



Student Representation on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Texas Education Code, Sec. 61.0225 authorizes the Governor to appoint a non-voting, student representative to the Coordinating Board for a one-year term. The student Board member brings the student perspective to critical discussions and decisions made by the governing board. As the voice of students statewide, student Board members meet with student regents and student governments across the state to gain an in-depth understanding of their challenges, experiences, and positions on key issues.

Most recently, the student Board member has convened students to discuss the possibility of integrating electronic textbooks into higher education campuses more broadly. This student task force contributed to the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Cost Efficiencies which is in the process of submitting final recommendations to the Coordinating Board for consideration.

Previous Student Board Members

Charles E. “Trey” Lewis III, Houston	2008
Heather Morris, Lubbock	2009

Current Student Board Member

Eric A. Rohne, Corpus Christi	2010
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Texas Education Code – Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Non-Voting Student Representative

Sec. 61.0225. NONVOTING STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE. (a) In this section:

(1) "Board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successor agency.

(2) "Student government" means the representative student organization directly elected by the student body of an institution of higher education.

(b) A student representative shall be appointed to the board. The student representative is not a state officer. Except as otherwise provided by this section, the appointment of a student representative to the board shall be made in the same manner as a student regent is appointed under Section 51.355(c). The student representative to the board serves a term that is the same as the term of a student regent appointed under Section 51.355.

(c) The board shall develop a uniform application form to be used by each institution of higher education to solicit applicants for the position of student representative to the board.

(d) For an institution of higher education that is not part of a university system, the president of the institution, from among the applicants selected as the student government's recommendations for the position of student representative to the board, shall select two or more applicants as the institution's recommendations for the position and send the applications of those applicants to the governor in accordance with the deadline established under Section 51.355(c) for a chancellor to send applications to the governor for a student regent.

(e) A student representative to the board must meet the minimum requirements prescribed by Section 51.355(d) for a student regent, as those requirements apply to an institution of higher education.

(f) The student representative has the same powers and duties as the members of the board, including the right to attend and participate in meetings of the board, except that the student representative:

(1) may not vote on any matter before the board or make or second any motion before the board; and

(2) is not counted in determining whether a quorum exists for a meeting of the board or in determining the outcome of any vote of the board.

(g) The student representative serves without pay but shall be reimbursed for the actual expenses incurred by the student representative in attending the meetings of

the board or in attending to other work of the board when that work is approved by the chairman of the board.

(h) The student government of the institution of higher education at which a current student representative was enrolled at the time of the student representative's appointment may not solicit applicants for the position of student representative for the next regular term of the position.

(i) A vacancy in the position of student representative shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the governor.

Added by Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1311](#), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2007.