

# Higher Education Coordinating Commission

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SPECIAL MEETING

March 9, 2021

2:30 AM – 5:00 PM

VIDEOCONFERENCE

## MEETING MINUTES:

**Members Present via teleconference:** Chair David Rives; Vice-Chair Sandy Rowe; Commissioners Lee Ayers-Preboski; Terry Cross; Helen Edwards; Enrique Farrera; Frank Goulard; Ricardo Lujan-Valerio; Shelby Pick; Ramon Ramirez; Larry Roper; Rossy Valdovinos Torres; and Duncan Wyse

**Excused:** Commissioner Becker

### 1.0 Preliminary and Organizational Business

1.1 Chair Rives called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. The Commission Administrator called roll.

### 2.0 HECC Strategic Plan Update: current content, and context for potential broadening

Ben Cannon shared with the Commission his Strategic Plan Memo dated March 4, 2021, (as presented in agenda item 2.0a) describing the current status, the potential additional consideration of Oregon higher education structures to include the impact of the pandemic, economic recovery, and racial justice, and the associated risks in undertaking the suggested type of structural evaluation. Director Cannon also shared a draft of HECC's Oregon Postsecondary Education and Workforce Training: Preparing for a Strong Recovery to COVID-19 Crisis issue brief (as presented in agenda item 2.b).

### 3.0 Public Comment

Representative Teresa Alonso Leon, Oregon State Legislature  
Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Oregon State Legislature  
Senator Betsy Johnson, Oregon State Legislature  
Emily Wanous, Oregon Student Association  
Senator Peter Courtney, Oregon State Legislature  
Louis De Sitter, Oregon Education Association  
Debbie Koreski, Columbia Public Affairs  
Senator Michael Dembrow, Oregon State Legislature

4.0 A 'Design Workshop' with Commissioners and other stakeholders including university, community college, labor, and equity representatives was held on a virtual blackboard to address: "How might we design a process that helps optimize the organization of Oregon higher education so that all learners are served equitably and sustainably?"

### 5.0 Closing Remarks and Next Steps

Director Cannon will email the design workshop participants a survey requesting additional feedback to workshop and the HECC Strategic Plan. The Commission will review the results of the virtual blackboard created and make recommendations along with strategic partners.  
Chair Rives shared that he accepted a job in Vietnam and will be resigning as Chair by the April 8 meeting.

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**Chair Rives adjourned the meeting at 4:57.**

**Materials:**

0.0 [Agenda](#)

2.0a [Strategic Plan memo](#)

2.0b [HECC-covid-19 issue-brief-DRAFT-2021](#)