

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION  
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# REGIONAL CONVENING

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

FEBRUARY 11, 2026 | 10:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.  
REGION ONE EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
1900 W. SCHUNIOR | EDINBURG, TX 78541

**Regional partners are encouraged to take part in workshops led by experts from THECB.  
Advance registration is necessary and space is limited.**

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

### SESSION 1: From Data to Decisions: Using Texas and National Data to Strengthen Regional Student Success Pipelines

This session will guide participants through seven key data sources to create an evidence-based narrative on student success, covering enrollment, persistence, graduation, and job placement. Participants will explore tools such as the Texas Talent Trajectory (T3), Texas CREWS, and the U.S. Census American Community Survey, among others. The session aims to help stakeholders understand local trends, benchmark against peers, and identify improvement opportunities, leaving them with actionable strategies for informing policy and partnerships.

*Presented by: Dr. David Troutman, Deputy Commissioner, Academic Affairs and Workforce Initiatives*

### SESSION 2: My Texas Future & Direct Admissions: Streamlining the Path to College

This session will guide users through My Texas Future, a comprehensive resource for Texans preparing for higher education. It helps users explore career interests, find in-demand jobs, and connect with relevant Texas higher education programs. A new feature, Direct Admissions, allows students to enter their academic records and receive a list of qualifying schools before applying. Key regional metrics will also be highlighted.

*Presented by: Dr. Brandon Griggs, Assistant Commissioner for College and Career Advising*

11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. **Lunch on Your Own**

12:30 - 2:30 P.M. **SESSION 3: HB 8 Briefing**

This briefing will guide participants through the core components of House Bill 8, 88th Texas Legislature, and its outcomes-based funding framework for Texas community colleges. Participants will explore key measures such as student momentum, completions, and Credentials of Value, as well as how workforce alignment and post-completion outcomes are incorporated into the funding model. The briefing aims to help stakeholders understand how HB 8 connects data, policy, and institutional practice; interpret early implementation signals; and identify strategic opportunities to strengthen student success and regional workforce outcomes, leaving participants with a clear understanding of how the model informs funding decisions and long-term planning.

*Presented By: Dr. David Troutman, Deputy Commissioner, Academic Affairs and Workforce Initiatives and Andy McLaurin, Assistant Commissioner for Funding and Resource Planning*



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