Beyond Closing the Gaps: Proposed Timeline for Moving Forward

The current Texas higher education plan, *Closing the Gaps by 2015*, was adopted in October 2000 by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and is directed at closing educational gaps in Texas as well as between Texas and other states. One of the strengths of *Closing the Gaps by 2015* has been the buy-in and strong support from the state's educational, business, and political communities. As the Council for Continuous Improvement and Innovation in Texas Higher Education (CCII) and the to-be-established Committee for Beyond Closing the Gaps (CBCTG) strive to establish the next long-range plan for higher education in Texas, a mechanism will be needed to seek feedback on the four potential goals that are being considered for the next plan – Workforce, Alignment, Value, and Excellence – and the key metrics to measure the state's progress toward making Texas an international leader in student success and excellence by 2030.

Below is a proposed timeline for the CCII's consideration. Embedded within this framework are communications and meetings to invite, secure, and consider institutional and other stakeholder feedback on the potential goals and the prospective measurable targets associated with each of these goals prior to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's adoption of *Beyond Closing the Gaps* in July 2015.

Key for Shading of Timeline Activities:

Meetings of Council for Continuous Improvement and Innovation in Texas Higher Education (CCII)
Meetings of the THECB's Committee on Academic and Workforce Success (CAWS)
Meetings of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
Meetings of the Committee for Beyond Closing the Gaps (CBCTG)
THECB Staff Actions

***Beyond Closing the Gaps*[1] Timeline**	
April 24, 2013	**Meeting of CCII** • CCII develops consensus on a schedule for developing the next long-range plan for higher education in Texas, *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.[1]
June 26, 2013	**Meeting of CAWS** • CCII presents its final draft recommendations regarding the schedule for developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps* to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success (CAWS) and considers feedback from CAWS members.

[1] *Beyond Closing the Gaps* is a working title for the next long-range plan for higher education in Texas.

July 24, 2013	**Meeting of CCII** • THECB staff provides data to the members of the CCII showing where Texas stands on certain measures, including comparisons among: (1) regions of Texas; (2) Texas and other states; and (3) Texas and other countries. • THECB staff provides information to the CCII regarding the methods that were used to invite, secure, and consider feedback on the potential goals and the prospective measurable targets associated with the current Texas higher education plan, *Closing the Gaps by 2015*, prior to the THECB's adoption of *Closing the Gaps by 2015* in October 2000. • CCII finalizes its recommendations to the THECB regarding the schedule for developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.
July 25, 2013	**Meeting of THECB** • CCII presents its final recommendations to the THECB regarding the schedule for developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*. • Coordinating Board adopts a schedule for developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.
August 2013	**THECB Staff Work: Preliminary Identification of Potential Members of the Committee for Beyond Closing the Gaps** • THECB staff begins the work of identifying potential members of the Committee for Beyond Closing the Gaps, the committee that will develop the next long-range plan for higher education in Texas.
September 2013	**Meeting of CAWS** • [Specifics of meeting here as applicable to developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.]
October 3-4, 2013	**THECB Staff Work: Texas Higher Education Leadership Conference** • Institutional governing board members are provided information about the work being done and planned by the THECB to establish the next long-range plan for higher education in Texas, *Beyond Closing the Gaps*. Information will include the WAVE (or other) graphic to date, a timeline, and plans for soliciting input from the state's educational, business, and political communities. • [Other specifics of conference here as applicable to developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.]

October 24, 2013	**Meeting of CCII** • THECB staff provides data to the members of the CCII showing where Texas stands on certain measures, including comparisons among: (1) regions of Texas; (2) Texas and other states; and (3) Texas and other countries. • CCII develops consensus on the goal and guiding principles for the next long-range plan for higher education in Texas, *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.
October 25, 2013	**Meeting of the THECB** • [Specifics of meeting here as applicable to developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.]
November 2013	**THECB Staff Work: Final Identification of Potential Members of the Committee for Beyond Closing the Gaps** • THECB staff completes the final list of the potential members of the Committee for Beyond Closing the Gaps, the committee that will develop the next long-range plan for higher education in Texas.
December 1, 2013	**THECB Staff Work: Invitations sent to Potential Members of the Committee for Beyond Closing the Gaps** • THECB staff completes work (begun in August) of identifying potential members of the Committee for Beyond Closing the Gaps and sends to these potential members invitations regarding the initial meeting of the Committee for Beyond Closing the Gaps scheduled for February 2014.
December 2013	**Meeting of CAWS** • CCII presents its final draft recommendations regarding the goal and guiding principles for *Beyond Closing the Gaps* to the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success (CAWS) and considers feedback from CAWS members.
January 22, 2014	**Meeting of CCII** • CCII finalizes its recommendations regarding the goal and guiding principles for *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.

January 23, 2014	**Meeting of THECB** • CCII presents its final recommendations regarding the goal and guiding principles for *Beyond Closing the Gaps* to the THECB. • THECB adopts the goal and guiding principles for *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.
February 2014	**First Meeting of CBCTG** • The Chair of the THECB and the Chair of the CCII present the goal and guiding principles for *Beyond Closing the Gaps* to the Committee for Beyond Closing the Gaps.
March 2014	**Meeting of CBCTG** • [Specifics of meeting here.]
March 2014	**Meeting of CAWS** • [Specifics of meeting here as applicable to developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.]
April 2014	**Meeting of CBCTG** • [Specifics of meeting here.]
April 23, 2014	**Meeting of CCII** • [Specifics of meeting here as applicable to developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.]
April 24, 2014	**Meeting of THECB** • [Specifics of meeting here as applicable to developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.]
May 2014	**Meeting of CBCTG** • [Specifics of meeting here.]
June 2014	**Meeting of CBCTG** • [Specifics of meeting here.]

June 2014	**Meeting of CAWS** • [Specifics of meeting here as applicable to developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.]
July 2014	**Meeting of CBCTG** • [Specifics of meeting here.]
July 23, 2014	**Meeting of CCII** • [Specifics of meeting here as applicable to developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.]
July 24, 2014	**Meeting of THECB** • [Specifics of meeting here as applicable to developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.]
August 2014	**Meeting of CBCTG** • [Specifics of meeting here.]
September 2014	**Meeting of CBCTG** • [Specifics of meeting here.]
October 2014	**THECB Staff Work: Texas Higher Education Leadership Conference** • Institutional governing board members are provided information regarding the CBCTG's work to date on *Beyond Closing the Gaps*. Information will include the potential goals, prospective measurable targets, a timeline, and plans for soliciting input from the state's educational, business, and political communities. • [Other specifics of conference here as applicable to developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.]
October 22, 2014	**Meeting of CCII** • [Specifics of meeting here as applicable to developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.]
October 23, 2014	**Meeting of THECB** • [Specifics of meeting here as applicable to developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.]

November 2014	**Meeting of CBCTG** • [Specifics of meeting here.]
November 2014	**THECB Staff Work: Institutional Feedback Solicited** • THECB staff begins soliciting and securing institutional feedback on the potential goals and the prospective measurable targets of *Beyond Closing the Gaps* prior to the beginning of the 84th Session of the Texas Legislature.
December 2014	**Meeting of CBCTG** • CBCTG considers institutional feedback on the potential goals and the prospective measurable targets of *Beyond Closing the Gaps.*
December 2014	**Meeting of CAWS** • [Specifics of meeting here as applicable to developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.]
December 2014	**THECB Staff Work: Institutional Feedback Solicited** • THECB staff continues soliciting and securing institutional feedback on the potential goals and the prospective measurable targets of *Beyond Closing the Gaps* prior to the beginning of the 84th Session of the Texas Legislature.
January 2015	**Meeting of CBCTG** • CBCTG continues to consider institutional feedback on the potential goals and the prospective measurable targets of *Beyond Closing the Gaps.*
January 2015	**Meeting of CCII** • [Specifics of meeting here as applicable to developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.]
January 2015	**Meeting of THECB** • [Specifics of meeting here as applicable to developing *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.]
February 2015	**Meeting of CBCTG** • CBCTG completes its final draft recommendations on the potential goals and the prospective measurable targets of *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.

March 2015	**THECB Staff Work: Executive and Legislative Feedback Solicited** • THECB staff solicits and secures feedback from the state's executive and legislative leaders on the potential goals and the prospective measurable targets of *Beyond Closing the Gaps* prior to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's adoption of *Beyond Closing the Gaps* in July 2015.
March 2015	**Meeting of CBCTG** • CBCTG considers stakeholders' feedback on the potential goals and the prospective measurable targets of *Beyond Closing the Gaps.*
March 2015	**Meeting of CAWS** • CBCTG presents its final recommendations regarding the potential goals and the prospective measurable targets of *Beyond Closing the Gaps* to CAWS and considers feedback from CAWS members.
April 2015	**Meeting of CBCTG** • CBCTG finalizes its recommendations regarding *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.
April 2015	**Meeting of CBCTG** • CBCTG presents its final recommendations regarding *Beyond Closing the Gaps* to the CCII.
April 2015	**Meeting of THECB** • CBCTG presents its final recommendations regarding *Beyond Closing the Gaps* to the THECB. • THECB discusses the CBCTG's final recommendations regarding *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.
May 2015	**Meeting of CBCTG** • CBCTG modifies its final recommendations regarding *Beyond Closing the Gaps* as a result of the THECB's discussions.
June 2015	**Meeting of CAWS** • CBCTG presents its final recommendations (as modified) regarding *Beyond Closing the Gaps* to CAWS. • CAWS considers the CBCTG's final modified recommendations regarding *Beyond Closing the Gaps*; CAWS members vote on a recommendation to the THECB.

July 2015	**Meeting of CCII** • CBCTG presents its final recommendations (as modified) regarding *Beyond Closing the Gaps* to the CCII.
July 2015	**Meeting of THECB** • CBCTG presents its final recommendations (as modified) regarding *Beyond Closing the Gaps* to the THECB. • THECB considers the CBCTG's final recommendations (as modified) regarding *Beyond Closing the Gaps*. • THECB adopts the next long-range plan for higher education in Texas, *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.
August 2015	**THECB Staff Work: Printing of *Beyond Closing the Gaps*** • THECB staff works with printing company to produce hard copies of *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.
August 2015	**THECB Staff Work: Meetings with Institutions** • THECB staff meets with institutional representatives regarding the goals and measurable targets of *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.
September 2015	**THECB Staff Work: Meetings with Institutions** • THECB staff meets with institutional representatives regarding the goals and measurable targets of *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.
October 2015	**THECB Staff Work: Texas Higher Education Leadership Conference** • Institutional governing board members are provided copies of *Beyond Closing the Gaps*. • THECB staff arranges conference sessions regarding the goals and measurable targets of *Beyond Closing the Gaps*. • [Other specifics of conference here as applicable to the next long-range plan for higher education in Texas, *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.]
November 2015	**THECB Staff Work: Meetings with Institutions** • THECB staff meets with institutional representatives regarding the goals and measurable targets of *Beyond Closing the Gaps*.