

**Texas Urban Council**  
**Minutes of Council Retreat**  
November 12, 2021, 1:00 pm

<u>Council Members Present:</u>	<u>Council Members Absent:</u>	<u>Others Present:</u>
Stephanie Elizalde – Chair Elect Rene Gutierrez Roland Hernandez Michael Hinojosa Millard House Xavier De La Torre	LaTonya Goffney - Chair Robert Jaklich Kent Scribner Vince Sheffield	*See attached attendee list

The meeting was called to order at on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm by TUC Chair-Elect, Stephanie Elizalde. A quorum of a majority of council members was established for the transaction of business.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Dallas to approve the minutes from the previous September 24, 2021 Council meeting, seconded by Ysleta. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

**2. Membership Dues and Budget Review**

Dr. Hinojosa reviewed the history of Texas Urban Council for newer members, including Legislative Updates by engaging Louann Martinez. With regard to the budget, he reviewed the assessment made in the 2019-2020 budget because of over-spending. With the assistance of TASA as our Fiscal Manager, TUC was able to rightsize the budget and kept line-items the same. He also reviewed TUC’s new relationship with Commit as the program consultant, and asked Todd Williams to say a few words. Todd spoke about reaching out to funders to help support the efforts of TUC and announced the Gates Foundation agreed to contribute \$1,000,000 over the next three years, holding Commit accountable for making sure they are doing everything they can to support TUC as a program partner. As part of that process, Commit is able to have a budget allocation for capacity building, including additional consultant support with access to those Partner relationships that can help move the needle for our students.

Dr. Hinojosa asked for a motion to approve the modified budget; Fort Worth made a motion, seconded by Austin. The Board unanimously approved the budget.

### **3. Other Business**

#### **2022 TUC Board Meeting Dates**

Dr. Elizalde presented the recommended 2022 Board Dates:

- Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:00p – 5:00p: TUC Mid-Winter Conference (*Austin*)
- Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:00p – 5:00p: TUC Learning Community Virtual Meeting
  - *Date changed from recommended April 15<sup>th</sup> because of Good Friday*
- Jun. 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30a – 3:00p: TASA txedFest Summer Conf. (*Round Rock*)
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>: TUC Annual Retreat (*TBD*)
- Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00p – 3:30p: TASA/TASB txEDConvention (*San Antonio*)

Dr. Elizalde asked for a motion to approve the Meeting Dates; Dallas moved and Houston seconded. The meeting dates were adopted unanimously.

#### **Vision, Mission and Goals**

Miguel Solis led a discussion reminding the Council of their creation for a clear Vision, Mission and set of Goals during the meeting in September. After leading several exercises, the Council agreed to move forward with the following:

##### **Vision:**

“To transform Texas urban school districts into places where all students are prepared to thrive in the world.”

##### **Mission:**

“We leverage the collective power of Texas’ largest urban school districts to transform educational practices and improve student outcomes through collaborative innovation and strategic advocacy.”

##### **Goals:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Literacy and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Readiness in Math
- College Readiness

Recommendation to update TUC website with new Vision, Mission and Goals.

Dr. Elizalde asked for a motion and an amendment to adopt the above Vision,-Mission and Goals. Fort Worth made the motion and Aldine seconded. The Vision, Mission and Goals were approved unanimously.

### **4. Chair Closing Remarks**

There being no further business, the Board portion of the Retreat concluded at 2:15pm.

## **5. Other Programming**

The TUC Retreat continued through Sunday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> with Guest Speakers and program exercises.

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### **Actions taken:**

- The Council unanimously approved the minutes from the previous Council meeting.
- The Council unanimously approved the Budget Amendment.
- The Council unanimously approved the meeting dates for 2022.
- The Council unanimously approved TUC's Mission, Vision and Goals.

### **Upcoming meetings:**

January 30, 2022 (TUC Mid-Winter Conference - Austin)

April 8, 2022 (TUC Learning Community Virtual Meeting)

June 21, 2022 (TASA txedFest – Round Rock)

November 11 – 13, 2022 (TUC Annual Retreat - *TBD*)

September 22, 2022 (TASA/TASB Convention – San Antonio)

**Guests**

Nicole De Santis – BCG  
J. Puckett – BCG  
Robert Avossa – Chiefs for Change  
Alan Cohen – Child Poverty Action Lab  
Miguel Solis – Commit Partnership  
Ann Monroe – Commit Partnership  
Todd Williams – Commit Partnership  
Kate Hoffman – Commit Partnership  
Bridget Devlin – Texas Impact Network  
Donald Kamentz – ContigoEd  
Chad Spurgeon – ContigoEd  
Susan Dawson – E3 Alliance  
Andrea Jacks – E3 Alliance  
Jane Henzerling – ILO Group  
Bridget Worley – Texas Impact Network  
Elizabeth Casas – Aldine ISD  
Abel Garza – Aldine ISD  
Dawn Ayers Rodríguez – Aldine ISD  
Adrian Bustillos – Aldine ISD  
Todd Davis – Aldine ISD  
Xochitl Rodriguez – Aldine ISD  
Katherine Roede – Aldine ISD  
Toni Cordova – Austin ISD  
Anthony Mays – Austin ISD  
Eduardo Ramos – Austin ISD  
Jacob Reach – Austin ISD  
Beatriz Hernandez – Brownsville ISD  
Anysia Trevino – Brownsville ISD  
Leanne Libby – Corpus Christi ISD  
Sandra Clement – Corpus Christi ISD  
Karen Griffith – Corpus Christi ISD  
Cynthia Hernandez – Corpus Christi ISD  
Kimberley James – Corpus Christi ISD  
Sonia Zyla – Corpus Christi ISD  
Brian Lusk – Dallas ISD  
Tiffany Huitt – Dallas ISD  
Dwayne Thompson – Dallas ISD  
Robert Abel – Dallas ISD  
Susana Cordova – Dallas ISD  
Pamela Lear – Dallas ISD  
Shannon Trejo – Dallas ISD  
Pamela Lear – Dallas ISD  
Alan Wiernicki – El Paso ISD  
Patricia Cortez – El Paso ISD  
Martha Aguirre – El Paso ISD  
Cezy Collins – El Paso ISD

**Guests (cont'd)**

Jerry Moore – Fort Worth ISD  
Raul Pena – Fort Worth ISD  
David Saenz – Fort Worth ISD  
Marcey Sorensen – Fort Worth ISD  
Cherie Washington – Fort Worth ISD  
Rick Cruz – Houston ISD  
Silvia Trinh – Houston ISD  
Nicole Franco – San Antonio ISD  
Bobbi Russell-Garcia – Ysleta ISD  
Monica Bustillos – Ysleta ISD  
Brenda Chacon-Robles – Ysleta ISD  
Lynly Leeper – Ysleta ISD  
Scott Thoreson – Ysleta ISD  
James Vasquez – Ysleta ISD