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**JOINT COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
GOVERNANCE, EXCELLENCE & TRANSPARENCY**

Friday, November 18, 2011

10:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with HCR 63, a public hearing of the Joint Committee on Oversight of Higher Education Governance, Excellence & Transparency was held on Friday, November 18, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Co-Chair  
Representative Dan Branch, Co-Chair  
Representative Dennis Bonnen  
Senator John Carona  
Representative Joaquín Castro  
Senator Robert Duncan  
Representative Lois Kolkhorst  
Representative Jim Pitts  
Senator Kel Seliger

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Rodney Ellis  
Representative Eric Johnson  
Senator Kirk Watson

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Craig Estes  
Representative Donna Howard

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Senator Judith Zaffirini and Representative Dan Branch, Co-Chairs, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Co-Chair Zaffirini recognized the Senate clerk to call roll. Co-Chair Branch recognized the House clerk to call roll.

The Co-Chairs made opening remarks.

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Co-Chair Zaffirini called the following persons to provide invited testimony about best practices relating to governing boards and administrators:

- Carol Carlson Gunn, PhD, Chair, Midwestern State University Board of Regents
- Jesse Rogers, PhD, President, Midwestern State University
- John R. Garrett, M.B.A., Chair, Stephen F. Austin State University Board of Regents
- Baker Pattillo, PhD, President, Stephen F. Austin State University

Co-Chair Branch called the following persons to provide invited testimony about best practices relating to governing boards and administrators:

- Glenn O. Lewis, J.D., Chair, Texas Southern University Board of Regents
- John M. Rudley, PhD, President, Texas Southern University
- P. Mike McCullough, J.D., Chair, Texas Woman's University Board Regents
- Ann Stuart, PhD, Chancellor and President, Texas Woman's University

Co-Chair Zaffirini called the following persons to provide invited testimony about best practices relating to governing boards and administrators:

- Renu Khator, PhD, Chancellor, University of Houston System
- Lee Jackson, M.P.A., Chancellor, University of North Texas System
- Kent Hance, J.D., Chancellor, Texas Tech University System
- Brian McCall, PhD, Chancellor, Texas State University System

There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Co-Chair Zaffirini laid out the proposed minutes from the October 17 hearing. Co-Chair Branch moved their approval. There being no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Co-Chair Branch called the following persons to provide invited testimony about best practices relating to governing boards and administrators:

- Francisco Cigarroa, M.D., Chancellor, The University of Texas System
- Bill Powers, J.D., President, The University of Texas at Austin
- John Sharp, M.P.A., Chancellor, Texas A&M University System
- R. Bowen Loftin, PhD, President, Texas A&M University

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Co-Chair Zaffirini called the following resource witnesses to answer questions from the Committee:

- David E. Daniel, PhD, President, The University of Texas at Dallas
- Ray Keck, PhD, President, Texas A&M International University
- Ricardo Romo, PhD, President, The University of Texas at San Antonio
- James D. Spaniolo, J.D., President, The University of Texas at Arlington

At 3:47 p.m. Co-Chair Zaffirini closed invited testimony and opened the floor for public testimony.

Names of witnesses who provided public testimony are shown on the attached list. Co-Chair Zaffirini closed public testimony at 3:47 p.m.

There being no further business, at 3:48 p.m., the Co-Chairs announced that the Joint Committee would stand recessed, subject to the call of the Co-Chairs.

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Senator Judith Zaffirini, Co-Chair

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Representative Dan Branch, Co-Chair

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Ashlee Peña, Clerk

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Dustin Meador, Clerk