



Dear Awards Committee Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce, the first Chamber in the state of Texas, has been promoting and advocating for business and community development in Galveston since 1845. Our vibrant and growing Chamber includes members from a variety of industries and disciplines. The Chamber of Commerce has not only advocated for economic growth but is also active on matters that are critical to the region's ability to meet the challenges of the future.

With all of the recent shifts in our community and economy, leadership across organizations will be looking at ways to keep themselves and their employees feeling connected to their work, their teams, and the Galveston community. As UTMB hopes to explore the Appreciative Inquiry (AI) approach to mitigate burnout amongst faculty and staff, we see the opportunity for Galveston community and business leaders to benefit from AI training workshops held at the UTMB. The opportunity for community members to come and train together with UTMB leadership will create a unique atmosphere for community building and idea sharing. It is our belief that the AI methodology of focusing on building organizations up on their innate strengths and existing resources will be of benefit to all types of Galveston businesses.

In summary, The Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce is supportive of the UTMB Faculty Engagement proposal: Restoring Faculty Engagement Through Appreciative Inquiry, and looks forward to the potential AI training opportunities for our community.

Sincerely,

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Gina M. Spagnola,
President & CEO
Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce