

2024 TACRAO Summer Meeting Committee Report

On Tuesday, July 16, and Wednesday, July 17, hundreds of our TACRAO family gathered virtually for the annual summer meeting. With 2024 not being a legislative year, and with possible venue changes in Austin, it was decided to hold the annual meeting virtually, and looking at the numbers, it seems it was a hit!

Each of the 14 sessions averaged over 320 in attendance! WOW! Sessions ranged in topics from legislative updates, residency, Apply Texas, NSC, Gainful Employment, and even Artificial Intelligence. Our presenters were both knowledgeable and insightful. I am always amazed at the tremendous talent right here in our beloved TACRAO organization. I've said many times, I'm pretty good at my job, but I could not do it without each of you! I am grateful to be a part.

I would like to thank my co-Chair, Hector Cerda (South Texas College) for the tremendous work he put into wrangling our presenters from THECB, which is not an easy task. TACRAO VP for IT, Melissa Hyatt (Texas State University), and her entire Technology committee did a fantastic job of handling the Zoom sessions. Of course, TACRAO President Bobbie Brown (Texas Tech University), and TACRAO President-Elect Chris Reed (Texas A&M University) were excellent hosts and their leadership throughout the meeting preparations was invaluable. Finally, a big shout out to Med+Proctor for hosting the virtual "Happy Hour!" Let's just say, if you missed it, you have no idea how competitive your fellow TACRAOans can be at music bingo! I mean, the \$200 Amazon gift card for first place, and \$100 for second was amazing incentive.

With TACRAO Pride,

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