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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Public Community, Technical, and State College
Presidents/Chancellors and Trustee Chairs

FROM: Dennis D. Golden, O.D.

RE: THECB's Community College Task Force

It is my pleasure to announce the creation of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Community College Task Force. Fred Heldenfels, Chairman of the Coordinating Board, appointed me to serve as chair of this important Task Force, along with my fellow Coordinating Board members, Dr. Durga Agrawal and Munir Lalani.

The purpose of the Task Force is to bring a more concentrated focus to the Coordinating Board on issues pertaining to strengthening two-year colleges and improving student success. We recognize that many efforts are already underway between two-year college liaisons and Coordinating Board staff to improve communication and relations and we applaud those efforts. The Task Force will provide a forum for two-year college presidents and trustees to communicate directly with Coordinating Board members on critical statewide issues impacting two-year colleges.

The first meeting of the Task Force will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2012 from 8:00AM to 10:00AM at the Double Tree Hotel in North Austin (see attached agenda). Many of you may already be planning to be in Austin for the Coordinating Board's Leadership Conference. If you are, I encourage you to attend the meeting of the Task Force, or send a representative. We will be discussing the report prepared in accordance with Rider 53 (HB 1, 82nd Texas Legislature) by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) – [Blueprint to establish a State System Administration for Community Colleges](#). We will solicit feedback from two-year college presidents and trustees on an alternative solution to the recommendations provided by the NCHEMS report.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact me or Dr. David Gardner, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Planning and Policy, at 512-427-6155 or David.Gardner@thecb.state.tx.us.

I look forward to seeing you on October 4th.

c: Rey Garcia, Texas Association of Community Colleges
Community, Technical, and State College Liaisons
Members, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE TASK FORCE

October 4, 2012
8:00AM – 10:00AM

Double Tree Hotel
6505 IH-35 North
Fourth Floor Capital Room
Austin, TX 78752

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Dennis Golden,
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AGENDA

1. Overview of the purpose, scope, and goals of the Task Force
2. Overview of Rider 53 and the NCHEMS report
3. Discussion with community college presidents and trustees on an alternative plan to Rider 53

NOTE: The Board will not consider or act upon any item before the Community College Task Force. This meeting is not a regular meeting of the full Board. Because the Board members who attend the Task Force meeting may create a quorum of the full Board, the meeting of the Community College Task Force is also being posted as a meeting of the full Board. Please note that the time referenced for concluding the meeting is a projection; the actual ending time may differ.