

President's Report April 2025

Tech Expansion

Annex (EP) – we are close to finishing up the expansion project at the Eagle Pass Annex. Items pending include the certification of the fire alarm panel, a certificate of occupancy from the City of Eagle Pass, and the delivery of classroom furniture.

Chittim & Del Rio Tech expansion – Both these projects have a pending Request for Proposal out. The deadline for submittal is May 9th. Administration will review the proposals and make recommendations to the Board at the May Board meeting.

Bond Projects

Paving Request for Proposal – is also due on May 9th. Administration will review the proposal and make recommendations to the Board at the May Board meeting.

Elevator project – is in feasibility phase

La Forge Hall – is in feasibility phase

Witt Nursing Lab addition - is in feasibility phase

We are evaluating the possibility of issuing a Request for Qualifications for architectural services.

Leases

As of the date of this report, I am hopeful that by the board meeting we will be able to reach an agreement. We are close.

Legislative

The Legislature's various committees have been busy hearing bills. Not a lot of surprises yet. Both the House and Senate have voted out their respective budgets (our tech funding is still included in both budgets). The next step would be a reconciliation between both budgets by the Conference Committee. A "clean-up" bill to HB8 has been submitted and had committee hearings in both the House & Senate. This bill would add independent and private universities to the funding for transfer outcomes. Another area that we are monitoring are various bill regarding property tax. Some bills expand the business tax exemption to \$25,000, which reduce our taxable value and potential increase our no new revenue rate.

Budgets

We have been busy working on our 2025-2026 Operating Budget. We are trying to wrap it up and be ready for Board Budget Workshop during our May Board meeting.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

4/17	April Board Meeting
4/18	Easter Holiday
4/22-25	SACSCOC Off-Site Review
4/23	TACC Quarterly Meeting
5/9	Dean's Breakfast
5/15	May Board Meeting
5/16	Commencement Ceremonies
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