

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE ALAMO COLLEGIATE NETWORK,
A GOVERNING BOARD FOR PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS
AND THE ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021
4:00 PM**

**Via video/teleconference pursuant to the Open Meetings Act procedures announced by
Governor Abbot**

The Governing Board of the Alamo Collegiate Network, a governing board for partnerships between independent school districts and the Alamo Community College District, authorized by SB 1882 (85th), codified at Texas Education Code § 11.174, will conduct a meeting of the Board via telephonic and video conference on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. The meeting of the Alamo Collegiate Network Board will convene in open session at 4:00 PM.

NOTICE CONCERNING PUBLIC ACCESS

As permitted by the Texas Governor's declaration on March 16, 2020, governmental bodies may conduct meetings by telephone or video conference to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings. The Alamo Collegiate Network Board's Meeting on April 27, 2021 will be accessible to the public and allow the public to participate via telephone and video audio conference. Any member of the public may participate in the Alamo Collegiate Network Board Meeting by clicking the link <https://alamo.zoom.us/j/91890846863> or by calling telephone number 1-346-248-7799, and entering Meeting ID: 918 9084 6863 when prompted. Additionally, the Board members, Chancellor, participating staff and attorneys will participate by video conference to facilitate the roll call, quorum, and any executive session. The Alamo Collegiate Network Board Meeting will not be conducted from any physical location of the College District.

An electronic copy of the agenda packet that the Board will consider is posted at <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/679>.

The meeting will be recorded and available to the public after the meeting.

The Alamo Collegiate Network Board meeting is being held for the reasons listed below, is authorized in accordance with the Texas Government Code, §§ 551.001 - 551.146. Verification of Notice of Meeting and Agenda are on file in the Office of the Chancellor. Executive Session, if required, is authorized by Chapter 551 and will be conducted prior to the conclusion of the meeting. If it is decided during the course of the meeting that discussion of any item listed on the agenda should be held in Executive Session, the Board will convene in Executive Session in accordance with Tex. Govt. Code §§ 551.071 - 551.087. In order to vote on items discussed in Executive Session, the Board must take action in the open portion of the meeting on items discussed in the Executive Session. The Board will consider, discuss, and take appropriate action regarding the following items:

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CERTIFICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

A. Registration: A Citizen to be Heard is required to email Kristi Booth at kbooth@alamo.edu by 3:00 pm on April 27, 2021 to register to speak by providing his/her name, the name of the organization if speaking on behalf of an organization, and the agenda item number as to which the Citizen will speak. Staff will contact the citizen to ensure they are able to participate via the zoom link and telephone number provided on the agenda. Individuals will have a three-minute time period. State law limits Trustee response to public comments.

6. RECOGNITIONS

A. Recognition of Retirement of Dr. Derrick Thomas, Principal of St. Philip's College Early College High School

Presenter: Sara Mann

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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8. BOARD PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation on Alamo Collegiate Network Quarterly Update 9

Presenter: Sara Mann and Dr. Luke Dowden

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to §551.071, Texas Government Code, the Board may consult with its attorneys to seek their advice on matter(s) in which the duty of the attorney(s) to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.

B. Pursuant to § 551.071, Texas Government Code, the Board may consult with its attorneys about pending and threatened litigations.

C. Pursuant to §551.072, Texas Government Code, the Board may deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

D. Pursuant to §551.074, Texas Government Code, the Board may deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, performance of duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee(s), including, without limitation, the Chancellor.

E. Any action on these matters will be taken in Open Session.

10. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

A. Discussion and Possible Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session.

11. SETTING OF NEXT MEETING DATE

A. The next meeting of the Alamo Collegiate Network will be scheduled for July 2021.

12. ADJOURNMENT

4:00 P.M. ON THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL 2021

This meeting will not be conducted at a physical location.

Dr. Mike Flores
Board Chairman

Recognition of Dr. Derrick Thomas
Retiring Principal – St. Philip’s College Early College High School

Dr. Derrick Thomas has served his community in many roles as an educator for 39 years. He has taught Kindergarten through the college level and has served as an administrator in both the public and private school settings, and at all levels of the K-12 system. His experience bridges both campus and central office positions and his leadership has been instrumental in leading multiple underperforming campuses to exceptional performance levels. In fact, one such campus led by Dr. Thomas, the Martin Luther King Academy, saw such significant success they were recognized with the



Governor’s Educational Excellence Award for three separate years. Dr. Thomas was the founding principal of SPC-ECHS and currently still serves in this position. Dr. Thomas’ vision to provide avenues for at-risk students to enhance their educational experiences while changing their life trajectory through a college education comes to life through his work, his campus leadership, and his partnership with Dr. Adena Williams Loston and the St. Philip’s College team. His humble nature means that Dr. Thomas is quick to credit the success of his campuses to his leadership team and staff, and likewise, with the “A” rating that St. Philip’s College ECHS carries from the state of Texas, he will give credit to his high school team and the many college departments they work with; but the truth is Dr. Thomas’ commitment to students has always driven him to lead those he works with to create the best opportunities possible for his students. Dr. Thomas is a servant leader, a committed advocate for students, and an impactful educator that has influenced thousands of young people throughout his career.

Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of the Regular Alamo Collegiate Network Board Meeting held on December 15, 2020

Presented and recommended for approval to the Alamo Collegiate Network Board of Trustees on April 27, 2021

MINUTE ORDER:

“The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alamo Collegiate Network held on December 15, 2020 are hereby approved.”

PURPOSE:

To officially approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Alamo Collegiate Network held on December 15, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

The Alamo Collegiate Network is required by SB 1882 to hold a minimum of three annual meetings and make minutes of the meetings available to the public.

ATTACHMENTS:

December 15, 2020 Alamo Collegiate Network Meeting Minutes

Dr. Mike Flores
Board Chairman

Date

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
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AND THE ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020 4:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Mike Flores called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Alamo Collegiate Network to order on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 4:05 p.m.

As permitted by the Texas Governor's declaration on March 16, 2020, governmental bodies may conduct meetings by telephone or video conference to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings. This Board Meeting is being conducted by telephone conference and video conference. This meeting is accessible to the public and allows the public to participate telephonically by two-way audio conference. Any member of the public may participate in the Board Meeting by calling telephone number printed on the agenda. Additionally, the Board members, Chancellor, participating staff and attorneys will participate by video conference to facilitate the roll call, quorum, and any executive session

2. CERTIFICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE

This meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. I shall now call the roll.

3. ROLL CALL

The following board members were present:

Dr. Mike Flores
Dr. Yvonne Katz
Samantha Gallegos
Dr. Robert Garza
Dr. Adena Williams Loston
Dr. Robert Vela

Dr. Flores announced that a quorum of board members was present.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was recited.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF BOARD CHAIR FOR THIS MEETING

On a motion by Dr. Katz, seconded by Dr. Vela and by unanimous vote of the Board, the following amended minute order was approved:

“The Alamo Collegiate Network Board hereby approves Dr. Mike Flores as the permanent Chair of the Alamo Collegiate Network Board Meeting”

6. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ALAMO COLLEGIATE NETWORK BOARD MEETING

A. Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of the Regular Alamo Collegiate Network Board Meeting on October 6, 2020

On a motion by Dr. Katz, seconded by Dr. Loston and by unanimous vote of the Board, the following minute order was approved:

“The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alamo Collegiate Network held on October 6, 2020 are hereby approved.”

8. BOARD PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation on Alamo Collegiate Network Quarterly Update

Sara Mann, Director of District Charter Partnerships, presented on the December Quarterly Update, Current Campus Enrollments, Partnership Agreement Performance Contract, Partnership Opportunities, Future ACN Meetings, and the December Quarterly Update Summary.

B. Presentation on Fox Tech High School Health & Law Professions

Jennifer Benavides, Principal of Fox Tech High School for Health & Law Professions, presented on Designated as an “A” Rated Campus by TEA, H-TECH at Fox Tech, and the First H-TECH Cohort 2020-2021.

C. Presentation on St. Philip's College Early College High School

Dr. Derrick Thomas, Principal of St. Philip’s College Early College High School presented, on St. Philip’s College ECHS Partnership with St. Philip’s College, ECHS Program of Studies, his background, and Why the ECHS exists.

D. Presentation on Travis Early College High School

Adrianna Arredondo, Principal of Travis Early College High School, shared a video on the Early College High School and presented on Annual Update, Accolades of Success, Supporting the Learning Community, and the Continued Partnership.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**No Executive Session**

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D. Pursuant to §551.072, Texas Government Code, the Board may deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

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F. Any action on these matters will be taken in Open Session

10. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**No Executive Session**

A. Discussion and Possible Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, this meeting is now adjourned at 5:31 pm.

Submitted for Approval:

Kristi Booth

Kristi Booth

Title: Executive Assistant to the
Vice Chancellor for Academic Success

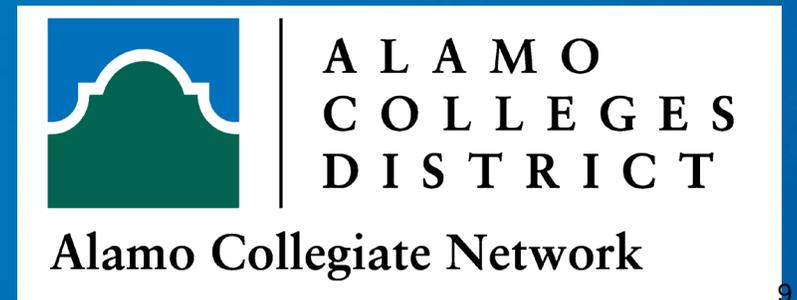
Alamo Collegiate Network

Quarterly Update

ACN Board Meeting
April 27, 2021

Sara Mann
Director of District Charter Partnerships

Dr. Luke Dowden
Chief Online Learning Officer



April Quarterly Update

- Campus Enrollment and Learner Participation
- Campus Highlights
- Targeted Areas of Development
- Future Meeting Dates and Tasks

Current Campus Enrollments

- Fox Tech High School
 - Enrollment – 468
 - Average Daily Attendance - 92.24%
 - Current IPI Participation – 35%
- St. Philip's College ECHS
 - Enrollment – 354
 - Average Daily Attendance - 93%
 - Current IPI Participation – 41%
- Travis ECHS
 - Enrollment – 433
 - Average Daily Attendance - 97%
 - Current IPI Participation – 20%

All campuses are following SAISD guidelines for In-Person Instruction (IPI) and working to increase IPI to 50% for the remainder of the year.

Campus Highlights



- Current scholarships = \$3,404,848
- 86 seniors, 59 w/certificates (working towards 100%)
- 2 Alamo Bowl Scholars & 2 Trinity University last dollar scholarship recipients
- 100% applied/98% accepted
- 100% Alamo Promise
- Current 9th grade H-TECH = 68 (100%) on track with 9 DC hours by end of summer

- Current scholarships = \$1,600,000
- 45 seniors, 28 will graduate with an AA or Certificate upon graduation
- Dell Scholar, Alamo Bowl Scholar
- Training and planning for AVID implementation to begin 21-22 school year

- Current scholarships = \$2,053,704
- 74 seniors, 71 will graduate with an AA or Certificate upon graduation
- 12 Dell Scholars & 1 Questbridge Recipient w/ Princeton
- SAC Distinguished Graduate in Liberal Arts
- Development of new programming for AAT

Targeted Areas of Development Across ACN

- Enrollment
 - Recruitment
 - Increasing at-risk enrollment and those in special populations
- Collaboration
 - Professional Development
 - Administrative
 - Working Teams
 - Summer Courses
 - Development of Learning Circles for collaboration with professors on content and pedagogy
- Transfer Advising Guides
 - Use to direct paths for students and educating high school staff on TAGS
- Badging
 - Exploring badge options for 21-22 implementation

Mission

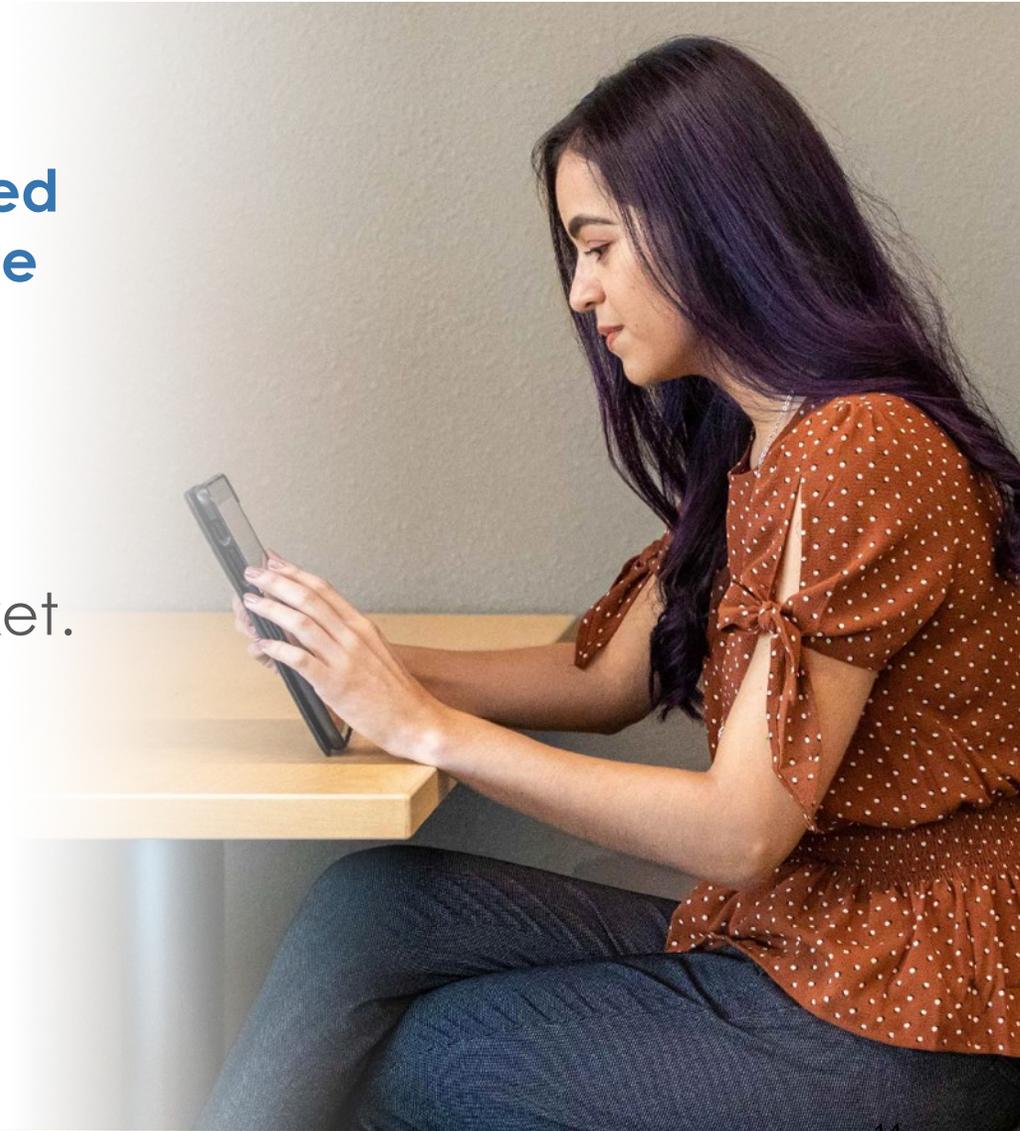
To empower students for success by **awarding verified digital badges** that **articulate in-demand marketable skills** to employers.

Vision

Digital badges increase **social mobility** and position students for greater **competitiveness** in the job market.

Guiding Principles

- Competency-based
- Marketable Skills
- Credentialed faculty members and trainers



Benefits

- Increase student engagement by motivating, rewarding and **validating** learning
- Increase students' **awareness of skills** gained by connecting content to the workforce
- Make courses more attractive by **articulating** marketable skills **to employers**
- Align with [THECB Marketable Skills Goals](#)
- Create a method for reporting students' acquisition of marketable skills
- Provide data for identifying and addressing workforce skills gaps



What is a Digital Badge?

- Digital credentials that people earn by demonstrating a skill
- Consist of an image and metadata
- Aligned with Open Badges 2.0 standards
- Sharable on social media platforms



Open Badges 2.0

ANATOMY OF AN OPEN BADGE:

- Badge Name
- Badge Criteria
- Badge Image
- Issuer
- Recipient
- Tags
- Alignment (Standards)
- Issue Date
- Expiration Date
- Evidence
- Endorsement
- Language
- Version



Where can I see the badges currently offered?

- Alamo.badgr.com

What is a verified issuer?

- A **badge issuer** is an organization responsible for issuing badges.
- A **Badge Coach** or **Badge Specialist** awards the badge on behalf of the issuer.

The screenshot shows the Alamo Colleges District digital badge website. At the top left is the Alamo Colleges District logo. To the right are links for 'Sign In', 'Create Account', and 'Resources'. The main content area features a large blue banner with the Alamo Colleges District logo on the left and the following text on the right: 'ORGANIZATION', 'Alamo Colleges District', 'The five Alamo Colleges—Northeast Lakeview College, Northwest Vista College, Palo Alto College, St. Philip's College, and San Antonio College—in the Alamo Colleges District strive to empower students ... View More', and two buttons: 'Visit Website' and an email icon. Below the banner, there are tabs for '8 Issuers' and '23 Badges'. Under the 'Badges' tab, there is a heading 'Badges' with a gear icon, followed by a paragraph: 'Each of these Badges was created by an Issuer at Alamo Colleges District to recognize an achievement. Each is embedded with data to verify its authenticity and explain what it represents.' At the bottom of this section are a search bar labeled 'Search Badges' and a dropdown menu labeled 'Badge Name A - Z'.



What does an employer see when a student links to a badge on Alamo.badgr.com?

- Badge Name
- Competency Description
- Sub-competencies Demonstrated
- EMSI and related skills

Alamo Colleges District / Northwest Vista College / Intercultural Fluency



INTERCULTURAL FLUENCY
Education Design Lab

Intercultural Fluency

Created on **Aug 11, 2020**

Intercultural fluency in the 21st century includes the capacity to operate and communicate in different cultural contexts. Individuals who are fluent interculturally exhibit these core four sub-competencies: recognize and challenge their own cultural biases; show curiosity; demonstrate self-awareness; and incorporate diverse perspectives.



Offered By
Northwest Vista College

Verified

EARNING CRITERIA
Recipients must complete the earning criteria to earn this Badge

The following four sub-competencies must be successfully demonstrated in order to earn this badge.

1) Show Curiosity: Individuals demonstrate cognitive and affective openness to and interest in change and difference. 2) Recognize + Challenge One's Cultural Biases: Individuals reject "othering"; work effectively in multicultural settings; and avoid ethno-centricism. 3) Demonstrate Self-Awareness: Individuals evaluate their own performance; recognize their motivations; and manage their anxiety. 4) Incorporate Diverse Perspectives: Individuals enlarge the conversation; challenging their own thinking; and maximizing group effectiveness.

SKILLS
Recipients demonstrated these job skills

[Intercultural Competence](#)



Badge Specialists integrate the Lab's Marketable Skills Badges

- Collaboration
- Creative Problem-Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Empathy
- Initiative
- Intercultural Fluency
- Oral Communication
- Resilience



Faculty Badge Credentials

- **Badge Coach** - to prepare faculty to facilitate a badge course and/or a badge integrated in an academic course
- **Badge Specialist** - to train a faculty member to integrate a marketable skills badge into an academic course



Targeted Areas of Development Across ACN



Social-Emotional Learning

- Implementing Leader in Me Curriculum
- Increased opportunities for counseling with area partners
- Building family connections



Student Success & Completion

- Focus on student retention and success strategies
- Preparing to implement AVID for 2021-2022
 - Academic success and college readiness
 - Increase scholarship opportunities



New Programming

- Establish new pathways for ECHS students
 - AAT (EC-6)
 - Transfer Advising Guide
- Coordination with SAC & SAISD for implementation of a "Grow Your Own Teacher" model

Cross Collaboration for Professional Development/Badges/Summer Offerings

Upcoming ACN Board Meeting

July 2021 – Day To Be Determined

- Quarterly Update
- Director Evaluation
- Review Proposed Campus Budgets for 2021-2022
- Set Board Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

August 24, 2021

- Campus Performance Review
- Review Board Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

April Quarterly Update Summary

- Campus Enrollment and Learner Participation
- Campus Highlights
- Targeted Areas of Development
- Future Meeting Dates and Tasks

Thank you.

