2013 Texas Higher Education Leadership Conference

Closing the Gaps by 2015 and Beyond

DoubleTree Austin Hotel
6505 IH-35 North
Austin, Texas

DRAFT AGENDA
(as of September 24, 2013)

Day One: Thursday, November 21, 2013*

7:00 a.m. **Registration/Check-in/Breakfast Buffet** (Phoenix North Ballroom)

8:00 a.m. **Welcome to New Governing Board Members** (Phoenix South Ballroom)
Harold W. Hahn, Chair, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)

8:15 a.m. **Overview of the Current Texas Higher Education Plan, *Closing the Gaps by 2015*; Measuring Progress through the Texas Public Higher Education Accountability System** (Phoenix South Ballroom)
David W. Gardner, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Planning and Policy/Chief Academic Officer, THECB
Susan E. Brown, Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Accountability, THECB

9:00 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions for University and Community College Governing Board Members**

Concurrent Sessions	
University Board Members (Austin Room)	**Community College Board Members** (Phoenix South Ballroom)
9:00 a.m. **The Budgeting Process for Public Universities in Texas**	**9:00 a.m.** **The Budgeting Process for Public Community Colleges in Texas**

* This orientation satisfies the training requirement for newly appointed regents and elected trustees (Texas Education Code Section 61.084, Training for Members of Governing Boards).

Concurrent Sessions (Continued)			
University Board Members (Austin Room)		**Community College Board Members** (Phoenix South Ballroom)	
9:45 a.m.	**Basic Board Member Roles and Responsibilities: Sustaining Institutional Autonomy and Board Independence** *Presenter: Rick Legon, President, Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB)*	**9:45 a.m.**	**Understanding the Revenue Mix for Texas Community Colleges and the State Budgeting Process**
10:30 a.m.	**Break**	**10:30 a.m.**	**Break**
10:45 a.m.	**Monitoring and Oversight: What is Good Information?** *Presenter: Tom Meredith, Consultant and Senior Fellow, AGB*	**10:45 a.m.**	**Campus Financial Management – Panel Discussion Session**
11:30 a.m.	**The Auditing Process for Public Universities in Texas** *Presenter: Mark Poehl, Director, Internal Audit, THECB*	**11:30 a.m.**	**Financial Reporting and Ratio Analysis** *Presenter: Gary Johnstone, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Accountability, THECB*

12:00 Noon **Luncheon and Panel Discussion – "What I Wish I Had Known as a New Governing Board Member (and What I Wish My New Board Members Would Have Known): Mutual Expectations"** (Phoenix North Ballroom)

1:00 p.m. **Conference Day 1 Welcome** (Phoenix South Ballroom)

Harold W. Hahn, Chair, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

1:15 p.m. **Effective Trusteeship, Ethics (including Ethical Issues in Financial Management), and the Avoidance of Conflicts of Interest** (Phoenix South Ballroom)

Panel Facilitator: William M. Franz, General Counsel, THECB

Panelists:

- *Cobby A. Caputo, School Lawyer, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP*
- *Dona Cornell, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, University of Houston*
- *Fernando C. Gomez, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, Texas State University System*

3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:30 a.m. **The Leadership Dynamic in Public College and University Systems: How Effective Systems Implement Policies and Develop Effective Working Relationships with their Campuses** (Phoenix South Ballroom)

Presenter: Tom Meredith, Consultant and Senior Fellow, AGB

4:45 p.m. **Concluding Remarks** (Phoenix South Ballroom)

Harold W. Hahn, Chair, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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5:00 p.m. Adjournment

6:00 p.m. Reception (Pre-function Area outside ballrooms)

7:00 p.m. Dinner, Recognition of "Texas Tuners," and Legislative Panel Regarding Higher Education Governance, Excellence and Transparency (Phoenix North Ballroom)

- *The Texas Tuning Initiative: Recognition of Faculty on the Tuning Oversight Councils*
- *The Committee on Higher Education Governance, Excellence and Transparency: The 83rd Texas Legislature*

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Day Two: Friday, November 22, 2013

7:00 a.m. **Registration/Check-in/Breakfast Buffet** (Phoenix Central Ballroom)

8:00 a.m. **Conference Day 2 Welcome** (Phoenix South Ballroom)
Harold W. Hahn, Chair, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)

8:15 a.m. **The Hidden Power of Character and its Promotion in College Students** (Phoenix South Ballroom)
Paul Tough, Writer and Speaker

9:15 a.m. **Break**

9:30 a.m. **Higher Education and the Workforce** (Phoenix South Ballroom)
Jeff Strohl, Director of Research, Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce

10:30 a.m. **Beyond *Closing the Gaps by 2015*: Preparing for the Next Long-Range Plan for Higher Education in Texas** (Phoenix South Ballroom)
David W. Gardner, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Planning and Policy/Chief Academic Officer, THECB
Susan E. Brown, Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Accountability, THECB

11:00 a.m. **Break**

11:15 a.m. **Beyond *Closing the Gaps by 2015:* Workshops**

- **Workshop 1** (Dezala Room)
  Workshop Facilitator: Rick Legon, President, AGB
- **Workshop 2** (Austin Room)
  Workshop Facilitator: Tom Meredith, Consultant and Senior Fellow, AGB
- **Workshop 3** (DeWitt Room)
  Workshop Facilitator: TBD
- **Workshop 4** (Robertson Room)
  Workshop Facilitator: TBD

12:00 p.m. **Luncheon, Keynote Speaker, and 2013 Star Awards Ceremony**

- *Raymund A. Paredes, Commissioner of Higher Education, on* "The State of Higher Education in Texas"
- *Texas Higher Education Star Awards Ceremony*

2:00 p.m. **Adjournment**

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