

DRAFT MINUTES

CTTC Advisory Board August 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes

CENTRAL TEXAS TECHNOLOGY CENTER (CTTC) ADVISORY BOARD			
The City of New Braunfels in partnership with the City of Seguin established the Central Texas Technology Center (CTTC) Board to assist in the administration of the CTTC and its programs. The CTTC Board is charged with the responsibility of oversight for the CTTC and with keeping both City Council's informed on the operations.			
<i>10 members / 3-year terms, lifetime max of 2 terms / quorum = majority of duly appointed (6 of 10)</i>			
NEW BRAUNFELS		SEGUIN	
X	Rachel Behnke – New Braunfels ISD – Secretary	X	Sergio Juarrieta– Seguin ISD
X	Bret Bradberry - Caterpillar. – Vice-Chair	X	Jason Dinscore – CMC, steel - Chair
	Shane Hines – New Braunfels EDC	X	Vanessa Ritenour – Navarro ISD
	Lucas Conder	X	Mark Long – First Commercial Bank
X	Renee Martinez, Comal ISD		Josh Wilson – GRMC
OTHER MEETING ATTENDEES: Josh Schneuker, City of Seguin Jessica Dersen, City of Seguin Shannon Gildea, City of New Braunfels Michele Boggs, New Braunfels Chamber Sharon Nittinger, Northeast Lakeview College Mike Anderson, TSTC Rusty Brockman, Cemex Dr. Veronica Garcia – Alamo Colleges – Northeast Lakeview College Jim Holster – community member			

Meeting called to order at 7:47am

Roll call; Quorum established with 7 of 10 appointed members present

Minutes from June 11, 2024 reviewed, motion made to approve minutes; seconded; minutes approved

No citizen communication presented

Discussion and Updates

- A) Update and discussion from the Facility Naming & Signage Committee – Mike Crowley will follow up on this; we do have a contact from TxDOT for signage; update requested for next meeting
- B) Update and discussion from the Workforce & ISDs Committee – met 8/12/24 to review IBCs and Programs of Study; one area of focus this semester is Manufacturing; ISDs

shared areas where they could use the most support in WBL for cybersecurity, health science and advanced manufacturing. Looking for places to host students for practicums and job shadowing. Going to look at both programs of study under Manufacturing and bring them before our Manufacturing and Engineering companies. Shared recommendation is to look at pos, invite companies to provide that feedback.

- a. We no longer have healthcare on this board, how can we continue to build those bridges
- b. Another meeting and update for next meeting

Reports and Updates

ISDs

- Comal ISD – second externship at Rehab, Hunter, Walmart Distribution; wrapped up with realigning programs of study after CCMR work this spring- used recommendations to align programs so that schools offer similar content; offered over 1300 industry-based certifications; still see some difficulty for students who have to be 18
 - Question related to budget cuts in Comal ISD and if it affected any CTE programs; no programs cut, only vehicles were cut; a group called 1925 to try and make decisions related to funding
- Navarro ISD – not in a deficit budget this year; enrollment has increased by 109 this year; total enrollment has increased by over 500 students; hired 2 middle school CTE teachers; 2 new teachers at the high school; IBCs were stagnant this year so wrote department goals this year to increase enrollment in programs and pass rate
- New Braunfels ISD – 600 IBCs last year; 17 students completed CNA training this summer; first year with 2
- Seguin ISD – 25 teachers, 17 programs of study, 118 IBCs, 2200+ students so looking to increase those numbers; looking at extended practicums and middle school; refine programs at the high school with a focus on Engineering to help prepare for Manufacturing; recommendation for entrance/exit in the Pharmacy Tech P-TECH; building an Ag Science building; new Superintendent with a clear vision

TSTC

- Permit for the welding lab; booths are in the ground; all equipment received. Found a way to add another section of both welding and IST so they were able to clear the waitlist; workforce welding courses in the evening; will have to add faculty and staff for the workforce training, more recruitment staff – Glen oversees all recruitment for Austin and San Antonio, possibly enrollment coaches; hired a program team lead who is the liaison for the faculty will start this fall; will be focusing on land procurement and fundraising; Orientation on 8/21 with all services provided; 8/26 will be the annual TxFAME Signing Day

TxFAME

- Cohort 1 bout to wrap up 3rd semester; biggest challenge has been the general ed classes. Cohort 2 is up to 14 hired/sponsored; Orientation will be 8/26. Added a couple new companies from last year. Recruitment will ramp up with ISDs soon, especially

seniors. Our chapter is one of the strongest in relation to support from manufacturing community

Alamo College/Northeast Lakeview College

- Classes start on 8/26; orientation on 8/22. Double in enrollment since last Fall. Biology and Chemistry are full. Networking is full; building an IT lab. There are multiple pathways but the first two semesters are general classes that are foundations for all. Business is non-academic; faculty from Seguin and NB for 3 courses. Morning and evening classes are filling well; The name does make it difficult for people to know that academic courses are offered; want to work with ISDs to schedule dual credit at times of the day that students can attend; would like counselors to know more about them; SB 17 has created challenges for gender based groups to be mentored or award scholarships – a gap especially for young men
 - o Two universities interested in using their space for evening and weekend spaces; had 720 students at YMCA camps so they are looking to see if we could host something in NB also; Bezos Academy will be opening this fall for preschool spots but they will be moving away from college; increased degree completion and decreased poverty by 2%

Chamber of Commerce

- Working with Early Matters San Antonio for the child care issue; putting groups together to work with businesses and facilities; want to create a toolbox for local companies, work with local facilities to increase their rating, provide help for entrepreneurs who want to start home-based daycare, work with ISDs to build capacity on preschool. Also working on legislative priorities – early childcare funding, public school funding, working with TSTC to find land and funding, transportation concerns related to 46.

City of Seguin

- Regional job fair with Cibolo, NB Chamber, and Schertz EDC had 158 job seekers and 52 businesses; will look at job seeker data – 94 were unemployed, employers said 78 job seekers applied and 43 were offered an interview or a position. Seguin EDC Workforce Newsletter called the Seguin Spark; next job fair will be at NB Food Bank for Trade and Tech – skilled trades and technology of jobs with an earning potential of at least \$18/hr. on November 7.
- Seguin EDC – Talent Pipeline Management for Manufacturing the end of this calendar year; convening K-12, and postsecondary groups to dig into labor market data and align with CTE programs

Next meeting on October 8th

Meeting adjourned 9:01am