APPROVED
Parkland ECHS Advisory Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, January 27, 2026
1:30 pm
Virtual Meeting on Teams

Attending: Dean Tonie Badillo, Vanessa Camacho, Seleste Cardoza-Comer, Laura Carrera, Benjamin Dominguez, Dean Terri Mann, Diana Medina.

I. Welcome

II. Review & Approve Minutes for December Meeting

III. Updates, Reminders, & Activities

A. EPCC Dual Credit/ECHS Dean
Dean Badillo sent out invites to an Early College High School meeting and an additional upcoming event. No other updates. Dean Badillo shared data about College Connect.

B. EPCC Dean
Dean Mann asked Parkland representatives if they foresee students taking classes at the Transmountain campus this summer. Ms. Carrera said they will need Speech courses. They will not be able to bus students to Transmountain since their school year overlaps with EPCC's start date for Summer I. They cannot take Summer II courses, so they would like to know about Jump Start courses. However, Dean Badillo alerted Ms. Carrera about flexibility in starting/ending courses to accommodate these overlaps, as long as they last at least 20 days. Ms. Carrera believes this solution can be applied to several classes, including Speech, Government, Philosophy, Art Appreciation, and Psychology courses. Dean Badillo advised that they provide the information to Dean Mann as soon as possible.

C. EPCC Counseling

Ms. Cardoza-Comer raised an issue with students not being able to register for a Speech class. The committee discussed why this was an issue, including last-minute requests that made it difficult to process paperwork on time, and potential ways to avoid those issues.

Ms. Cardoza-Comer will contact Mr. Dominguez to arrange a visit to Parkland to advise students. Ms. Carrera thanked Ms. Cardoza-Comer

for training their students to use Blackboard. Ms. Cardoza-Comer will return student reports to Mr. Dominguez so he can upload them.

Ms. Medina reminded Parkland representatives that the commencement day had changed to Monday, May 18. and the Counseling Institute on February 25.

D. YISD/Parkland Updates
Mr. Dominguez discussed the issue with ten students who were unable to register for a Speech course. Dean Badillo suggested the option of the students enrolling in a Minimester II course or Summer course. Ms. Carrera has planned for them to take the course in the Summer.

The pinning ceremony was tentatively scheduled for mid-April, and the stole ceremony at the end of April.

IV. Anything Else?

Dean Badillo asked about Parkland's budget and suggested April 30 as the deadline to submit requests. Dean Mann uses an April 15 deadline.

Ms. Medina thanked Mr. Dominguez for uploading files to Sharepoint.

V. Next Meeting

A. Set Spring Semester Meetings

i. Tuesday, February 24 at 1:30 pm

ii. Tuesday, March 24 at 1:30 pm

iii. Tuesday, April 28 at 1:30 pm

iv. Tuesday, May 19 at 1:30 pm

VI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Minutes taken by Vanessa M. Camacho