



Texas Association of
Community Colleges

**AT THE FOREFRONT OF HIGHER EDUCATION:
IMPLEMENTING HOUSE BILL 8**

JULY 2023



Welcome to Lakeway!

Thank you for joining us at the 2023 TACC Summer Meeting -

At the Forefront of Higher Education: Implementing House Bill 8.

Our theme this year is a direct reflection of the work ahead following one of the most transformative legislative sessions for Texas community colleges. The conversations over the next few days will be centered around the various components of House Bill 8 and how they will be implemented throughout your college.

We hope this conference serves as a peer-learning experience and provides valuable insights into the months ahead.



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PROGRAM

JULY 19, 2023

5:30 PM

REGISTRATION OPENS

Vistas Foyer

6:30 - 8:30 PM

HOUSE BILL 8 CELEBRATION DINNER

Vistas Ballroom

Distinguished Honoree: Representative Gary VanDeaver

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at COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION of TEXAS

8:30 PM - 12:00 AM

HOSPITALITY SUITE

Mansfield Suite
5th Floor

Sponsored by Great Western Dining



JULY 20, 2023

7:30 AM

Vistas Foyer

REGISTRATION OPENS

7:30 - 9:15 AM

Rio Grande Ballroom

BREAKFAST & TACC QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

CEO-only

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8:30 - 9:15 AM

Vistas Ballroom

GENERAL BREAKFAST

Sponsored by Texas Business Leadership Council



9:30 - 10:30 AM

Vistas Ballroom

A REPORT FROM WASHINGTON: BIDEN/HARRIS HIGHER EDUCATION PRIORITIES

U.S. Department of Education Senior Advisor J. Noah Brown will review and discuss the Biden/Harris Higher Education priorities, with special emphasis on community colleges and their importance to the Administration's *Investing in America* strategy.

J. Noah Brown, Senior Advisor, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education

10:30 - 10:45 AM

Vistas Foyer

COFFEE BREAK

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10:45 - 11:45 AM

Vistas Ballroom

COMMUNITY COLLEGE STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE PANEL

In this panel discussion, the members of the newly appointed Community College Standing Advisory Committee will share the goals for the committee and their vision of the road ahead as implementation continues.

Nichole Bunker-Henderson, General Counsel, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Brenda Claxton, Chief Financial Officer, Howard College

Dr. Jeremy McMillen, President, Grayson College

Dr. Brent Wallace, Chancellor, North Central Texas College

Moderator: Dr. William Serrata, President, El Paso Community College

11:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Vistas Foyer

LUNCH BUFFET

Progress through buffet line and return to ballroom for keynote.

12:15 - 1:00 PM

Vistas Ballroom

THE FUTURE OF TEXAS: FORGED WITH EDUCATION

Join futurist and economist Jason Schenker for a high-energy discussion about the key factors that will drive, support, and challenge Texas community colleges in the decade ahead and beyond. Mr. Schenker will delve into numerous topics, including Texas demographics, national and state-level labor market dynamics, education costs, and rapidly advancing and increasingly ubiquitous technologies.

Jason Schenker, Chairman, The Futurist Institute

1:00 - 1:30 PM

Vistas Foyer

COFFEE BREAK

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MORE THAN ARCHITECTS

1:30 - 3:45 PM

Vistas Ballroom

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Check the back of your nametag to see which group to begin with then progress in numerical order. These will be 30-minute sessions with 5-minute transition periods.

Vistas Ballroom

1

The Role of Pathways in Maximizing the New Funding Model

Dr. Christine Bailie, Director of Institutional Strategy, Texas Success Center
Dr. Cynthia Ferrell, Vice President & Executive Director, Texas Success Center
Dr. Kristina Flores, Director of Research & Evaluation, Texas Success Center

Colorado 1

2

Implementing House Bill 8 from a CFO Perspective

Carin Hutchins, Associate Vice Chancellor of Finance, San Jacinto College
Sarah Van Cleef, Chief Financial Officer, Tyler Junior College

Colorado 2

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Implementing House Bill 8 from a CAO Perspective

Dr. Tamara Clunis, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Amarillo College
Dr. Kristin Spizzirri, Vice President of Instruction, Trinity Valley Community College

Colorado 3

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Implementing House Bill 8 from a CE Perspective

Christina Bergvall, Director, College of the Mainland
Kristina DeWitty, Director, San Jacinto College
Stephanie Maultsby, Director, McLennan Community College

THURSDAY

3:45 - 4:15 PM

SNACK BREAK

Vistas Foyer

4:15 - 5:15 PM

TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE TO BUILD A STRONGER TEXAS WORKFORCE

Rio Grande Ballroom

In this session, the panel will examine how House Bill 8 positions community colleges to effectively work with employers and respond to dynamic workforce requirements. Panel members will discuss unique opportunities for collaborations and how employers and college leaders can work together to maximize student success.

Bryan Daniel, Chairman, Texas Workforce Commission

Kwee Lan Teo, Workforce Development Leader,
Samsung Austin Semiconductor

Giancarla Paredes, Talent Acquisition Sr. Leader Emerging Technology & Diversity, Dell Technologies

Moderator: Andres Alcantar, Senior Workforce Lead, TACC

5:15 - 6:30 PM

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Restaurant options are available on the property.

6:30 - 8:30 PM

RECEPTION & DR. MIMI VALEK + JOHN MAY WASHERS TOURNAMENT

Vistas Ballroom

Don't forget to sign up at the registration table!

8:30 PM - 12:00 AM

HOSPITALITY SUITE

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JULY 21, 2023

FRIDAY

7:45 - 8:45 AM

Rio Grande Ballroom

**BREAKFAST WITH DR. HARRISON KELLER,
COMMISSIONER, TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION
COORDINATING BOARD**

CEO-only

7:45 - 8:45 AM

Vistas Ballroom

GENERAL BREAKFAST

9:00 - 9:50 AM

Vistas Ballroom

**REMARKS FROM DR. HARRISON KELLER,
COMMISSIONER, TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION
COORDINATING BOARD**

10:00 - 10:45 AM

Vistas Ballroom

FUNDING FOR THE FUTURE OF TEXAS

In this session, panelists will discuss the role of philanthropy in policy change and how colleges can effectively leverage funding partnerships throughout the implementation process.

Kristin Boyer, Executive Director, Trellis Foundation

Melissa Henderson, Executive Director, Texas Higher Education Foundation

Scott Jenkins, Strategy Director for State Policy, Lumina Foundation

Sue McMillin, President & CEO, Greater Texas Foundation

10:50 - 11:35 AM

Vistas Ballroom

**A CONVERSATION WITH SACSCOC PRESIDENT
DR. BELLE WHEELAN**

11:35 AM- 12:00 PM

Vistas Ballroom

**AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, CLOSING REMARKS
& ADJOURNMENT**

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Vistas Ballroom

LUNCH

Stay behind and mingle, or grab a bite to-go!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US & SAFE TRAVELS BACK HOME!

GUEST SPEAKERS



KRISTIN BOYER

Kristin Boyer leads Trellis Foundation's efforts to advance equitable postsecondary outcomes for students across Texas. Her professional service includes several terms as an Advisory Committee member for the Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education – the research arm of the Council for Opportunity in Education, chairing the Latino Student Success Funders Group, and serving as the current leadership committee chair of Philanthropy Advocates, a funders' organization that informs policy and legislation in Texas.

Prior to joining the Trellis Foundation, Kristin held positions in higher education development and communications as well as admissions/financial aid, and she served as a public school teacher.



J. NOAH BROWN

J. Noah Brown was appointed Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of Education, on November 1, 2021. He served previously for 16 years as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). His inaugural book, *First in the World: Community Colleges and America's Future*, won the 2013 Bellwether Book Award.

Noah is a former faculty member for the Doctorate in Community College Leadership Program at Ferris State University. While leading ACCT, Noah served in many affiliated leadership capacities. He served as a Founding Member of the College Promise Advisory Board and Chair of the Executive Committee. Brown is a past member of the Level Up Advisory Board, Seal of Excelencia Advisory Board, Single Stop USA Advisory Board, and National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship Board of Directors. In addition, Noah held a number of other appointed positions in and out of government.

Noah holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, a Master of Public Policy from the University of Maryland, College Park, and an Honorary Associate of Arts from Atlantic Cape Community College in New Jersey.



NICHOLE BUNKER-HENDERSON

Nichole Bunker-Henderson serves as the General Counsel for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. She received her B.A. with a major in Government from The University of Texas at Austin. She earned her J.D. with honors from the University of Arizona College of Law.

Nichole has also served as the Deputy General Counsel for the Texas Education Agency. During her tenure with the Attorney General's Office, she represented numerous state agencies in administrative hearings, state trial courts, and Texas courts of appeals. She is a frequent speaker on Administrative Law topics. Prior to attending law school, Nichole was employed with the Texas Legislative Council and as a legislative aide in the Texas Senate.



BRYAN DANIEL

Bryan Daniel serves as Chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission where he works to promote and support the growth of Texas' world class employers and talented workforce. To champion that goal, he advances innovative workforce and economic development strategies in collaboration with TWC's education partners, local officials, and industry leaders to establish Texas' competitive edge as the best place to work in the world.

Prior to joining TWC, Bryan served for four and half years on Texas Governor Greg Abbott's senior staff where he led the Office of Economic Development and Tourism – which included the Texas Enterprise Fund, Events Trust Fund, Governor's University Research Initiative, Texas Tourism Office, Texas Music Office, Texas Film Commission, Texas Workforce Investment Council, the Economic Development Bank, the Texas Military Preparedness Commission, and the State of Texas Mexico Office.

Bryan is a graduate of Texas Tech University with both a bachelor's degree and master's degree. In 2019, Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources recognized Bryan as a Distinguished Alumnus.



MELISSA HENDERSON

Melissa Henderson is the Chief of Staff for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Executive Director for the Texas Higher Education Foundation. In this dual role, she works closely with the Commissioner to ensure close collaboration across the executive team and leads the Foundation's work to identify resources and build partnerships with the philanthropic community to achieve the strategic priorities and goals of the agency.

Immediately prior to the Coordinating Board and the Foundation, she launched and led the postsecondary policy portfolio for Educate Texas, a public/private initiative of the Communities Foundation of Texas. She also previously served as legislative director for a member of the Texas House of Representatives, and was responsible for advising him on P-12 and postsecondary education in his capacity as a House Higher Education Committee member.

She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Texas A&M University and a master's of public affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin.



SCOTT JENKINS

Scott Jenkins is the strategy director for state policy at Lumina Foundation, an independent, private foundation in Indianapolis that is committed to making opportunities for learning beyond high school available to all. In that role, he leads the development and advancement of the foundation's state policy agenda.

Jenkins has a broad and extensive background in institutional, state, and federal policy development and execution. Before joining Lumina, he served as education policy director to two governors: John Engler of Michigan and Indiana's Mitch Daniels.

He also served as director of external relations for Western Governors University, and as a deputy assistant secretary in the U.S. Department of Education in the George W. Bush administration.

Jenkins holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Central Florida.

GUEST SPEAKERS



HARRISON KELLER

Dr. Harrison Keller is the Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Texas and chief executive officer for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

He is a sixth-generation Texan with more than two decades of experience in budget and policy, digital learning, senior university administration, management, fundraising, and building effective coalitions among school districts, community colleges, universities, systems, and policymakers.

Dr. Keller is a recognized innovator in policy and programs to improve college readiness and student success, especially for low-income and first-generation students. He is the founder of the OnRamps dual enrollment initiative that provides college-level courses to tens of thousands of high school students across Texas, and the Texas OnCourse initiative which aims to improve secondary college and career advising.

Prior to being appointed Commissioner, he was Deputy to the President for Strategy and Policy and a Professor of Practice at The University of Texas at Austin. He previously served as Vice Provost for Higher Education Policy and Research, and Executive Director of the Office of Educational Innovation and the Center for Teaching and Learning at UT Austin.



SUE MCMILLIN

Sue McMillin joined the Greater Texas Foundation (GTF) as its President and CEO in September 2017. Ms. McMillin has worked in the field of higher education non-profit management for 30 years. Prior to joining GTF, she held several leadership roles at Texas Guaranteed Student Loan (now Trellis Company), including Vice President of Operations, Senior Vice President of Customer Relations/ Business Operations and lastly, for the last 10 years of her tenure, as its President & CEO. Prior to entering the ranks of higher education non-profit management, she worked in the financial services industry as Vice President and Director of Deposit Operations.

Ms. McMillin has served on the boards of the National College Attainment Network (NCAN), the National Student Clearinghouse, the National Council of Higher Education Resources (NCHER), ELM Resources, the National Association of Student Loan Administrators (NASLA), the United Way of Williamson County, and Texas Rural Funders. She currently serves on the board as immediate past chair of Texell Credit Union and as a member of Southwestern University's Board of Visitors.

Ms. McMillin grew up in Midland, MI but got to Texas as fast as she could. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from St. Edward's University.



GIANCARLA PAREDES

Giancarla Paredes is an experienced Global HR Partner with more than 15 years of experience in various Human Resources areas including Talent Acquisition, University Relations, Diversity & Inclusion, Performance Management and Talent Management.

Paredes is a passionate leader recognized for improving and implementing new strategies to achieve goals, drive revenue and ensure operational efficiency. She leads the strategy and execution of Dell Technologies North America Changing the Face of Tech team, which is responsible for developing the talent attraction strategy for African American and Hispanic students from campus partnering with Historical Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, Community Colleges, and Diversity Partners.



JASON SCHENKER

Jason Schenker is a futurist, economist, and author who prepares leaders for the future. Jason has given over 1,000 keynote speeches and over 1,000 television interviews. He has been a Guest Host on Bloomberg Television and an occasional columnist for Bloomberg Opinion. Almost 1 million students have taken Jason's 20 LinkedIn Learning courses on business, leadership, economics, risk management, and finance. He is the author of 36 books, including 15 bestsellers on emerging technologies, finance, energy, leadership, and the economy.

Jason is one of the 100 CEOs on the non-partisan Texas Business Leadership Council (TBLC), the Texas affiliate of the Business Roundtable that advises elected officials at the state and federal levels. He is on the TBLC Executive Committee, Economic Development Task Force, and Federal Issues Task Force. Jason is a member of the Bretton Woods Committee (BWC), on the BWC Digital Finance Project Team, and on the BWC Climate Finance Project Team. He is also a Board Leadership Fellow of the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD).

Before founding Prestige Economics in 2009, Jason was a Risk Specialist at McKinsey and Chief Energy and Commodity Economist at Wachovia (Wells Fargo).

Jason holds master's degrees in Applied Economics, Negotiation, and German.



KWEE LAN TEO

Kwee Lan Teo heads workforce development for Samsung Austin Semiconductor in Austin, as well as the Taylor site that is slated to be ready in 2024.

Kwee Lan was the VP of Talent and Workforce Development for the Austin Chamber of Commerce's Opportunity Austin for about a decade before joining Samsung Austin Semiconductor to lead the company's workforce development efforts in the Central Texas region.

As part of the Governor Abbott's Tri-Agency Workforce Initiative, Kwee Lan has volunteered on the Texas Industry Clusters & Careers Task Force to help establish Texas as a leader in accelerated retraining programs and is on the Governor's Workforce Policy Workgroup. She is a member on the Austin Community College's Progress Report Task Force, and a Central Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Member to address workforce and master facility needs.

She is part of the Business Leads Fellowship Elite Cohort for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation as well as a Fellow for Education and Talent Development with the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE). Kwee Lan is a recipient of the Fort Hood's Garrison Commander's Coin for her pilot work with veterans on Operation Austin.



BELLE WHEELAN

Dr. Belle Wheelan currently serves as President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and is the first African American and the first woman to serve in this capacity. Her career spans over 40 years and includes the roles of faculty member, chief student services officer, campus provost, college president and Secretary of Education. In several of those roles, she was the first African American and/or woman to serve in those capacities.

Dr. Wheelan received her Bachelor's degree from Trinity University in Texas with a double major in Psychology and Sociology; her Master's from Louisiana State University in Developmental Educational Psychology; and her Doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin in Educational Administration with a special concentration in community college leadership.



During the 88th Texas Legislature, policymakers enacted House Bill 8, redefining the way Texas community colleges are funded through state allocations. This one-pager provides a quick synopsis of the major components of this transformative piece of legislation.



PERFORMANCE TIER

The Performance Tier is the funding level that now constitutes the largest tranche of state funding and is comprised of measurable outcomes. Colleges will receive funding for completion of any of the following outcomes: **1) credentials of value, with an additional weight for those in a high demand field, 2) transfer to a public general academic institution, and 3) dual credit/dual enrollment on a pathway.** Additional funds will be allocated as applicable for students who either transfer or complete a credential of value and are academically disadvantaged, economically disadvantaged, and/or adult learners (25 years or older). Both the outcome amounts and the weights will be set by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board during the rulemaking process.



BASE TIER

The Base Tier ensures each community college has access to a defined level of funding for instruction and operation costs. Base tier funding will be allocated if the estimated costs of instruction and operations outweigh the estimated local share of tuition/fee and property tax revenues. There is a basic allotment based on weighted Full-Time Student Equivalent (FTSE). An equitable adjustment is applied for colleges with < 5,000 FTSE. Your local share is determined by estimating a \$0.05 maintenance and operations (M&O) tax based on your most recent tax collections and an estimated tuition and fee revenue based on the state average.



FINANCIAL AID FOR SWIFT TRANSFER (FAST)

The FAST program, administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, allows a participating public institution of higher education to receive an allocation of funding based on the number of eligible students who enroll in dual credit courses. Eligible students are those enrolled in high school in a school district or charter school, who qualify for free and reduced lunch, and who enroll in dual credit courses that lead to a credential or degree. **Participating institutions must allow eligible students to enroll in dual credit courses at no cost to the student and for other students, may only charge a tuition rate that is at, or below, the maximum rate established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.**



TEXAS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (TEOG)

Funding under HB 8 for **TEOG is increased by \$133.5 million** above the current level, reflecting the recommendation from the Texas Commission on Community College Finance to meet the needs of at least 70 percent of students who qualify for TEOG. Further, **HB 8 removes the existing prohibition against using Pell Grants for the institutional match** under TEOG requirements. This will allow institutions to streamline their administrative processes for awarding these grants and allow colleges more flexibility with their other funding sources.



SHARED SERVICES

Colleges with less than 5,000 FTSE receiving an equitable adjustment from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board are required to participate in **shared services and institutional partnerships to reduce costs and improve operational efficiency.** The Coordinating Board will establish an Institutional Collaboration Center with allocated funding from the state to help facilitate share services and institutional partnerships.

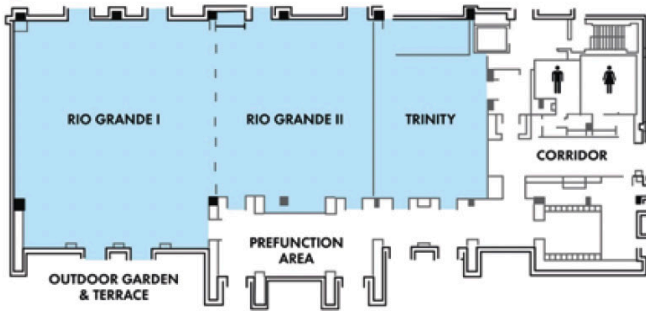


COMMUNITY COLLEGE STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)

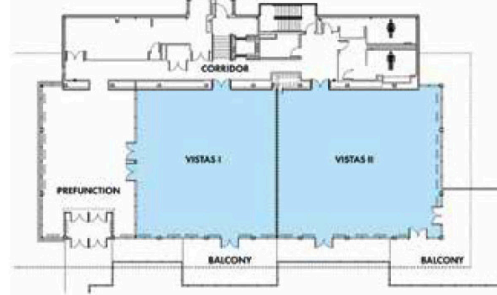
The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is required to consult with the SAC for the funding of community colleges, as well as for the development of agency rules and policies related to the implementation of HB 8. The **SAC is a permanent standing advisory committee comprised of community college leaders** who represent a diverse mix of colleges based upon enrollment size and geography.

RESORT MAPS

Main building



Vistas building



UPPER LEVEL

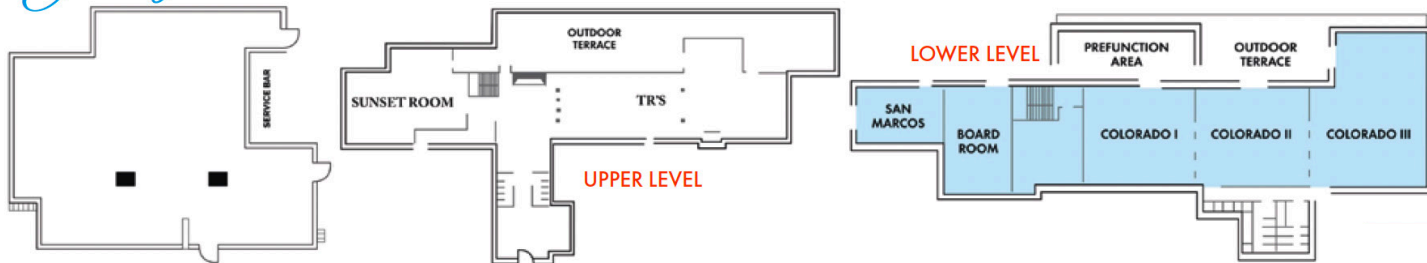


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UPPER LEVEL

LOWER LEVEL

Travis Building



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