The Education and Higher Education Committees of the Texas Senate met jointly on March 29, 2016 to consider their interim charges pertaining to strategic planning and readiness and educator preparation. Specifically, the joint Committees focused on the ongoing implementation of HB 5; preparation of Texas high school students for postsecondary education and workforce training; alignment of the implementation of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s 60 x 30TX education plan with dual credit, credit transferability, and fields of study; and teacher shortage and retention, especially in the areas of English Language Learners (ELL), special education, and STEM. Representatives of Blinn College attended this hearing, including President Mary Hensley, to connect with the members of the Committee and to monitor the Committee’s deliberations as they pertained to the community college’s generally, and Blinn’s operations and services specifically.