JOINT ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE
TEXAS EDUCATION RESEARCH CENTERS

Minutes of the June 17, 2009 Meeting

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Board Room 2.140

Committee Members Present: Susan Brown for Commissioner Paredes, Jim Van Overschelde for Commissioner Scott, Don Barfield, Belinda Biscoe, Harlan Howell, Michael Nettles, and Carla Stevens

Committee Members Absent: Thomas Bailey and Daniel Solorzano

The meeting convened at 9:15 a.m.

Acting for the Commissioners, THECB Assistant Commissioner Susan Brown opened the meeting.

I. Consideration of Approval of Minutes from March 19th 2009 meeting

The board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the March 19th, 2009 meeting.

II. Consideration of Extending the Research Deadline for the Initial Research Proposals Included in the Original ERC Contracts

Due to Educational Research Center start-up delays, timely completion of the original research projects was in jeopardy. These projects were included as part of the original contracts between the TEA/THECB and the Educational Research Centers. The Joint Advisory Board unanimously voted to extend the completion date for these projects to August 31st, 2011.

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

The ERC fee structure was unanimously approved.

IV. Update on Gates Funding and Data, and Update on the TWC Memorandum of Understanding

The Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Workforce Commission has been delayed because the TWC included a clause that prohibits ERC use of TWC data for profit.

The THECB is currently conducting the first of two Summer Data Fellows training sessions for the larger Texas school districts.

V. Consideration of Approval of New Research Projects

A. UT Dallas Proposal 1 – (Infiniti) An Analysis of Engineering Curriculum on Students' Academic Achievement in Texas High Schools.

B. UT Dallas Proposal 2 – (AP & College Readiness) The Relationship between Advanced Placement and College Readiness

After discussion, both research projects were unanimously approved.

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

There was no discussion on this topic

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

There was no discussion on this topic

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.