

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING–WORKFORCE CONTINUING EDUCATION
(Texas Public Community Colleges)

House Bill 2994, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, relating to workforce continuing education offered by public community colleges, amends Texas Education Code Chapter 130 by adding Subchapter L, Workforce Continuing Education. The legislation requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (“THECB” or “Board”) to adopt rules for the administration of this Subchapter. The THECB intends to engage in negotiated rulemaking to develop these rules.

In identifying persons likely affected by the proposed rules, the Convener of Negotiated Rulemaking sent a memo via email to all presidents at Texas public community colleges soliciting their interest and willingness to participate in the negotiated rulemaking process, or to nominate a representative from their campus.

From this effort, 21 individuals responded (out of approximately 83 affected entities) and expressed an interest to participate or nominated someone from their institution to participate on the negotiated rulemaking committee for workforce continuing education. The positions held by the volunteers and nominees include deans, directors, and associate vice presidents of continuing education. This indicates a probable willingness and authority of the affected interests to negotiate in good faith and a reasonable probability that a negotiated rulemaking process can result in a unanimous or, if the committee so chooses, a suitable general consensus on the proposed rule.

The following is a list of the stakeholders who are significantly affected by this rule and will be represented on the negotiated rulemaking committee for workforce continuing education:

1. Public Community Colleges; and
2. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The THECB proposes to appoint the following 20 individuals to the negotiating rulemaking committee for workforce continuing education to represent affected parties and the agency:

Public Community Colleges

Vernell Walker, Dean, Professional and Technical Education, Alamo Colleges District
James Simpson, Dean/Executive Director, Continuing Education, Alvin Community College
Hector Aguilar, Executive Dean, Continuing Education, Austin Community College
Anne Bartlett, Vice President, Industry and Community Resources, Brazosport College
Teresa Chavez, Director, Continuing Education, Central Texas College
Sherry Schumann, Sr. Vice President of Academic, Workforce, and Enrollment Services, Collin College District
Rose Galloway, Associate Vice President, Workforce and Continuing Education, Richland College, Dallas County Community College District
Leonard Rivera, Dean, Continuing Education and Off-Campus Programs, Del Mar College
Marta DeLa Fuente, Director, Continuing Education Health Programs, El Paso Community College
Djuna Forrester, Executive Director, Center for Workplace Learning, Grayson College
Lizza Trenkle, Vice President, Student Services, Hill College
Terry Kidd, Dean, Division of Extended Learning, Houston Community College System
Kerry Schindler, Senior Vice President, Instruction, Ranger College
Sarah Janes, Associate Vice Chancellor, Continuing & Professional Development, San Jacinto College District
Laura Sanchez, Associate Dean, Institutional Research and Effectiveness, South Texas College
Nancy Cure, Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Tarrant County College District
Aubrey Sharpe, Dean, Continuing Studies and Executive Administrator-West Campus, Tyler Junior College
Shari Gould, Director of Continuing Education, Allied Health, Victoria College
Tamara Sealy, Continuing Education Corporate Training Coordinator, Wharton County Junior College

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner, Academic Quality and Workforce

Meetings will be open to the public. If there are persons who are significantly affected by these proposed rules and are not represented by the persons named above, those persons may apply to the agency for membership on the negotiated rulemaking committee or nominate another person to represent their interests. Application for membership must be made in writing and include the following information:

- *Name and contact information of the person submitting the application;
- *Description of how the persons are significantly affected by the rule and how their interests are different than those represented by the persons named above;
- *Name and contact information of the person being nominated for membership; and
- *Description of the qualifications of the nominee to represent the person's interests.

The THECB requests comments on the Notice of Intent to engage in negotiated rulemaking and on the membership of the negotiated rulemaking committee for workforce continuing education. Comments and applications for membership on the committee must be submitted by September 18, 2017 to: Laurie A. Frederick, Convener, Negotiated Rulemaking, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, P.O. Box 12788, Austin, TX 78711, Fax: (512) 427-6127, Email: laurie.frederick@theqb.state.tx.us.

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