

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FINANCE

Established by S. B. 1230 during 87th Texas Legislative Session, the Texas Commission on Community College Finance was tasked with reviewing the state's funding formula for community colleges and recommending reforms during the 88th Texas Legislature.

The Dallas Regional Chamber engaged 12 regional business leaders in a year-long advocacy campaign focused on making recommendations to the commission that support the state's 50 community college districts and advance postsecondary and workforce goals.

## COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS



### STATE FUNDING OUTCOMES

- base state funding for community colleges on individual college outcomes, including credentials of value in high-demand fields, dual credit completion, and successful transfer to a four-year university
- guarantee foundational state funding for community colleges, offsetting the cost for disadvantaged individuals as well as smaller institutions



### AFFORDABILITY FOR STUDENTS

- increase financial aid funding through grants provide support and flexibility to non-traditional students
- provide financial aid for economically disadvantaged dual credit students to ensure equitable access
- expand paid work-based learning opportunities through college and private employer partnerships



### INVESTMENT IN COLLEGE CAPACITY

- provide one-time funding for colleges to establish programs in high-demand fields, with priority given to programs developed with employer partnerships
- facilitate shared services and inter-institutional partnership to improve efficiency and expand offerings
- streamline educational and career pathways statewide, improving transferability across institutions