Supplemental Materials

AGENDA ITEM VII-D

Consideration of adopting the staff recommendation to the Board relating to appointment of members to the Higher Education Strategic Planning Committee

Recommendation: Authorize the Board Chair and the Chair of the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning to approve the membership of the Higher Education Strategic Planning Committee

Background Information:

The development of the new Higher Education Strategic Plan is an important step for Texas, one that requires consideration from all areas. 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. The Council for Continuous Improvement and Innovation in Texas Higher Education recommended that an advisory committee be established to develop the next long-range plan for higher education in Texas. Agenda Item VII-C that also will be considered during the January 2014 Coordinating Board meeting establishes rules for the committee membership.

On December 9, 2013, a memo requesting nominations for committee membership was distributed to all the chancellors and presidents of Texas institutions of higher education. Requests for business representatives were sent to the business community, with all nominations to be received by January 10, 2014. Once nominations were received, they were reviewed to ensure statewide coverage and even representation of all stakeholders.

Staff has been verifying that nominees are willing to serve and recruiting members in areas that are needed. We have not yet heard back from all the nominees.

David Gardner, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Planning and Policy/Chief Academic Officer, will discuss the recommended members