Agenda

AEL Bi-Weekly Conference Call

Texas Workforce Commission

May 2nd, 2024

Final Agenda

10:30 AM CST (9:30 AM MST)

[Click Here for Attendee Link](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OGVmNTAyOTItNWQ2OS00N2E0LTk4ZjQtMmViM2VkNDFmY2Mz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%22fe7d3f4f-241b-4af1-84aa-32c57fe9db03%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%22b32b847f-13d2-4ffa-a7e2-641fb3d00a3d%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a)

**(Please put your Name/Grantee in the Q&A for roll call)**

# Upcoming Events

* **May 2, 2024** – 2:00 PM CDT - Demonstrating Workforce Readiness in Adult Education programs using WorkKeys Assessments (newly Approved for WIOA/NRS) (Informational)
* **May 7, 2024** – 2:00 PM CDT - Transitioning Toward Excellence: Advancing Adult English Language Learning Through BEST Assessments (Informational)
* **May 20-22, 2024 -** **Career Pathway Symposium:** Corpus Christi – Registration Open:We have something for everyone! **ATTN: Directors, Program and Career Pathway Coordinators, Instructors, Career Navigators. Register here:** [**https://symposium2024.vfairs.com/**](https://symposium2024.vfairs.com/)

**Day 1: Monday May 20th** Opening session with Mahalia Baldini and representatives from the **Enhancing Access for Refugees and New Americans Project (EARN). For Tuesday Wednesday: Breakout sessions: 3 Strands: Strand 1:** Directors/Coordinators **Strand 2:** Instructors with an emphasis on serving ELLs **Strand 3:** Career Pathway staff, Navigators.

* **May 30-31, 2024** - **Distance Learning & Tech Integration Symposium (DLTI)**, Region 20, San Antonio, TX **–** Registration is Open: [https://dlti24.vfairs.com/](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdlti24.vfairs.com%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cmahalia.baldini%40TWC.TEXAS.GOV%7Ceb386fd8008840a16d9f08dc3df1dfd5%7Cfe7d3f4f241b4af184aa32c57fe9db03%7C0%7C0%7C638453356271778607%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=noxtT6PmZBipcI6SDLYcInsrvrYm0SwD%2FGPOjd41Zdo%3D&reserved=0)

# Business Items

* **NEW TWC Staff!** Please Welcome Nicole Stevens!
* **Administration of Children & Families (ACF) Grant Opportunity** –see handout in meeting invite.
* **PBF Measure C**- Accelerated MSG will be available to those who met shortly after May 1

**Congratulations!**

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| **AMARILLO COLLEGE**  **ESC REGION 9**  **WEATHERFORD ISD**  **NAVARRO COLLEGE**  **TEXARKANA COLLEGE**  **LITERACY COUNCIL OF TYLER/EAST TX CONSORTIA**  **YSLETA ISD/FAR WEST CONSORTIA**  **HOWARD COLLEGE PB**  **MIDLAND COLLEGE**  **REGION 17 ESC PB**  **AUSTIN CC** | **COMMUNITY ACTION**  **BRAZOS VALLEY COG**  **REGION V ESC**  **VICTORIA COLLEGE**  **LAREDO CC**  **REGION 2 ESC**  **REGION 1 ESC**  **BROWNSVILLE ISD**  **SOUTHWEST TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE**  **HOWARD COLLEGE CV**  **MCLENNAN CC** |

* **TEAMS NEW PY Opening**—May not be available for PY24-25 data entry until August 1. Deadlines for PY 24/25 July & August data entry will get adjusted accordingly.
  + We need to set up new Grant Recipients and Fund Codes
  + Renew Access –new security features to track P-41s, FERPA, Cybersecurity
* **TEAMS Releases** –Prior to new PY Opening
  + NEW NRS Test—state staff UAT 5/1-5/10, Local User UAT 5/13-5/24.
    - *Best Plus 3.0* -- Materials from publisher are not available until Fall, plan accordingly.
  + Reminder: PY 24-25, old/current and new test will be available. Local policies will determine local usage
  + Digital Literacy Questionnaire –thank you to our workgroup
  + Data Sign Off Questions –Updated question
  + Creating Alternative Placement option (Non NRS Tested students)
  + Capturing ITP info: occupation/industry/country
* **PY 23-24 PD Requirements**—make sure all staff meet requirements BEFORE June 30,2024.
* **Alternative Placement Workgroup Update**
  + Two meetings conducted, third planned for end of May – draft policy
  + Key takeaways:
    - Add some frequently used alternative test options (GED practice, TSIA 2.0, TABE Locator, Accuplacer, IET Practice tests) as Non NRS options
    - Create a state policy with local flexibility on use of Alternative Placement
    - Training and Technical Assistance Needs
    - Risks: Over reliance on AP options and impact on MSG performance
* **Texas Broadband Digital Opportunity** -- [Texas Digital Opportunity Hub (digitalopportunityfortexas.com)](https://www.digitalopportunityfortexas.com/)
  + Future grant opportunities
  + Data resources
  + Newsletter Sign Up: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXCOMPT/signup/29206>

1. **Professional Development**

* May 13, 2024 – noon CDT - Manager Monday: Mutual respect: How to build it in your workplace
* May 14, 2024 – noon CDT - Teacher Tuesday: Unlocking Student Success: Dive into Comprehensive Assessment Pt1
* May 15, 2024 – 12:30 PM CDT - Workforce Wednesday: Get to the Root of the Problem: What Makes a Team Toxic and How to Survive It
* May 17, 2024 – 11:30 AM CDT - Tech and Tell: Introducing Delta Math: A Modern Math Tool, Part 1

# Notices and Reminders

**COABE 2025 : Dallas, TX –** More Details coming soon. Call for Proposals [**Submit your proposal here**](https://mailchi.mp/coabe.org/2025-coabe-conference-cfp-open-4101459?e=2e329ab501). Deadline is June 30,2024. Virtual and in person options available for presenters.

# Upcoming Bi-weekly Call Schedule Dates

* May 2, 2024
* May 9th, Fiscal Call
* May 16, 2024 - CANCELLED
* May 30th, 2024 - CANCELLED