

FUNDING FUTURES

Community College Finance Regional Summit

DAY ONE:

| 2:00-2:20 PM

REGISTRATION & SUMMIT KICKOFF

The summit will begin with remarks highlighting the connection between K-12 education, workforce development, and the impact of the new community college funding model.

Ray Martinez III, J.D., President & CEO, Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC)

Dr. Kim Lowry, Vice President, TACC & Executive Director, Texas Success Center

Elizabeth Chivers, Senior Director of Strategy & Policy Analysis, TACC

| 2:20-2:35 PM

TEXAS FUTURE FORWARD: THE REGION'S ECONOMIC & LABOR MARKET

A review of the latest data and analysis of key factors driving the region's economic and labor market growth. The presentation will include an examination of key industry sectors in the region and highlight high demand occupations that will drive future job growth.

Parker A. Harvey, Manager of Regional Economic Analysis, Gulf Coast Workforce Board

| 2:35-3:35 PM

TEXAS FUTURE FORWARD: STRENGTHENING THE TALENT INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

Texas is advancing community college finance reform, empowering colleges to expand their role in building a skilled, credentialed workforce that drives the state's economy. This panel will explore how colleges can better align postsecondary education with employer needs to strengthen talent innovation ecosystems. Panelists will discuss strategies to close talent gaps, foster vital partnerships, achieve student success, and develop a more skilled workforce under the new legislation.

Peter Beard, Senior Vice President for Regional Workforce Development, Greater Houston Partnership

Juliet Stipeche, Executive Director, Gulf Coast Workforce Board

Dr. Brenda Hellyer, Chancellor, San Jacinto College

Andres Alcantar, Senior Workforce Lead Consultant, Texas Association of Community Colleges (moderator)

BREAK

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NAVIGATING COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

In this session, participants will explore effective practices for building successful partnerships between K-12 and community colleges. Attendees will learn how to navigate cost-sharing agreements, safeguard student information through actionable data-sharing agreements and MOUs, and design programs that set students up for success while increasing state funding. The session will also address how to balance the unique priorities within K-12 and community college funding structures to create innovative, sustainable solutions.

Marissa Moreno, Interim Associate Vice President of Student Services & Executive Director of School and College Partnerships, Lee College

Susan Jackson, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Goose Creek ISD

Sonia Townsend, Dean, Dual Credit Partnerships, San Jacinto College

Karen McCarley, Director, Counseling and College Readiness, Pasadena ISD

| 4:50-5:00 PM

CLOSING

DAY TWO:

| 8:00-8:30 AM

WELCOME REMARKS & LOGISTICS

Welcome, Opening Remarks, and overview of the day's objectives, the importance of HB8 for Texas community colleges, alignment with the state's strategic plan.

Dr. Kim Lowry, Vice President, TACC & Executive Director, Texas Success Center

Dr. Margaret Ford-Fisher, Chancellor, Houston Community College

Elizabeth Chivers, Senior Director of Strategy & Policy Analysis, TACC

| 8:30-9:45 AM

MASTERING COMMUNITY COLLEGE FINANCE: A DEEP DIVE INTO FUNDING & FINANCIAL FORECASTING

This session will provide an overview of community college finance, including the formula funding model, dynamic payments, financial forecasting tools and data visualization. Equipping participants with a deep understanding of how performance metrics and base tier calculations impact institutional funding.

Emily Schmidt, Director Fiscal Management for Community College Finance, THECB

Elizabeth Chivers, Senior Director of Strategy & Policy Analysis, TACC

Dr. Pamela Anglin, Chief Financial Officer, Tarrant County College District

Chris Sullivan, Vice President of Business, Chief Financial Officer, & General Counsel, Angelina College

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DATA MANAGEMENT & REPORTING: ENSURING ACCURACY & COMPLIANCE

This session will offer clarity on operational definitions such as co-enrollment, dual credit, and transfer credit allocation to ensure effective management and reporting of data to ensure compliance.

Dr. Melissa Humphries, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Data Management and Research, THECB

Dr. Tracee L. Watts, Senior Vice President, Student Success & Advancement, Brazosport College & Executive Director, Brazosport College Foundation

BREAK

| 10:45-11:45 AM

PEER TIME

College will have the opportunity to meet in role-alike groups (CEO, CFO, CAO, IR, workforce) to learn from each other, sharing challenges and best practices and identifying opportunities for collaboration.

BREAK

| 11:55-12:15

GROUP REFLECTION

An opportunity for participants to reflect together on key insights and discussions from the Peer Time session.

| 12:15-12:45 PM

LUNCH

| 12:45-1:35 PM

DEEP DIVE INTO HIGH-DEMAND FIELDS, WORKFORCE PROGRAMS, AND CREDENTIAL ALIGNMENT

This session will provide an overview of high-demand fields and the importance of credential alignment under the funding model. The session will also delve into credential choices/options based on regional workforce needs and compensation, with a focus on non-degree credentials.

Andy MacLaurin, Assistant Commissioner of Funding and Resource Planning, THECB

Jeff Parks, Senior Director for Workforce Education Partnerships, THECB

Stacy Ebert, Vice President, Workforce and Strategic Initiatives, Alvin Community College

BREAK

| 1:45-2:15 PM

COLLEGE TEAM TIME

A time for the college teams to reflect on new learnings from the day and develop actionable next steps. This is an opportunity to align goals, identify remaining questions, and create a plan for applying the insights gained throughout the summit.

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HARNESSING CREDENTIALS OF VALUE FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUCCESS

Explore the transformative potential of the Credential of Value methodology and its premium measure, designed to assess and enhance the alignment of academic credentials with workforce demands. Participants will explore which credentials are included under this framework, how they are defined, and the role they play in determining performance-based funding.

Dr. Melissa Humphries, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Data Management and Research, THECB

Elizabeth Chivers, Senior Director of Strategy & Policy Analysis, TACC

Dr. Andrea Burridge, Vice Chancellor Strategy, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness, Houston Community College

| 3:15-3:45 PM

TEAM REFLECTIONS & CLOSING

A dedicated time for college teams to reflect on next steps based on the day's learnings. Teams will discuss remaining questions, identify key takeaways, and plan actionable steps moving forward. The session will conclude with a survey to gather feedback and insights for future resources and programming.

SCAN QR CODE FOR SUMMIT MATERIALS:

