Agenda

AEL Bi-Weekly Conference Call

Texas Workforce Commission

January 9th, 2025

Final Agenda

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

[Click Here for Attendee Link](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NjIwYTM4N2QtNzNhMS00OTNmLTljNjktMzRhYmY2ZWU0M2Vh%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

**SAVE THE DATE: COABE: March 30 - April 2, 2025, Dallas, TX**: COABE 2025 Information [2025 COABE National Conference – Coalition on Adult Basic Education](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcoabe.org%2F2025-coabe-national-conference%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cmahalia.baldini%40twc.texas.gov%7Cc991088064c84fefa94508dc8ba727ba%7Cfe7d3f4f241b4af184aa32c57fe9db03%7C0%7C0%7C638538797281214698%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=hPBMPhRc4DELxaISKPCFRauUCPXJIeoZGS6g7mE69WQ%3D&reserved=0) registration is open NOW! Early bird registration ends Jan 15. Student registration is FREE!

Be mindful of hotel rates above GSA

**Distance Learning and Technology Integration Symposium** –

<https://tamucehd.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5d6WiAs55oCXLqC>

Symposium is **April 24 - 25, 2025** at HCDE in Houston, registration and more information coming soon! Sessions will be streamed; Presenters MUST be in-person in Houston.

**SAVE THE DATE! TWC AEL Fall Institute 2025** will be **Sept. 2 – 5, 2025** in Austin at the Doubletree.

# Business

* **TEAMS Tentative Release January 31, 2025:**
* MSG 1c- Post Secondary Enrollment to Remove Exit Criteria
* MSG Management Report add Alternative Placement participants
* **Expiring Tests** 
  + **Read the** [**Testing Guide PY 24-25**](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/wf/docs/texas-testing-guide-PY24-25-twc.pdf) **before you make purchases!** 
    - Best Plus 3.0 – only computer based allowed (state restriction)
    - Best Literacy 2.0 – can’t assess past Level 5 (test restriction)
  + **CASAS Update:** Updated score conversion tables for **CASAS Level A** Reading GOALS, Math GOALS 2, Reading STEPS, and Listening Steps.
    - Former ‘inaccurate’ scores should now be input as the lowest score possible for that test for Level A
    - CASAS has made the update to their system
      * Paper based test will need to contact CASA for the updated score conversion charts
    - TEAMS is already up to date & TWC AEL Testing Guide does not need any changes, but may make a notation of the change in next year’s guide
* **PY 24-25 Allocations and Targets –Tentative and Subject to Change**
  + Allocations – Approved by Commission 11/19, some grantees declined CF funds. New reallocation approval set for 1/21/25.
  + Measures/Targets—Commission vote early February
    - TWC Contracted measures & targets
    - Final enrollment targets – final budget
    - Performance Based Funding (PBF) Criteria– [TAC §315.007](https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/LA/htm/LA.315.htm)
* **Fiscal Technical Assistance/FAQ: See attached document in Meeting Maker**
* **Opportunity – NASDAE Request:** 
  + Occupational Information Network (O\*NET) is seeking instructors of Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult Secondary Education (ASE), and English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESL/ESOL) to provide input into job descriptions for AEL related occupations.
  + Asking for instructors with expertise to complete the form: [**AE Instructor Contact Info for O\*NET**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fform.jotform.com%2F243534866370159&data=05%7C02%7Cmahalia.baldini%40twc.texas.gov%7C9d569d41bcf644e884a008dd2f529465%7Cfe7d3f4f241b4af184aa32c57fe9db03%7C0%7C0%7C638718753897782519%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KhndD9b8pgYAcoNIsl9Vfh0I3Co%2BZhVtVfCq5DgDZaw%3D&reserved=0)
  + TCALL will also disseminate via distribution list
  + **Note:** There is a chance that ONET may call the instructor to discuss their input, surveys are not anonymous
* **Join TALAE for the 24-25 year!** Benefits: Free virtual PD seminar in May. Eligibility for staff and student awards. And free COABE membership. <https://www.talae.org/>
* **Request for Applications—Funding Opportunities: Bonfire:** <https://twc-texas-gov.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities>
  + **Career Pathway Professional Dev Center—**Applications are due January 17th ; however keep an eye on possible extensions related to this project.
  + **Healthcare Services for ITPs—**Coming Soon! Tentatively planned for February 2025

# Professional Development

* January 14, 2025 – 10:00 AM CST - How to Get Started with TABE 13/14 & CLAS-E C&D (Informational)
* January 14, 2025 – noon CST - Teacher Tuesday: Real-World Ready: Integrating Workplace Skills into Adult Learning
* January 21, 2025 – 1:00 PM CST - Texas Style TABE CLAS-E Recertification Trainer Webinar (3 hrs)
* January 24, 2025 – 11:30 AM CST - Tech and Tell: Miro Whiteboards Unite Us All (Part 1)
* January 27, 2024 – noon CST - Manager Monday: Integrated Education and Training: Show Me the Guidance
* January 29, 2025 – 12:30 PM CST - Workforce Wednesday: Common Barriers and Challenges for ITPs seeking to Re-Enter Careers
* January 30 & 31, 2025 – 9:00 AM CST - Texas Style TABE CLAS-E (C/D) Online - Training of Trainers – F2F – San Marcos
* *Reminder:* TALAE Membership= COABE Membership

If you are a member of TALAE, you are also a member of COABE and can get the member price on the conference. TALAE memberships expire with the program year, so if you have not joined or renewed your TALAE membership for this year, head over to the talae.org to join as an individual or an organization.

# Notices and Reminders

* + **Deliverables Due:**

**Q2 Report:** Extended to **January 17** due to inclement weather. Upload the Q2 report to the SharePoint site.

* + **Reminder:** To ensure the accuracy of information provided to the public seeking AEL assistance, please review your program details listed on the TCALL website's "Find A Program" page (<https://tcall.tamu.edu/search.aspx>). This is the primary resource for individuals searching for AEL services in their area. Should any updates be required, inform your designated PD Specialist.
  + **Reminder:** Any changes to staff for grant-required positions **must** be completed via **DocuSign.** The Excel form is no longer acceptable as notification of staff changes.
  + **SRM Monitoring Tools:** Monitoring tools and a copy of the SRM presentation from the AEL Business meeting can be found on the Share Point site in the Document Library > Resources > SRM (Subrecipient Monitoring)
  + **IET Boot Camp:** Invitation only – email sent to those requested to participate. Example of how TWC is providing statewide PD/TA.

# V. Upcoming Bi-weekly Call Schedule Dates

* January 23rd, 2025
* February 6th, 2025
* February 20th, 2025
* March 6th, 2025