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

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

**Members present: Javier Garza, Tiffany Gilmore, Mary Harris, Jean Keller, Barbara Lerner, Raul Martinez, Anna Mays, Anita Perry, Rosalyn Walker**

**A. Greetings**

Jean Keller welcomed everyone to the Executive Committee meeting.

**B. Approval of June 8, 2021, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Anna Mays moved to accept the minutes; Barbara Lerner seconded the motion. and the minutes were approved as written.

**C. Approval of September 21, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes**

Javier Garza moved to accept the minutes; Rosalyn Walker seconded the motion; the minutes were approved as written. Jean thanked Rosalyn for having Dr. Anthony Walker share his expertise at the past Council meeting.

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

**Communications, Networking, & Social Media – Discussion of Educator Campaign** (Rosalyn Walker and Jeffrey Miller)

Rosalyn suggested the NTRP-16 campaign include a flyer or brochure with ISD information to include sign on bonuses or other incentives as well as their partner teacher education programs. Rosalyn is glad to serve as the repository and encourages everyone to send her information/suggestions. She suggested posting motivational video testimonials from educators who convey passion and love for teaching. She will also get recruitment information for alternative certification programs in the metroplex. Barbara recommended Becky Frederickson of TWU, and Jean suggested Christine Dearman of UNT as resources to the committee.

Barbara suggested bringing into the conversation some of the newer or more innovative programs

that support an education pathway, such as the BAS, an Early Childhood Education Degree, and the new universal Pre-K degree. Anna shared that Dallas College had many applicants for their new Pre-K degree and is currently advertising the program. Dallas ISD has a committee with several institutions of higher education (IHE) to look at supporting the teacher pipeline from the community and high school to the college. Such lists must recognize, however, that program entry or enrollment data does not represent completers due to the time it takes to complete a program. Mary Harris pointed out that in addition to IHE programs, our Council includes regional service centers that offer alternative certification programs. Other expertise exists in Grow Your Own Programs of school districts, for which recognition is available from the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

Jean and Rosalyn will get together with members of the Council to come up with a media campaign as a starting point. Suggested participants included Rosalyn, Christine, Tiffany, Becky, and Jean.

Rosalyn continues to post information/professional development activities of Regions 10 and 11, LULAC, and NTCCC.

**Leadership and Sustainability – Discussion of the Council’s Future** (Ray de los Santos and Mary Harris)

Mary said she and Ray appreciate the continued participation of the Executive Committee and the Council through the pandemic. It has been a very important community for informing us what is going on at the state level and how we have been affected by new configurations of programs that are important to us. The committee wants to lift the value of the Council to members for professional development that keeps focus on equity and diversity issues. The Council has cause for concern because we are operating with almost no resources beyond what our institutions provide to each of us. The Council has served us well because it has enabled the metroplex to be a community in a way that is useful to us and to our having a voice within the state. The future of the Council matters, and we need to think about where we can move and how we can find resources that support the Council and its next steps.

Barbara stated that one current issue is constant change at the THECB. A good part of the support of the Council in the past was collaboration with them. When the regional emphasis began, it was clear that the NTRP-16 Council was the hub for regional discourse. Mary noted that the state agency contact of the Council has been more with THECB than TEA. In the last few years, through Lisa Harrison, a relationship with the TEA has brought the Council more information on their work. Mary hopes we can preserve and continue dialogue with both THECB and TEA and any vehicle that exists for their collaboration with one another. Rosalyn said that she has been appointed TCC liaison to the THECB. This puts her in touch with issues and offices that are concerned with college readiness, dual credit, and transfer.

Barbara pointed out that Developmental Education has undergone significant changes that impact our K-12 partners. It has been transformed over the past five years by co-requisite models and the Texas Bridge Program. The Council, which includes workforce partners, like chambers of commerce, could be an important collaborator with THECB and its workforce focus. Our regional focus could be important in communicating with employers and meeting the needs of students who seek work in

the region. Increased workforce focus could expand/enhance our membership and deepen our ability to serve students.

Jean suggested the committee think about framing sustainability around new initiatives of TEA and the THECB. Some things are changing, and some new initiatives might relate to the Council's viability and sustainability. Mary commended Christine Hubbard's collaboration with ESC Region 11 in offering the upcoming conference for high school and college counselors/advisors creates strong networks. NTCCC has other good models of collaboration with K-12.

**Research, Assessment, and Accountability – What Data Do We Need to Know and How Can the Data Be Accessed and Used to Support the Council Meetings? (Raul Martinez)**

Raul shared statewide Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA) data, June 2011 through October 2021, from school districts by ethnicity. These data can be broken down by region at the THECB website. Mary drew attention to research completed through a recent TXRAN grant to the Council. This study highlighted the successful efforts of one high school counselor to dramatically increase dual credit enrollment. However, lack of ethnic diversity among students recruited led to a second study of factors that deter Denton County students' eligible for free and reduced-price lunch from enrolling in dual credit. This work will be presented at the Pathways to Texas CCMR conference.

Jean pointed out that THECB and TEA in partnership have created an early graduation plan for students to enter a research university with TEA paying their tuition and fees for that one year.

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

Regional Updates – Christine Hubbard & Barbara Lerner

- Pathways to Texas CCMR Conference for high school and college counselors/advisors, October 27-28, cosponsored by Region 11 ESC and NTCCC
- The THECB Commissioner visited with all IHE presidents and chancellors to get their feedback on the Refresh Proposal. It is posted online [State Rules and Open Meetings \(texas.gov\)](https://www.texas.gov/state-rules-and-open-meetings)

GenTX Update – Anita Perry

November is GenTX Month, which combines a statewide College Application and Financial Aid Awareness campaign, the nationwide American College Application Campaign® (ACAC) initiative, and the 60x30TX Texas Challenge to Reach Higher efforts into one powerful month to encourage students to complete college applications and their FAFSAs. GenTX Month coincides with the opening of both the FAFSA and TASFA applications.

Multi Measure Assessment Convening (MMA)

Barbara referred to our work of a few years ago to adopt a common admission policy and measure for higher education, leading to development and adoption of the TSIA. She said she saw this emphasis on multiple measures as backsliding. There is so much room for subjectivity with the introduction of criteria such as "grit." Rosalyn recalled all the work TCC completed to conform to TSIA

requirements by hiring proctors, providing computer hotspots, and other means. At this point, they were inclined to stay with objective measures. Javier said that Tarleton has already dealt with this issue by adding questions to the admission's application. Barbara thought it was better to allow exceptions to admissions protocols rather than to introduce new measures that might not be commonly understood by parents and advisors. The institution could keep track of the exceptions and use that as basis for setting policy, if needed.

**TXRAN Update – Mary Harris & Jean Keller**

The TXRAN grant to the Council, active for five years, has involved parallel programming in Denton County, with participation of UNT, TWU, and NCTC and partnering school districts, and Tarrant County, with participation of UT-Arlington, TCC, and K-12 partners. The focus is on mathematics teachers at the post secondary and secondary levels looking at vertical alignment of the mathematics curriculum. We have been working with a varied group of mathematics educators, collecting data, and trying to answer questions that pertain to vertical alignment. We learned last month that this program has been discontinued by THECB. No grantees will receive continued or additional funding. We must continue thinking about opportunities for funding and communications with THECB.

**F. Planning December 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting – Face-to-Face – All**

Jean distributed a draft agenda for this meeting to take place at the Region 11 ESC. Those present suggested possible speakers from the Dallas Chamber of Commerce and IHEs such as Dallas College, UNT or TWU. Jean said that Lisa has asked for meeting pre-registration. If numbers are insufficient, the meeting can be switched to Zoom. This needs to be determined before refreshments are ordered.

Barbara pointed out that this meeting follows the THECB meeting on November 31, which may shed some light on issues we have discussed.

**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
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 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
January 11, 2022	Virtual
March 29, 2022	Virtual
June 7, 2022	TBD