Legislative Appropriations Request For Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019

Submitted to the Governor's Office of Budget, Planning and Policy And the Legislative Budget Board

> By Blinn College August 5, 2016

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#### Administrator's Statement

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#### 954 Blinn Junior College

BLINN COLLEGE ADMINISTRATOR'S STATEMENT 85TH Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

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Blinn College Mission Statement

Blinn College is a comprehensive community college committed to educational excellence and to individual and community enhancement.

Blinn College Vision Statement

Blinn College will be the leading educational, cultural and economic resource for our stakeholders.

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Significant changes in policy since last appropriation request:

The Blinn College Board of Trustees has raised tuition and fees charged to students by:

11% in-district student tuition16% out-of-district student tuition56% out-of-state/foreign student tuition16% general fee increase for all students

The increases in tuition and fees were necessary to accommodate an increase in enrollment without an increase in State funding to support the growth. Blinn College is committed to maintaining a quality education for students. While the College's services and programs have not been reduced to date, the ability of the College to continue its mission and goals would be negatively impacted by any reductions in State funding.

Significant changes in provision of services:

Student headcount enrollment has increased 5.2% since the last appropriation request and 33.7% since 2006. State funding has lagged in supporting this substantial increase. State funding for Blinn College has increased only 3.5% and 12% during these same time frames respectively.

#### Significant externalities:

Blinn College will be expanding the current facilities in both Bryan, Texas and Brenham, Texas to accommodate the increase in student enrollment.

Blinn College and Texas A&M University have a proud history of developing innovative partnerships. Since 2001, the Texas A&M-Blinn TEAM (Transfer Enrollment at A&M) Program has served as the nation's model for a collaborative, co-enrollment partnership between a major university and a community college. Texas A&M and Blinn College built upon the TEAM Program's success with the Texas A&M Engineering Academies on the Bryan and Brenham campuses of Blinn College. The engineering academies offer students pathways to pursue an engineering degree from Texas A&M and help to meet the nationwide demand for highly skilled engineering graduates.

The Texas A&M University System, has recently unveiled plans to invest \$150 million to create a new research and development campus to help companies move ideas from the laboratory to the marketplace while also offering a new path toward a college degree. This new campus, RELLIS, establishes a new educational community combining a major university system and a community college at a single physical location.

One aspect of the RELLIS Campus plan involves the development of a multi-institutional Gateway Education Center that will provide space for Texas A&M System member institutions and Blinn College to offer a variety of curricula.

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While plans have not been finalized, Blinn College anticipates the RELLIS Campus facility will initially accommodate approximately 2,500 students, and is scheduled to open in 2018.

Blinn College currently has 1,324 beds on the Brenham campus to accommodate students needing housing. Each fall, for the past 3 years, Blinn College has had a waiting list of students requesting to reside in on-campus student housing. The Fall 2016 waiting list has over 1,000 students. Blinn College is in the process of developing a Public, Private Partnership, (P3) agreement to build a new 400 bed student housing facility for the Fall 2018 term. This would accommodate a 30% growth in the on-campus residential students.

Additional formula funds request 2018-2019:

Blinn College endorses the \$1.828 billion request for community and technical college total funding for the 2018-19 biennium as outlined in the Texas Association of Community College's funding request.

For the 2018-19 biennium, the core should be increased by \$250,000 per district, per year, to help support the basic operating costs of all institutions, especially small and rural institutions.

For the 2018-19 biennium, student success points should be funded at a rate that is no less than the rate student success points were funded for the 2014-15 biennium (\$185 per student success point).

For the 2018-19 biennium, instructional funding should be increased by \$45 million to allow community colleges the ability to meet workforce skills demands, increase dual credit courses, and expand educational opportunities for all students.

#### Policy Recommendations:

The 50 public community colleges of Texas respectfully request additional funding in state appropriations for the 2018-19 biennium. The Texas Community Colleges are the core drivers of the 60X30TX Strategic Higher Education Plan.

The Challenge: Texas' challenge in realizing the desired outcomes of 60X30TX is magnified by two realities:

1) Economically disadvantaged students and students from Hispanic and African-American communities are less likely to enroll in higher education and complete a program of study; and

2) The proportion of public school students who are from economically disadvantaged families is growing (currently 59%). According to Texas Education Agency data, Hispanic and African-American students make up more than 60% of the K-12 Pipeline.

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Strategies for achieving the goals of 60X30TX:

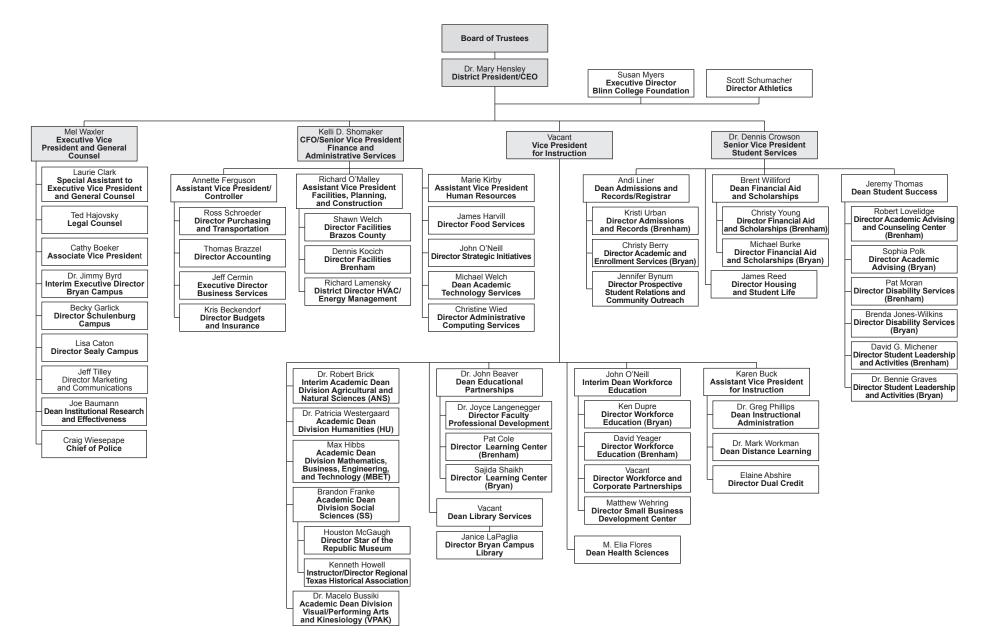
State funding will enable Blinn College to address the specific postsecondary education and workforce training needs of our local communities. With increased State funding, Blinn College would make investments in:

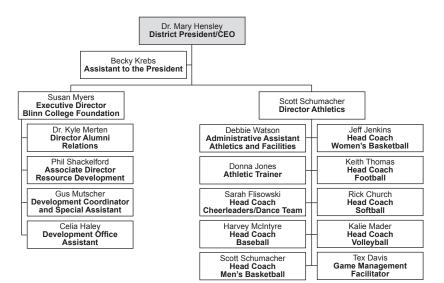
-Mathways Project -Expansion of Dual Credit -Improve student readiness for college level courses -Texas Guided Pathways Project -Additional equipment and program support for area targeted occupation training -Expansion of student advising -Expansion of articulation agreements with four year universities

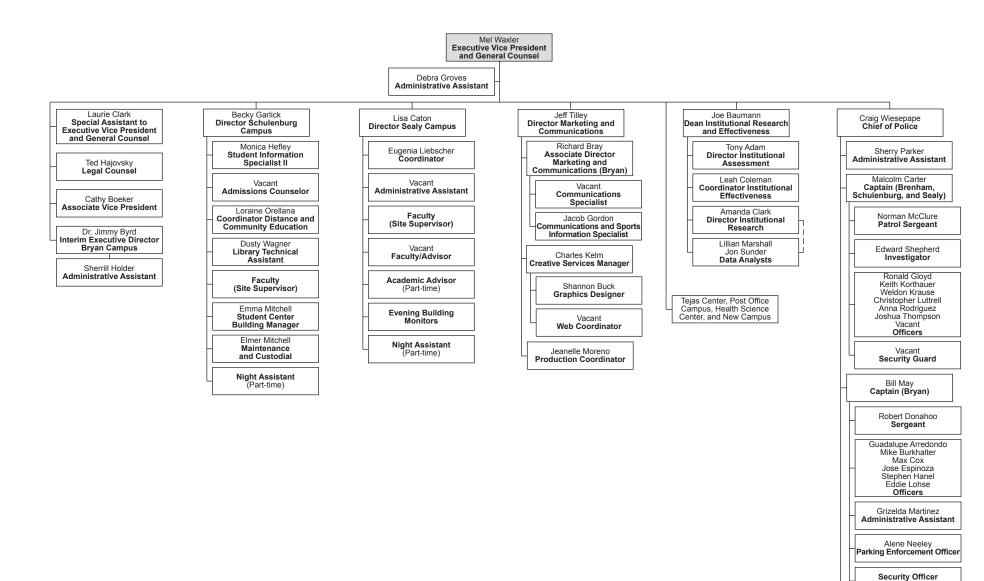
Blinn College will be piloting the New Mathways Project in developmental math classes. Additional funding would allow the College to provide additional training for faculty members in this area. Blinn College would like to expand advising and training for students in several areas. Blinn College would expand dual credit at high schools with a high economically disadvantaged student count. The College believes that an advisor will be needed to work with the students and the ISD's to prepare and inform students on what is necessary to participate in the dual credit program to increase participation. Additionally, Blinn College believes by implementing a holistic and proactive advising model there will be an overall increase in student success, while expanding the work with four year universities to create a more seamless pathway for student to transfer. Blinn College would also provide training to improve student financial literacy and reduce the level of student loan debt. Blinn College is currently working with underprepared students to test out of developmental level courses with course reviews in both math and reading. Additional funding would support continued curriculum and faculty development for these review courses. Blinn College would like to see increased Jobs for Education (JET) funding for programs and equipment. In addition, the College would also like to see a restructure of the rubric to allow funding for new programs that do not have a history of a large number of students, if the training is in a targeted occupation for the area.

#### Reimbursement for Hazelwood Exemption:

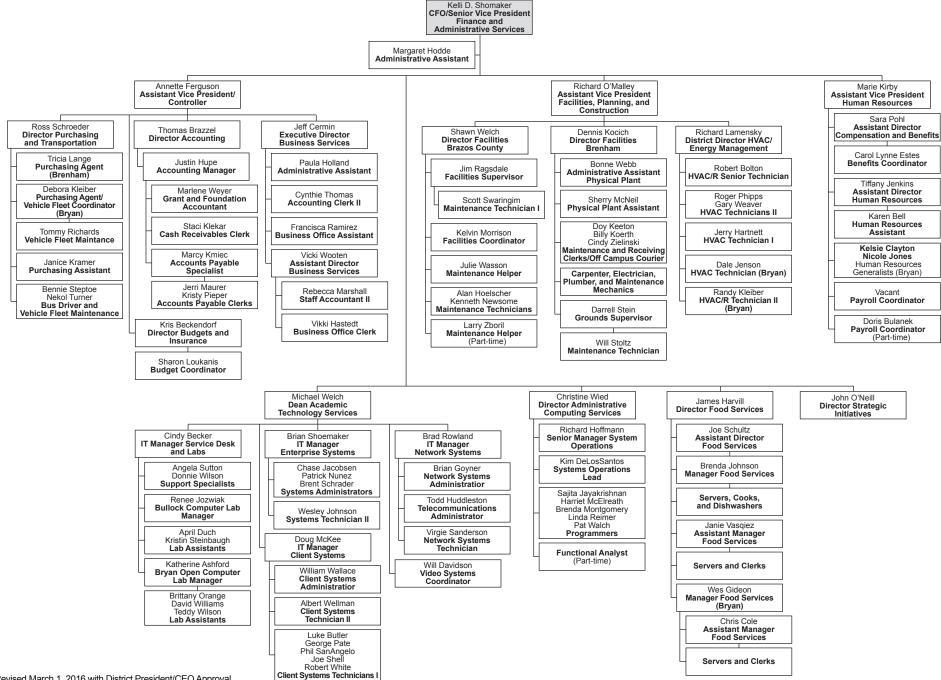
Blinn College appreciates the first step taken by the 83rd Legislature (the passage of HB 1025) in the process of extending financial relief to institutions of higher education from the rising costs associated with the Hazelwood Exemption. During the FY 2014, FY 2015 and FY 2016 terms, Blinn College has incurred \$1,155,895, \$1,191,829, and \$1,508,658 respectively in Hazelwood Exemption expense. Hazelwood is one of several exemptions that higher education institutions are responsible for and Blinn College requests the Texas Legislature recognize the hardship this program places on the individual colleges and asks for increased State funding to assist in off-setting this rising expense.



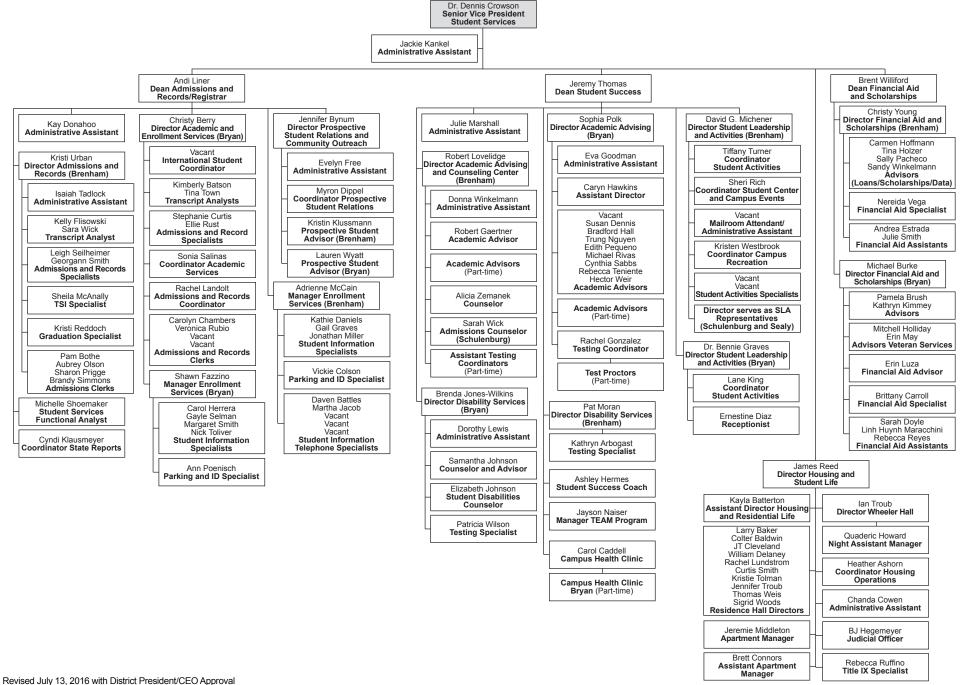


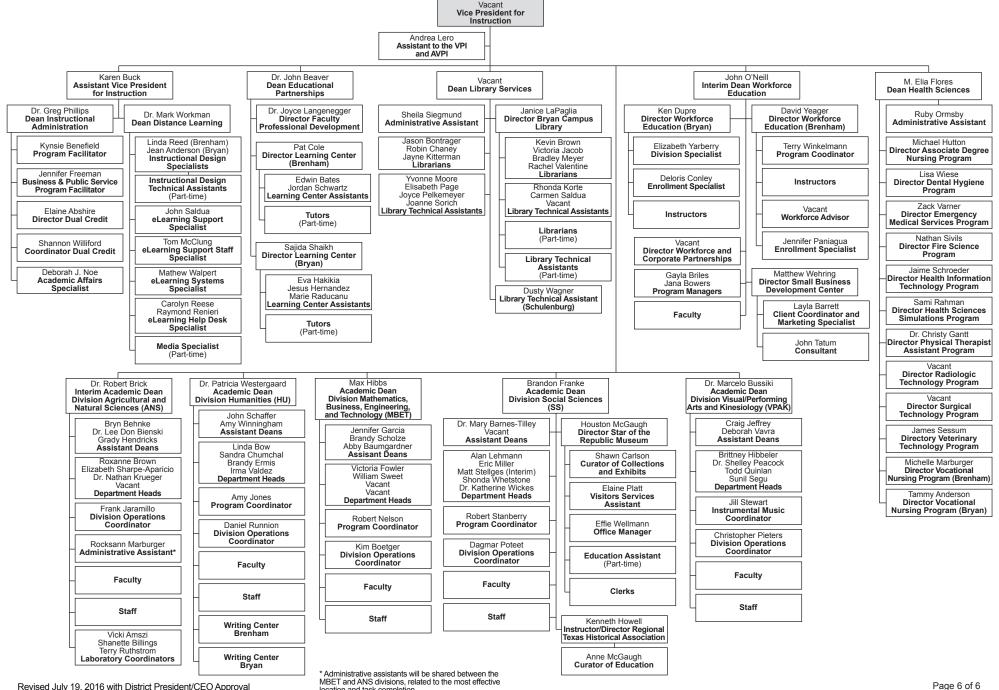


(Part-time) Vacant Emergency Management/ Safety Management



Revised March 1, 2016 with District President/CEO Approval Only names of full-time personnel are listed.





Revised July 19, 2016 with District President/CEO Approval Only names of full-time personnel are listed.

location and task completion.



# CERTIFICATE

# Agency Name Blinn College

This is to certify that the information contained in the agency Legislative Appropriation Request filed with the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Office of the Governor, Budget Division, is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the electronic submission to the LBB via the Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) and the PDF file submitted via the LBB Document Submission application are identical.

Additionally, should it become likely at any time that unexpended balances will accrue for any account, the LBB and the Governor's office will be notified in writing in accordance with Article IX, Section 7.01 (2016–17 GAA).

# **Chief Executive Officer or Presiding Judge**

Signature

Dr. Mary Hensley by Mel Waxler Printed Name

Signature Authority for District President/CEO Title

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Date

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**David Sommer** 

Printed Name

President, Board of Trustees

Title

8/05/2016

Date

**Chief Financial Officer** 

Signature

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Senior VP of Finance

Title

### 8/05/2016

Date

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| Goal / <i>Objective /</i> STRATEGY                         | Exp 2015     | Est 2016     | Bud 2017     | Req 2018  | Req 2019  |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 Provide Instruction                                      |              |              |              |           |           |
| <u>1</u> Provide Administration and Instructional Services |              |              |              |           |           |
| <b>1 CORE OPERATIONS</b> (1)                               | 500,000      | 500,000      | 500,000      | 0         | 0         |
| 2 SUCCESS POINTS (1)                                       | 2,144,851    | 2,485,179    | 2,485,178    | 0         | 0         |
| <b>3 CONTACT HOUR FUNDING</b> (1)                          | 19,842,762   | 20,710,386   | 20,710,386   | 0         | 0         |
| 2 Provide Special Item Instructional Support               |              |              |              |           |           |
| 1 STAR OF THE REPUBLIC MUSEUM                              | 253,827      | 450,000      | 450,000      | 432,000   | 432,000   |
| TOTAL, GOAL 1  | \$22,741,440 | \$24,145,565 | \$24,145,564 | \$432,000 | \$432,000 |
| TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST                             | \$22,741,440 | \$24,145,565 | \$24,145,564 | \$432,000 | \$432,000 |
| TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST*                |              |              |              | \$0       | \$0       |
| GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST                                | \$22,741,440 | \$24,145,565 | \$24,145,564 | \$432,000 | \$432,000 |

(1) - Formula funded strategies are not requested in 2018-19 because amounts are not determined by institutions.

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| Goal / <i>Objective</i> / STRATEGY | Exp 2015     | Est 2016     | Bud 2017     | Req 2018  | Req 2019  |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| METHOD OF FINANCING:               |              |              |              |           |           |
| General Revenue Funds:             |              |              |              |           |           |
| 1 General Revenue Fund             | 22,741,440   | 24,145,565   | 24,145,564   | 432,000   | 432,000   |
| SUBTOTAL                           | \$22,741,440 | \$24,145,565 | \$24,145,564 | \$432,000 | \$432,000 |
| TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING         | \$22,741,440 | \$24,145,565 | \$24,145,564 | \$432,000 | \$432,000 |

\*Rider appropriations for the historical years are included in the strategy amounts.

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## 2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance

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| Agency code: 954                          | Agency name: Blinn Junior   | r College             |                     |           |                   |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| METHOD OF FINANCING                       | Exp 2015                    | Est 2016              | Bud 2017            | Req 2018  | Req 2019          |
| <u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>                    |                             |                       |                     |           |                   |
| 1 General Revenue Fund                    |                             |                       |                     |           |                   |
| REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS                    |                             |                       |                     |           |                   |
| Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2) | 014-15 GAA)<br>\$22,741,440 | \$0                   | \$0                 | \$0       | \$0               |
| <b>Comments:</b> Regular Appropriations   |                             |                       |                     |           |                   |
| Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2) | 016-17 GAA)<br>\$0          | \$24,145,565          | \$24,145,564        | \$432,000 | \$432,000         |
| <b>Comments:</b> Regular Appropriations   |                             |                       |                     |           |                   |
| TOTAL, General Revenue Fund               | \$22,741,440                | \$24,145,565          | \$24,145,564        | \$432,000 | \$432,000         |
|   | <i>422,11,110</i>           | \$ <b>4</b> 791739383 | <i>\$</i> \$173,507 | \$752,000 | Q <b>T</b> 32,000 |
| TOTAL, ALL GENERAL REVENUE                | \$22,741,440                | \$24,145,565          | \$24,145,564        | \$432,000 | \$432,000         |
| GRAND TOTAL                               | \$22,741,440                | \$24,145,565          | \$24,145,564        | \$432,000 | \$432,000         |

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| Agency code:   | 954    | Agency name: | Blinn Junio | r College |          |          |          |
|----------------|--------|--------------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| METHOD OF FINA | ANCING |              | Exp 2015    | Est 2016  | Bud 2017 | Req 2018 | Req 2019 |

NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FTEs

|                           | 2018                                       |   |   | 2019  |   | Bien  | inium  |
|---------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| GR and<br>GR/GR Dedicated | All Funds                                  | FTEs  | GR and<br>GR Dedicated  | All Funds   | FTEs  | GR and<br>GR Dedicated  | All Funds  |
| \$18,000                  | \$18,000                                   |   | \$18,000  | \$18,000  |   | \$36,000  | \$36,000   |
| \$18,000                  | \$18,000                                   |   | \$18,000  | \$18,000  |   | \$36,000  | \$36,000   |
|                           |  |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| \$18,000                  | \$18,000                                   |   | \$18,000  | \$18,000  |   | \$36,000  | \$36,000   |
| \$18,000                  | \$18,000                                   |   | \$18,000  | \$18,000  |   | \$36,000  | \$36,000   |
|                           | GR/GR Dedicated \$18,000 \$18,000 \$18,000 | GR and<br>GR/GR Dedicated         All Funds           \$18,000         \$18,000           \$18,000         \$18,000           \$18,000         \$18,000           \$18,000         \$18,000 | GR and<br>GR/GR Dedicated         All Funds         FTEs           \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000           \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000           \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000 | GR and<br>GR/GR Dedicated         All Funds         FTEs         GR and<br>GR Dedicated           \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000           \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000           \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000           \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000 | GR and<br>GR/GR Dedicated         All Funds         FTEs         GR and<br>GR Dedicated         All Funds           \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000           \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000           \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000           \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000         \$18,000 | GR and<br>GR/GR DedicatedAll FundsFTEsGR and<br>GR DedicatedAll FundsFTEs\$18,000 | GR and<br>GR/GR DedicatedAll FundsFTEsGR and<br>GR Dedicated\$18,000 |

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# 2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy

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| Agency code: 954 Agency name:                       | Blinn Junior College |              |                     |                     |                       |                       |
|---|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Goal/Objective/STRATEGY                             | Base<br>2018         | Base<br>2019 | Exceptional<br>2018 | Exceptional<br>2019 | Total Request<br>2018 | Total Request<br>2019 |
| 1 Provide Instruction                               |                      |              |                     |                     |                       |                       |
| 1 Provide Administration and Instructional Services |                      |              |                     |                     |                       |                       |
| 1 CORE OPERATIONS                                   | \$0                  | \$0          | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                   | \$0                   |
| 2 SUCCESS POINTS                                    | 0                    | 0            | 0                   | 0                   | 0                     | 0                     |
| 3 CONTACT HOUR FUNDING                              | 0                    | 0            | 0                   | 0                   | 0                     | 0                     |
| 2 Provide Special Item Instructional Support        |                      |              |                     |                     |                       |                       |
| 1 STAR OF THE REPUBLIC MUSEUM                       | 432,000              | 432,000      | 18,000              | 18,000              | 450,000               | 450,000               |
| TOTAL, GOAL 1                                       | \$432,000            | \$432,000    | \$18,000            | \$18,000            | \$450,000             | \$450,000             |
| TOTAL, AGENCY<br>STRATEGY REQUEST                   | \$432,000            | \$432,000    | \$18,000            | \$18,000            | \$450,000             | \$450,000             |
| TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER<br>APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST       |                      |              |                     |                     |                       |                       |
| GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST                         | \$432,000            | \$432,000    | \$18,000            | \$18,000            | \$450,000             | \$450,000             |

## 2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy

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| Agency code:       | 954          | Agency name: | Blinn Junior College |              |                     |                     |                       |                       |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Goal/Objective/ST  | RATEGY       |              | Base 2018            | Base<br>2019 | Exceptional<br>2018 | Exceptional<br>2019 | Total Request<br>2018 | Total Request<br>2019 |
| General Revenue Fu | ınds:        |              |                      |              |                     |                     |                       |                       |
| 1 General Rev      | enue Fund    |              | \$432,000            | \$432,000    | \$18,000            | \$18,000            | \$450,000             | \$450,000             |
|                    |              |              | \$432,000            | \$432,000    | \$18,000            | \$18,000            | \$450,000             | \$450,000             |
| TOTAL, METHO       | D OF FINANCI | NG           | \$432,000            | \$432,000    | \$18,000            | \$18,000            | \$450,000             | \$450,000             |

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|                           | 954 Blinn Junior College  |                 |                     |  |  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
|                           | Total I & A<br>Enrollment | Local Non I & A | Total<br>Enrollment |  |  |
|                           |                           |                 |                     |  |  |
| FULL TIME ACTIVES         |                           |                 |                     |  |  |
| 1a Employee Only          | 417                       | 48              | 465                 |  |  |
| 2a Employee and Children  | 117                       | 9               | 126                 |  |  |
| 3a Employee and Spouse    | 56                        | 11              | 67                  |  |  |
| 4a Employee and Family    | 92                        | 3               | 95                  |  |  |
| 5a Eligible, Opt Out      | 4                         | 0               | 4                   |  |  |
| 6a Eligible, Not Enrolled | 17                        | 1               | 18                  |  |  |
| Total for this Section    | 703                       | 72              | 775                 |  |  |
| PART TIME ACTIVES         |                           |                 |                     |  |  |
| 1b Employee Only          | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |  |
| 2b Employee and Children  | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |  |
| 3b Employee and Spouse    | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |  |
| 4b Employee and Family    | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |  |
| 5b Eligble, Opt Out       | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |  |
| 6b Eligible, Not Enrolled | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |  |
| Total for this Section    | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |  |
| Total Active Enrollment   | 703                       | 72              | 775                 |  |  |

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|                            | Total I & A<br>Enrollment | Local Non I & A | Total<br>Enrollment |  |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|
|                            |                           |                 |                     |  |
| FULL TIME RETIREES by ERS  |                           |                 |                     |  |
| 1c Employee Only           | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |
| 2c Employee and Children   | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |
| 3c Employee and Spouse     | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |
| 4c Employee and Family     | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |
| 5c Eligble, Opt Out        | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |
| 6c Eligible, Not Enrolled  | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |
| Total for this Section     | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |
| PART TIME RETIREES by ERS  |                           |                 |                     |  |
| 1d Employee Only           | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |
| 2d Employee and Children   | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |
| 3d Employee and Spouse     | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |
| 4d Employee and Family     | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |
| 5d Eligble, Opt Out        | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |
| 6d Eligible, Not Enrolled  | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |
| Total for this Section     | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |
| Fotal Retirees Enrollment  | 0                         | 0               | 0                   |  |
| FOTAL FULL TIME ENROLLMENT |                           |                 |                     |  |
| 1e Employee Only           | 417                       | 48              | 465                 |  |
| 2e Employee and Children   | 117                       | 9               | 126                 |  |
| 3e Employee and Spouse     | 56                        | 11              | 67                  |  |
| 4e Employee and Family     | 92                        | 3               | 95                  |  |
| 5e Eligble, Opt Out        | 4                         | 0               | 4                   |  |
| 6e Eligible, Not Enrolled  | 17                        | 1               | 18                  |  |
| Fotal for this Section     | 703                       | 72              | 775                 |  |

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|                           | Total I & A<br>Enrollment | Local Non I & A | Total<br>Enrollment |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|                           |                           |                 |                     |
| TOTAL ENROLLMENT          |                           |                 |                     |
| 1f Employee Only          | 417                       | 48              | 465                 |
| 2f Employee and Children  | 117                       | 9               | 126                 |
| 3f Employee and Spouse    | 56                        | 11              | 67                  |
| 4f Employee and Family    | 92                        | 3               | 95                  |
| 5f Eligble, Opt Out       | 4                         | 0               | 4                   |
| 6f Eligible, Not Enrolled | 17                        | 1               | 18                  |
| Total for this Section    | 703                       | 72              | 775                 |

4.A. Exceptional Item Request Schedule

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Agency code: 954 Agency name: **Blinn Junior College** CODE DESCRIPTION Excp 2018 Excp 2019 **Item Name:** Star of the Republic Museum **Item Priority:** 1 No **IT Component: Anticipated Out-year Costs:** No Involve Contracts > \$50,000: No Star of the Republic Museum Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-02-01 **OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:** 2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE 18.000 18,000 TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE \$18,000 \$18,000 **METHOD OF FINANCING:** 1 General Revenue Fund 18,000 18,000 \$18,000 \$18,000 TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING

### **DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:**

Blinn College sincerely appreciates the increase in funding given by the 84th Legislature (the passage of HB1) to remove the burden of nearly \$400,000 per biennium that was placed on Blinn College. To reduce this appropriation would only return the burden of these costs back to the College. The Museum has practiced conservative budgeting, availed itself of third party funds from the Washington on the Brazos Park Association and others, but even the most resourceful entity faces difficulty when funds are cut. Blinn College respectfully requests the funds needed to sustain and grow this critical education tool for future generations of Texans.

#### **EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:**

Major accomplishments to date and expected over the next two years: See Schedule 9 Year established and funding source prior to receiving special item funding: See Schedule 9 Formula funding: See Schedule 9 Non-general revenue sources of funding: See Schedule 9 Consequences of not funding: See Schedule 9 DATE: **8/5/2016** TIME: **8:20:55AM** 

### 6.I. Percent Biennial Base Reduction Options

# 10 % REDUCTION

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|  | <b>REVENUE L</b>   | OSS                | <b>REDUCTION AMOUNT</b> |                    |                      |                | TARGET   |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------|
| Item Priority and Name/ Method of Financing  | 2018               | 2019               | Biennial Total          | 2018               | 2019 I               | Biennial Total |          |
| 1 Star of the Republic Museum  |                    |                    |                         |                    |                      |                |          |
| Category: Programs - Service Reductions (Contra-<br>Item Comment: Areas that would be reviewed<br>1) Elimination/reduction of the \$ 50,000 required<br>2) Elimination of position(s)<br>3) Reduction in Operating hours |                    | ational and public | e awareness prograr     | ns from HB 1; 84th | n Legislative Sessio | on             |          |
| Strategy: 1-1-1 Core Operations<br>General Revenue Funds   |                    |                    |                         |                    |                      |                |          |
| 1 General Revenue Fund   | \$6,500            | \$6,500            | \$13,000                | \$43,200           | \$43,200             | \$86,400       |          |
| General Revenue Funds Total  | \$6,500            | \$6,500            | \$13,000                | \$43,200           | \$43,200             | \$86,400       |          |
| Item Total   | \$6,500            | \$6,500            | \$13,000                | \$43,200           | \$43,200             | \$86,400       |          |
| FTE Reductions (From FY 2018 and FY 2019 Base  | e Request)         |                    |                         |                    |                      |                |          |
| AGENCY TOTALS  |                    |                    |                         |                    |                      |                |          |
| General Revenue Total  | \$6,500            | \$6,500            | \$13,000                | \$43,200           | \$43,200             | \$86,400       | \$86,400 |
| Agency Grand Total   | \$6,500            | \$6,500            | \$13,000                | \$43,200           | \$43,200             | \$86,400       |          |
| Difference, Options Total Less Target  |                    |                    |                         |                    |                      |                |          |
| Agency FTE Reductions (From FY 2018 and F  | Y 2019 Base Reques | t)                 |                         |                    |                      |                |          |

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Special Item: 1 Star of the Republic Museum

(1) Year Special Item: 1969 Original Appropriations: \$800,000

#### (2) Mission of Special Item:

The Star of the Republic Museum was created by the Texas Legislature and is administered by Blinn College as a cultural and educational institution. Its purpose is to collect and preserve the material culture of the Texas Republic (1836-1846) and to interpret the history, cultures, diversity and values of early Texans. The Museum strives to inspire interest, understanding and appreciation of Texas heritage for students, teachers, scholars, and the general public through exhibits, tours, programs, web activities and outreach.

#### (3) (a) Major Accomplishments to Date:

The museum has collected, through purchases and donations, a core collection of over 8,100 items relating to the Republic Period of Texas history. The museum is the only museum in the State that focuses exclusively on this period. As a State History Museum, the museum serves the entire state with its research, publications, and exhibits as evidenced by attendance data that show over 50% of its visitors are out of this region, over 15% out of state and 15% foreign.

The museum has worked to increase the diversity of its visitors and the cultural competency of its staff over the past several years. In 2013, the museum reached out to the Hispanic population with an English/Spanish exhibit of Theodore Gentilz's 19th century paintings of San Antonio and South Texas. Last year the museum offered an exhibit and related events spotlighting the history of 19th century African Americans in Texas, including summer programs for local youth.

#### (3) (b) Major Accomplishments Expected During the Next 2 Years:

The museum's goals for the next two years are to continue researching descendants of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Over 5,000 living descendants have been identified and an estimated 30,000 are still out there. The museum has received numerous donations of artifacts and documents from the descendants and several cash donations.

The museum recently submitted an NEH Common Heritage grant proposal that--if received--will facilitate and encourage a relationship with the local community of Washington, that is largely descended from African American slaves, as the museum collects and catalogs its history and artifacts. This trend is expected to continue for the next several years as the museum strives to attract new and underserved audiences.

#### (4) Funding Source Prior to Receiving Special Item Funding:

None, the Star of the Republic Museum has always been funded at least in part by State funds.

(5) Formula Funding: N

(6) Startup Funding: N 954 Blinn Junior College

### (7) Transition Funding:

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### (8) Non-general Revenue Sources of Funding:

HB 634 of the 61st Texas Legislature transferred ownership of the museum to Blinn college and appropriated an annual operating budget. State funding for the operations was increase by the 84th Texas Legislature HB 1 to offset the nearly \$400,000 burden per biennium that was being placed on Blinn College. Blinn College sincerely appreciates the increase in funding given by the 84th Legislature (the passage of HB1) however, to reduce this appropriation would only return the burden of these costs back to the College. The Museum has practiced conservative budgeting, availed itself of third party funds from the Washington on the Brazos Park Association and others, but even the most resourceful entity faces difficulty when funds are cut. Blinn College respectfully requests the funds needed to sustain and grow this critical education tool for future generations of Texans.

### (9) Consequences of Not Funding:

Blinn College is a fast growing institution that finds itself in the position of needing to focus all possible resources to fund the student growth we are experiencing. A major component to maximizing resources to pay for growth is assessing all programs. If additional financial assistance is not continued at 2016-2017 levels by the State, Blinn College may be in a position where the expense will be a factor considered when tuition and fee increases are contemplated or where Museum operations could need to be scaled back, which would be a loss to the entire State.