

BOARD OF TRUSTEES INSTITUTE 2025

Charting the Path Forward: Strategic Governance for Growth and Innovation

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Welcome to Austin!

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TSC MISSION STATEMENT

Dedicated to social and economic mobility, we support community college reform strategies that will empower Texans to rise out of poverty and achieve better life outcomes.

BOTI 2025 Objective

- Trustees will commit to action for pathways that lead to upward economic mobility for students, economic growth for the regions, and drive institutional innovation and sustainability.



The Role of the Board

- Setting the strategic direction for high-value post-completion outcomes for every student;
- Supporting a culture for change for future growth and innovation;
- Monitoring student credentials of value completion, transfer, and post-completion outcomes.



Purpose

- Convene board and CEO delegates to elevate knowledge on governance's role in student success.
- Develop institutional capacity for a comprehensive student success agenda.
- Strengthen board/CEO collaboration, roles, and responsibilities.
- Foster a community of lifelong learners and advocates for student post-completion success.



Needs of Our Communities:



84.6%

of residents in Texas have only a high school diploma. Making Texas second to last on a national list of **educational attainment**.



8th

worst poverty rate in the nation, standing at 14%. Two of the five poorest metro areas are in Texas.



46%

of Texas **employers can't fill vital jobs** and only 56% of Texas households earn a living wage.

From Policy to Impact: Are We Moving the Needle?



- Funding models have changed, but student outcomes must change too.
- Are we leveraging policy shifts for real impact or just compliance?