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**Note:** For information regarding required cybersecurity training for contractors, see GG.

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**Permanent Advisory Committee**

Permanent advisory committees are established. Each committee consists of the president or the president's designee of each general academic teaching institution and each public junior college within a 100-mile radius of the general academic teaching institution. *Education Code 51.3521(a)–(b), .351(1)*

Officers

Each committee shall biennially elect a presiding officer. Each committee may elect other officers. *Education Code 51.3521(c)–(d)*

Rules

Each committee shall adopt rules to govern the time and place of meetings and the transaction of business. *Education Code 51.3521(e)*

Purpose

Each committee shall periodically study regional higher education needs in this state and make recommendations to the governing boards of each general academic teaching institution and each public junior college represented regarding degree programs, core curricula, and joint faculty appointments to enhance the transfer of students and coordinate working relationships between those institutions. *Education Code 51.3521(f)*

**Partnership Agreements**

Local Institution of Higher Education

With the approval of the Coordinating Board, the governing boards of a public community/junior college and another institution of higher education that are located in the same state uniform service region as adopted by the Coordinating Board may enter into a partnership agreement designed to coordinate the management and operations of the institutions. The agreements shall in no way abrogate the powers and duties of the boards with regard to the governance of their respective institutions. *Education Code 51.662*

Texas State Technical College System

With the approval of the Coordinating Board, the board of regents of the Texas State Technical College System and a public junior college may enter into a partnership agreement designed to coordinate the management and operations of the institutions and to enhance the delivery of technical education programs across this state in accordance with Education Code Chapter 135, Subchapter D. *Education Code 135.102(a)*

**Dual Usage Educational Complex**

The board of trustees of a junior college district may establish and operate a dual usage educational complex to provide a shared facility for the educational activities of the district and other participating entities.

The board of trustees may enter into a cooperative agreement governing the operation and use of the complex with the governing

bodies of one or more of the following entities: a county, municipality, or school district located in whole or in part in the service area of the junior college district; or another institution of higher education with a campus or other educational facility located in the same state uniform service region as adopted by the Coordinating Board.

The junior college district shall coordinate and supervise the operation of the complex. The use and the costs associated with the establishment and operation of the complex shall be shared by the district and the other participating entities under the terms of the cooperative agreement.

*Education Code 130.0103*

**Instructional  
Arrangements**

Public two-year colleges may enter into cooperative undertakings or contractual agreements with other Texas public two-year colleges as permitted by law.

Public two-year colleges may enter into cooperative undertakings or contractual agreements with other Texas public institutions of higher education as part of a multi-institution teaching center as outlined under 19 Administrative Code 5.78 or other partnership agreements on a shared-cost basis as permitted by state law.

Public two-year colleges may enter into cooperative undertakings or contractual agreements with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)-accredited independent institutions of higher education as part of a multi-institution teaching center as outlined under 19 Administrative Code 5.78 or other partnership agreements on a shared-cost basis as permitted by law.

*19 TAC 9.126*

State Funding

Contact hours for contract instruction eligible for state appropriations must be determined and reported in compliance with state law and Coordinating Board rules and policy.

No funds appropriated to any public two-year college may be expended for any course that has not been approved by the commissioner, even if such course is taught under a contractual agreement.

*19 TAC 9.127-.128*