council members mentioned the importance of education to promote career readiness related to P-16 education.

Additional discussions included teacher retention and shortage, along with funding of schools and safety.

F. Adjourned

Jean Keller adjourned the meeting with thanks to Christine Hubbard, the panel facilitator, and Dr. Jakson and Mr. Toussant, panelists, for sharing their knowledge and expertise. She thanked Council members for their ongoing interest in and support of students' access and success in education leading to meaningful careers and lives.

All thanked Region 10 Education Service Center and Dr. Abigail Hobart for hosting the Council in its lovely facility and sharing their warm hospitality.

Please add these dates to your calendar and plan to attend in person on April 9, 2024, for a networking luncheon hosted at ESC Region 11

2023-2024 NTRP-16 Council Meeting Dates and Programs

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Date	Place	Host	Topics	Program Facilitator
December 5, 2023 9 am - noon	Virtual		FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Updates: A Deep Dive Discussion	Javier Garza and Bobby Morris
February 6, 2024 9 am-noon	Virtual		Changes Based on 88 th Texas Legislative Session and Impacts on Education and Work	Rosalyn Walker
April 9, 2024 9 am – 12:30 pm	ESC Region 11 1451 S Cherry Lane, White Settlement, TX 76108	Lisa Harrison	Transitions	Lisa Harrison and Renee Parker