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

March 28, 2023

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Via Zoom

A. Welcome and Introductions (9:00 – 9:15)

Jean Keller

Present: Javier Garza, Tiffany Gilmore, Abigail Hobart, Christine Hubbard, Jean Keller, Tiffany Kirksey, Mathew Mengesha, Bobby Morris, Renee Parker, Anita Perry, Ray de los Santos, Rosalyn Walker

B. Approval of January 10, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (9:15 – 9:20)

Jean Keller

The January 10, 2023, minutes were reviewed. Bobby Morris moved to approve; Rosalyn Walker seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted and will be posted to the NTRP-16 website as written.

C. Approval of February 14, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes (9:20 – 9:25)

Jean Keller

The February 14, 2023, minutes were reviewed. Rosalyn Walker moved to approve; Christine Hubbard seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted and will be posted to the NTRP-16 website as written.

D. Committee Leadership and Action Plans for 2022-2023 Academic Year (9:25-10:00)

All

1. Communications, Networking, & Social Media – Rosalyn Walker & Renee Parker

Our newest platform is LinkedIn. This website is useful in several ways. It's not just a job searching site, but one that can also be used for networking opportunities and information sharing. Renee Parker has the page up and running. She's been working on connecting our page with people both inside and outside of the council.

Any information that the Council would like highlighted, please reach out to Dr. Walker through email: Rosalyn.Walker@tccd.edu.

2. Leadership & Sustainability – Ray de los Santos & Jorge Figueroa

There has been no opportunity for this committee to meet, so there are no updates at this point.

3. Professional Development – Lisa Harrison, Christine Hubbard, & Daniella Davis

The next thing that is coming up is the Texas Pathways Institute, which will run from April 12th to April 14th at the Hyatt Regency in Dallas. This is put on by the Texas Success Center, which is part of the Texas Association of Community Colleges. Christine Hubbard will be presenting in one of the sessions along with Jennifer Whimbish, who is President Emerita from Dallas College. The focus is on National Science Foundation grants which haven't been pursued by community colleges in the numbers that we'd hoped so it's going to be support for them.

The following week, there will be the Region 11 Education Service Center's Expert to Expert: Connecting Industry Practitioners and Educators Conference. This will be held on April 18th.

Last week University of North Texas held their Equity and Diversity Conference, which was a big success. There were over 1000 people in attendance. The sessions were all recorded and will soon be available if you were not able to attend in person.

4. Research, Assessment & Accountability – Bobby Morris

Membership on this committee is waning and they will be looking into recruiting more people to join.

E. The North Texas Regional P-16 Council – Purpose, Need, and Future Direction Discussion All

(10:00-10:15)

Texas Regional Pathways Network (Dallas – ESC Region 10; North Central Texas and Tarrant County – Interlink-NTX; T3 Partnership; Commit; and others

Jean Keller has been talking to different representatives of councils and initiatives that service P-16. Across the board, there appears to be stakeholder fatigue. We're asking some of our stakeholders to be in so many different spaces doing the work of connectivity and looking at pathways and initiatives that are working towards students' success. Do we as a Council need to re-brand ourselves? Should we be reaching out to other networks and seeing how we can be effective in the community? Do we have stakeholder fatigue?

Abigail Hobart: I think we need to take into account the needs of LEAs. What I've seen in the time I have been a part of my partnerships is that councils approach initiatives with good intentions, but we need to consider the initiative fatigue that school districts are facing on their end. For me, it is important that we do not necessarily add more groups, but streamline the support of what they're currently doing so we don't add additional work.

Bobby Morris: It would be a help if we could merge things together. We have so many organizations supporting the North Texas regions as well as statewide, but we don't know what any one of them is actually accomplishing. It would be good if we had a representative from each organization sit down and figure out where we want to go and how we can do it together.

The council needs to find gaps to fill and to realize that initiatives take time and are not a one stop shop. It is important to reach out to these other organizations and get a feel for what it is that they are doing.

Tiffany Kirksey: The Council should consider a rebranding strategy. What does our logo look like? What are

our key themes? Is there a mission statement that people can attach to? This will help as we try to attract new membership.

Rosalyn Walker suggested that the Research, Assessment, and Accountability group be the ones to implement a survey for the council to help identify gaps.

F. Updates, Issues, and Events in the Region (10:15-10:30) All

Forth Worth ISD is hosting a 7th grade industry expo on May 16th and 17th at Will Rogers.

Looking at some of the proposed legislation in Austin, those working in the public sector could be significantly impacted, especially surrounding curriculum, books, and libraries. Rosalyn Walker with her group, the Texas Alliance of Black Personnel and Higher Education, put together a legislative white paper to be entered into the records with their signatures, organizations, and schools to show that they have put forth an effort to deter some of these harmful bills. Ray de los Santos requested that the Council look at the document that Dr. Walker’s organization submitted along with other groups such as Lulac to come up with a joint statement to submit.

F. Approval of April 25, 2023, Council Meeting Agenda (10:30 -11:00) All

The agenda was approved as written.

G. Adjourn

2022-2023 NTRP-16 Council Meeting Dates and Programs

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Date	Location	Topics	Program Facilitator
April 25, 2023	Virtual	Transition to Higher Education and Success	Javier Garza, Tiffany Gilmore, Shareea Woods, & Tiffany Kirksey

2022-2023 NTRP-16 Executive Committee Meetings

9:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Date	Place
June 6, 2023	Virtual

