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## TBLC President Justin Yancy Praises Speaker Phelan for Interim Charges Focused on Education, Water Supply and Infrastructure

AUSTIN – Earlier today, Speaker Dade Phelan issued interim committee charges for the Texas House of Representatives to consider. On the charges relating to Texas' long-term economic competitiveness, Justin Yancy responded:

"The Texas Business Leadership Council commends Speaker Dade Phelan for the **House Interim Charges** released today. In particular, charges focused on implementation of House Bill 8's historic transformation of our community college system and studying the alignment and collaboration between our PK-12, postsecondary education, and workforce systems will help lay the groundwork for any legislation needed to further the goals of *Building a Talent Strong Texas*."

"The state's ultimate success with higher education goals starts with strong foundations in early childhood education. We commend charges focused on early literacy and numeracy outcomes and to study the early childhood education industry."

"Additionally," said Yancy, "The TBLC applauds the focus on water supply and infrastructure which is critical to support our growing population and to maximize economic development across Texas."

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