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***Good afternoon, Presidents & Chancellors -***

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## Recognition from Governor Greg Abbott

Last night, Governor Greg Abbott delivered his [State of the State address](#) in San Marcos where he outlined his vision for the current legislative session and specified his emergency items.

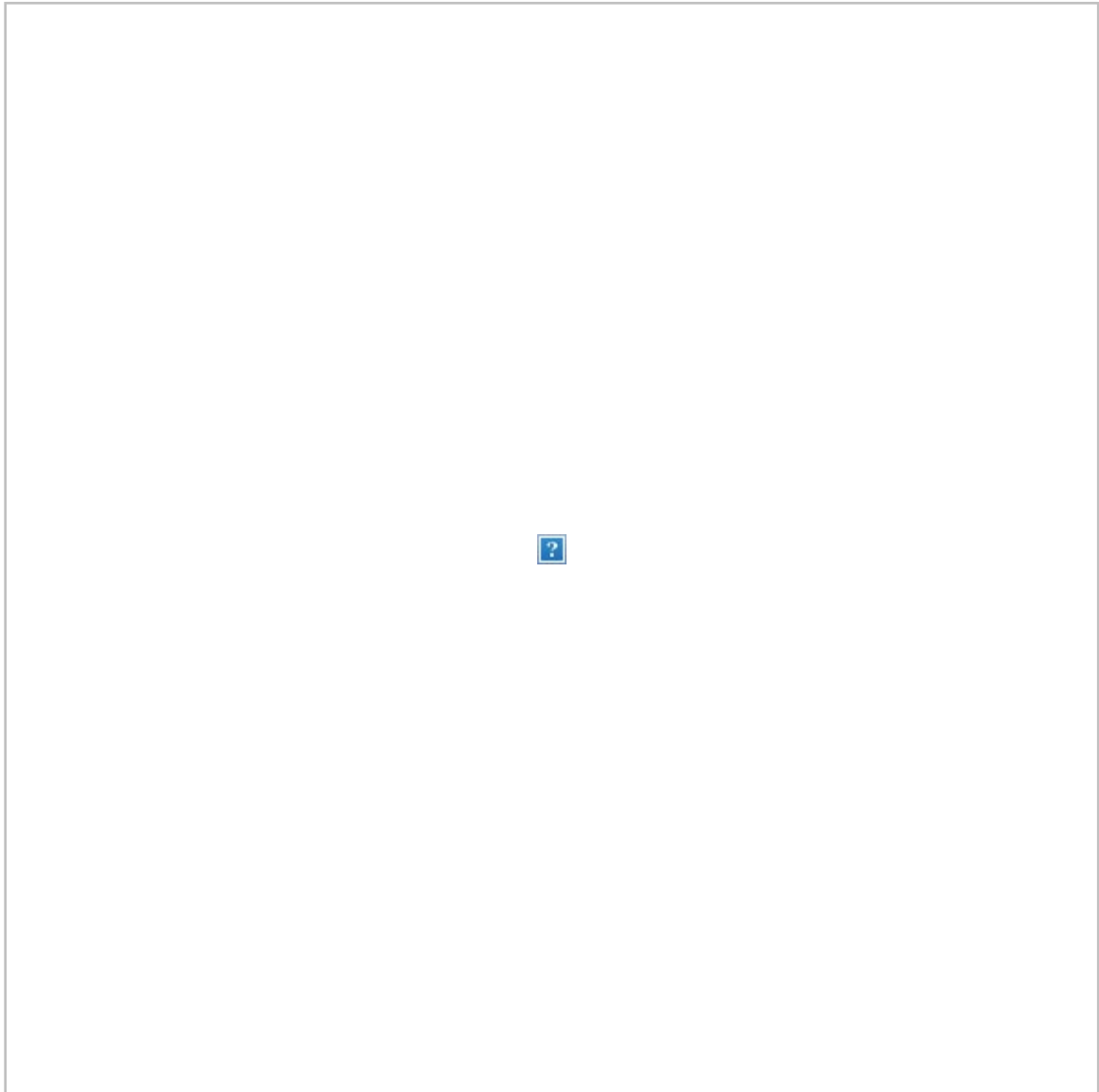
Governor Abbott covered many topics in his remarks. Most important was recognition near the start of his speech of his recent visit to Odessa College and his emphasis on the role community colleges play in workforce development. The Governor stated, *"Our goal is to ensure that every Texan is prepared to succeed in high-demand industries like, technology, healthcare, and energy. That's why **this session we will reward community colleges that produce skilled, employable Texans.**"*

More significant, the Governor's office issued his 2024-2025 State Budget proposal, which was made public earlier today. This document provides policymakers with detailed recommendations regarding financial priorities for the current legislative session. **We are delighted to report that of the four higher education priorities that are outlined in the proposed budget, Governor Abbott has recommended that the Texas Legislature "...provide the resources necessary to fully implement the TXCCCF recommendations."**

The Governor's endorsement of the TXCCCF recommendations adds further

momentum to our efforts during the current legislative session, and reflects the hard work and unified voice of our membership.

For your reference, below is the exact language pulled from the document:



[Read full budget report here](#)



## House Appropriations Article III Subcommittee Hearing

As of this writing, the House Appropriations Article III Subcommittee is scheduled to hear testimony from public community/junior colleges along with other higher education institutions on Thursday, February 23rd beginning at 8:00 AM CT. The hearing will be live-streamed from the House website. For those interested in watching remotely, you can do so through [this link](#).

For those members who choose to travel to Austin next week to attend the hearing, please email Jacob Cottingham at [jcottingham@tacc.org](mailto:jcottingham@tacc.org).

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## TACC Monthly Meeting & BOTI

We look forward to seeing many of you next week for the TACC Monthly Meeting and the Board of Trustees Institute in Lakeway, TX!

Specific to the TACC Monthly Meeting, please be advised that this will be a **CEOs only meeting**. We have provided a **virtual link** in the Outlook calendar invite for those unable to attend in-person.

If you have any questions, please email Ellie Rodriguez at [erodriguez@tacc.org](mailto:erodriguez@tacc.org).

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***Ray Martinez III, J.D.***

President & CEO

Texas Association of Community Colleges

	<p>Throughout the 88th Legislative Session the TACC team will track <b>relevant higher education bills and produce a weekly report</b> of where those bills stand. This footer will remain a part of the CEO newsletter throughout session as an easy way to access this resource.</p> <p>Please reach out to Ellie Rodriguez at <a href="mailto:erodriguez@tacc.org">erodriguez@tacc.org</a> if you have trouble viewing.</p>
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