JOINT ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE
TEXAS EDUCATION RESEARCH CENTERS
AGENDA

March 19, 2009

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Board Room 2.140
9:00 AM

Committee Members Present: Susan Brown for Commissioner Paredes, Lizzette Reynolds for Commissioner Scott, Don Barfield, Harlan Howell, Michael Nettles, Jim Parsons, and Carla Stevens

Committee Members Absent: Thomas Bailey, Belinda Biscoe, and Daniel Solorzano

The meeting convened at 9:08 a.m.

Acting for the Commissioners, THECB Assistant Commissioner Susan Brown opened the meeting by asking attendees to introduce themselves.

I. Consideration of Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2008 meeting

The board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the December 4th, 2008 meeting.

II. Update on Gates Funding and Data

A Proposal Guidelines document was handed out and discussed. The JAB members can provide input by contacting Greg Carlson of Susan Brown.

The upcoming Data Fellows program was discussed. The program provides District representatives the opportunity to 1) familiarize themselves with ERC data, and 2) determine District uses for the data. JAB members can contact Greg Carlson or Susan Brown if they want to provide input on District uses of the data.

III. Consideration of Approval of Fee Schedules for: (a) Use of ERC Resources, and (b) Hiring ERC to Conduct Research.

ERC representatives provided a handout reflecting their work to date on the ERC Fee schedules. JAB members offered their input and guidance.

IV. Consideration of Approval of New Research Projects

A. **TAMU Proposal 1** – Understanding the Link between School Disciplinary Violations, Dropout, and Justice Involvement ***was approved***.

B. **TAMU Proposal 2** – Evaluation of International Baccalaureate Programs ***was approved.***

C. **UT Austin Proposal 1** – Student Critical Transitions and Success in Postsecondary Education ***was approved.***

D. **UT Austin Proposal 2** - Training Teachers to Deliver Design-Based Engineering Instruction ***was approved.***

E. **UT Dallas Proposal 1** - Performance, Preferences, and Allocation in the Market for School Principals and Teachers **was approved**.

F. **UT Dallas Proposal 2** – Determinants of Heterogeneity in Math Skill Development ***was approved.***

G. **UT Dallas Proposal 3** - The Effect of the Texas 10% Law on Student Incentives and Academic Performance was ***conditionally approved. The conditional approval is only to permit the researcher to use the data to demonstrate the validity of the methodology. This proposal is to be revisited within the next two JAB meetings for a second review and decision.***

H. **UT Dallas Proposal 4** - The Effects of Technology on Educational Outcomes ***was approved.***

Jim Parson asked that the minutes of the meeting reflect that the JAB members have continued concerns that some research proposals do not adequately clarify why ERC data is needed for the research project.

V. Consideration of Approval of ERC Procedures for Allocating Research Access Capacity (if needed)

There was no discussion on this topic.

VI. Consideration of Approval of Revisions to JAB and ERC Policies (if needed)

There was no discussion on this topic.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.