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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

# Media Advisory

**The Texas Higher Education Planning Committee will hold its next monthly meeting to continue deliberating the state's next strategic higher education plan that inspires and advances student success and positions Texas as a leader in an increasingly complex world economy.**

**WHEN:** **Thursday, May 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**WHERE:** **THECB Headquarters**
**1200 E. Anderson Lane, Austin TX 78752**

**AGENDA:** **10:00 a.m. Welcome, overview/approval of April 15 meeting minutes**

**10:10 a.m. International benchmarking with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)**

- Andreas Schleicher, Acting Director for the Directorate of Education and Skills and Special Advisor on Education Policy to the OECD's Secretary-General (via Skype)
- Members of the Council

**10:50 a.m. Higher education and the workforce**

- Jeff Strohl, Director of Research at the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce (via Skype)

**11:45 a.m. Working luncheon: Facilitated small group discussions**

Note: The Committee will be divided into small groups to discuss the following questions.

1. Is 60 percent of the Texas population's achievement of postsecondary educational training a reasonable benchmark for 2030, or should there be different levels?
2. Does your group recommend that we include the goal of workforce success in the next long-term higher education plan for Texas?

**1:00 p.m. Summary of small group discussions**

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

**WHO:** Committee members were appointed to represent the various regions of Texas and bring a wealth of experience and ideas from a variety of business and education organizations.

| Business | University | Community college |
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| Woody Hunt (El Paso) | James H. Dickerson (New Braunfels) | James Anderson (Killeen) |
| Steve Lyle (Dallas) | Larry R. Faulkner (Austin) | Martin Basaldua (Kingwood) |
| Donald (Dee) Margo (El Paso) | Bernie Francis (Carrollton) | Ramon Dovalina (Loredo) |
| | Robert Furgason (Corpus Christi) | Wright L. Lassiter Jr. (Dallas) |
| | Lionel Sosa (San Antonio) | Jerry Massey (Richmond) |
| | Jerry Turner (Austin) | |

| Private college | Career schools | ISD/Other |
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| Jerry Bawcam (Belton) | Terry Seufert (Tomball) | Shirley Richardson (Temple) |
| E.D. (Doug) Hodo (Boerne) | | Laurie Bricker (Houston) |
| | | Cathy Obriotti Green (San Antonio) |

During the deliberations process, the THECB will solicit public input via stakeholder meetings and online tools such as College Town Hall-Texas, an interactive, THECB-hosted website (www.collegetownhalltx.com) that provides an opportunity to share ideas, respond to new initiatives and join the dialogue on the future of higher education in the state. The public will be able to help shape future higher education policy as Texas sets its sights on becoming a national and international leader.