ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 2, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Via Teams Meeting

1. **Meeting Call to Order**

   Dr. Becky McBride, Vice Chancellor for Student Services, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes for the December 6, 2024, meeting**

   This committee previously approved the *Minutes* electronically on December 12, 2024, and posted to the website.

3. **Legislative Update**

   Mr. Leighton Schubert, Executive Vice Chancellor, gave an update on the 89th Legislative Session.

   The current session of the Texas Legislature ends on June 2nd. Approved bills are normally effective September 1st after the session ends.

   House Bill 8 Funding
   - In the first year of HB 8, Blinn received an increase in state funding of $7.4 million
   - Each year, funding projections are released in April from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Blinn's projected funding for the second year of HB 8 was at a $4.4 million deduction year over year. With HB 8, funding has the potential to change every single year.
     - Co-enrollment students were underreported. Once this was corrected, this resulted in an additional $1.2 million in state funding for Blinn.
     - With that additional money, Blinn's decrease in state funding is now a total of $3.2 million. In looking at that amount, $2.3 million of the total relates to transfer students.
       - THECB had a rule change referred to as the one semester credit hour rule; A community college student with 1 credit hour at a university prior to their transfer is disqualified from being counted as a transfer student under the new rule.
       - Blinn is working on creating an interim study with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to come up with a fix to this item.
       - In FY 24, 49 of the 50 community colleges received at least 15% of state funding from transfer students. This is a community college wide issue that needs a statewide solution

4. **Academic Affairs Update**

   Dr. Marcelo Bussiki, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, gave an update Academic Affairs priority Initiatives.

   Artificial Intelligence – Academic Standards to come up with a policy how to regulate and best use AI in the classroom.
   Faculty Evaluation Instrument – HR has received several requests for changes over the past years. In the faculty evaluation instrument, primarily that it was too long and had items that were very difficult to quantify within. Met with HR and their recommendations – have been sent to Academic Standards (Faculty Senate Division, Leadership Council, and Dean's Council) for review. Once Academic Standards has a proposal for the VC to review it will be discussed with HR.

   Classroom Fill Rate – The College is scheduling classes in a more efficient rate. Fill rate has been monitored closely with academic deans. Fill rate for classes have been high 80s to low 90s.

   New proctoring software – committee put together with faculty that teach mainly online classes. A search has been completed. Information has been sent to purchasing and then submitted to the CFO for approval.

   Successfully presented at two prestigious national conferences on Co-enrollment, AACC in Nashville and League for Innovations in San Antonio. Blinn is making a concerted effort to raise the stature of the college on a national level by sharing award-winning programs with multiple high level conferences.

   News from RELLIS – enrollment at the Academic Alliance is going well, have surpassed enrollment by 60% compared from last year.

5. **Facilities Update**

   Mr. Mark Feldhake, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Facilities, Planning, and Construction, presented the facilities update on the Waller campus and Brenham proposed facilities.

   Mr. Feldhake's presentation is attached hereto and made part of these *Minutes.*

6. **Additional Comments**

   No additional comments or questions.

7. **Adjournment**

   Vice Chancellor McBride asked if there were any further questions or comments. No further questions or comments were made, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Members present: Mr. Jay Anderson, Mr. Richard Bray, Dr. Clen Burton, Dr. Marcelo Bussiki, Dr. Jimmy Byrd, Ms. Lisa Caton, Mr. Myron Dippel, Mr. Mark Feldhake, Ms. Rachel Gallardo, Dr. Becky Garlick, Mr. West Gurley, Mr. Max Hibbs, Dr. Becky McBride, Mr. Aaron Penton, Mr. Clay Redding, Mr. Leighton Schubert, Mr. Colbey Thornton, and Mr. Alex Tran

Administrative Council Update

Facilities, Planning, and Construction

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- **Blinn-Waller Campus**
  - Master Plan the 100-Acre Campus at Binford Rd. and FM 2920
  - Program and Design an Academic Building

- **Blinn-Brenham Campus**
  - Update the Master Plan to include the recently purchased 24-acres
  - Program and Design the Sports Complex

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Blinn-Waller Campus Area Location Map
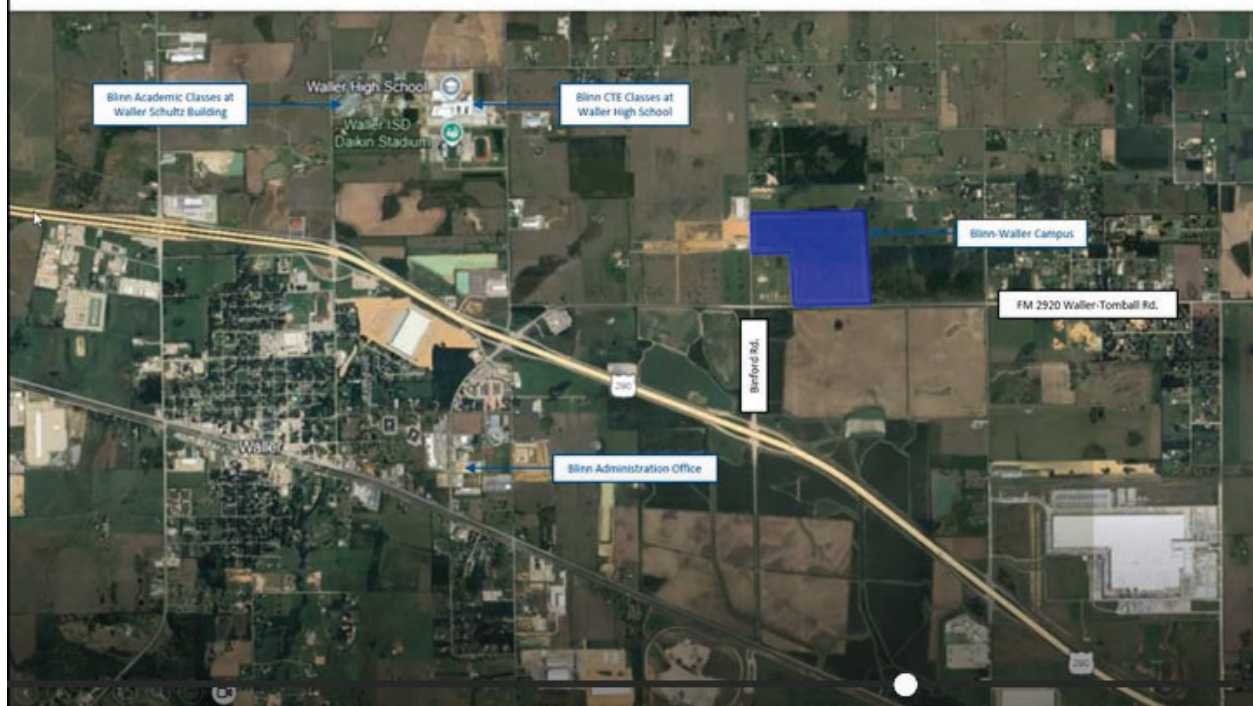
Blinn-Waller Campus

Master Plan 100-Acre Blinn-Waller Campus

Blinn-Waller Campus

- **Academic Building**
  - Scope: New approximately 87,000 sq. ft. Academic Building
  - Budget: approximately $68,000,000
  - Schedule: FY25-FY28

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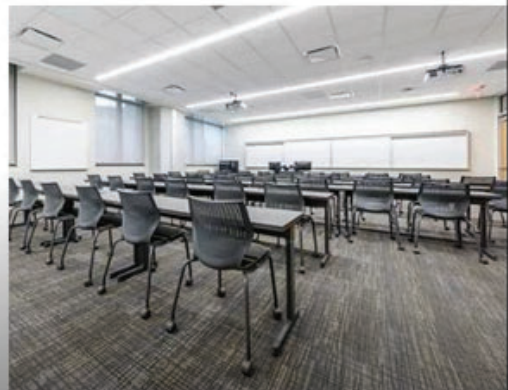
Architectural Services
- **CannonDesign**
  - National firm with 18 offices
  - Founded in 1923
  - Houston office will manage this project

Blinn-Waller Campus

CMAR Services
- **SpawGlass Construction Corp.**
  - Founded in 1953
  - 9 regional offices across Texas
  - Houston office will manage this project

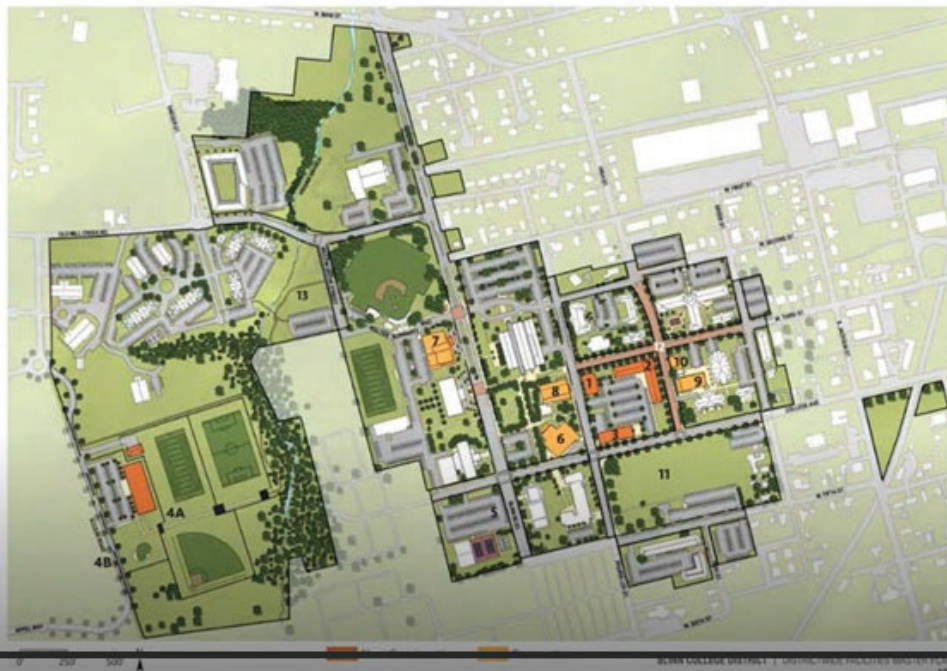# Administrative Council Update

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PHASE 2: 2026-2030

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Blinn-Brenham Campus

- **Brenham Sports Complex**
  - Scope: New complex includes regulation-sized fields as follows: (1) practice football field; (1) competition soccer field; and (1) competition softball field. The new approximately 27,000 sq. ft. field house will contain sports offices, locker rooms and training facilities. Includes 115 new parking spaces and 2,500 sq. ft. unconditioned storage building.
  - Scope: New road connection. Includes extension of site infrastructure and utilities.
  - Budget: approximately $29,500,000
  - Schedule: FY25-FY28

Blinn-Brenham Campus

CMAR Services

- **Bartlett Cocke General Contractors, LLC**
  - Texas-based firm with 3 offices
  - Founded in 1959
  - Houston office will manage this project

Questions