

Texas Tidbits: Carroll Institute board elects Jackson as chair

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The [B.H. Carroll Theological Institute's](#) board of governors elected as chairman Richard Jackson, longtime Baptist minister and president of the Jackson Center in Brownwood. "Dr. Jackson brings a wealth of leadership experience and a passion to share the gospel of Jesus with all people," said



Gene Wilkes, president of the institute.

Richard Jackson "We are honored he will invest those gifts in the institute's global mission to equip men and women called to serve Christ and his church." The board of governors elected as vice chair Leon Leach, executive vice president of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, and as secretary Babs Baugh, president of the John and Eula Mae Baugh Foundation in San Antonio. The board elected as new governors Ken Huggins, pastor of Elkins Lake Baptist Church in Huntsville, and Jason Jones, chief technology officer at SimpleLTC Systems in Richardson. The board of governors also endorsed the institute's pursuit of candidacy status with the Association of Theological Schools. The institute currently holds associate membership with ATS.

UMHB forms Center for Innovation. The [University of Mary Hardin-Baylor](#) formed a Center for Innovation as an idea incubator and named Associate Provost Tammi Cooper as the school's first vice president for innovation, effective June 1. "Many institutions have established innovation

centers that serve as incubators for new products or businesses,” Cooper said. “Our center, instead, will focus on the student, on innovations in academic programs and student life that will enhance our students’ experiences as they earn their degrees.”

ETBU trustees approve \$38.7 million budget. The [East Texas Baptist University](#) board of trustees approved a \$38.7 million operating budget for the 2015-2016 academic year, a 3.7 percent increase over the current year’s budget. It includes \$10.2 million for student scholarships, a 3.1 percent increase. Trustees also approved two new majors—health sciences and rehabilitative sciences.