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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
BEFORE THE
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION
AUSTIN, TEXAS

PUBLIC MEETING)
FOR THE TEXAS)
WORKFORCE COMMISSION)

COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT at 9:00 a.m. on
Tuesday, the 9th day of January, 2018, the above-entitled
matter came on for hearing at the Texas Workforce
Commission, TWC Building, 101 East 15th Street, Room 244,
Austin, Texas, before ANDRES ALCANTAR, Chairman; JULIAN
ALVAREZ and RUTH R. HUGHS, Commissioners

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P R O C E E D I N G S

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

(9:00 a.m.)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good morning, everyone.

And hope you had a happy holiday season.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action
Regarding Whether to Assume Continuing Jurisdiction on
Unemployment Compensation Cases, Wage Claim Cases, and/or
Tax Liability Cases and Reconsideration of Unemployment
Compensation Cases, Wage Claim Cases, and/or Tax Liability
Cases, if any.

No Discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action
Regarding Tax Liability Cases Listed on the Texas Workforce
Commission Dockets 52, 1 and 2.

The Commission considered and took action on
all tax liability cases listed on Dockets 52, 1 and 2.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action
Regarding Fair Housing Cases listed on the Texas Workforce
Commission Dockets 52, 1 and 2.

No Discussion.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action
Regarding Higher Level Appeals in Wage Claim Cases Listed on
the Texas Workforce Commission Dockets 52, 1 and 2.

The Commission considered and took action on
all wage claim cases listed on Dockets 52, 1 and 2.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action
Regarding Higher Level Appeals in Unemployment Compensation
Cases Listed on the Texas Workforce Commission Dockets 52, 1
and 2.

The Commission considered and took action on
all unemployment compensation cases listed on Dockets 52, 1
and 2.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right. Good morning,
everyone. We are back in session. Good morning, Les. Do
we have any public comment?

MR. TROBMAN: No, sir. We don't.

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We do not have any public
comment.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 8; there is no
discussion on Item 8. Let me get my docket here.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

1 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 9. Discussion,
2 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding the Annual
3 Report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the
4 Legislature Concerning the High-Demand, High-Wage
5 Occupations. Doyle, good morning.

6 MR. FUCHS: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
7 Commissioner Hughs, Commissioner Alvarez and Mr. Temple.
8 For the record, I'm Doyle Fuchs, Director of Labor Market
9 and Career Information.

10 You have before you for your consideration
11 and possible action the annual Commission report to the
12 Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Legislature regarding
13 High-Growth occupations and projected shortages. You and
14 your offices were briefed on the report and you received a
15 final draft a few days ago.

16 The report shows top-growth occupations in
17 each of 14 industry sectors as specified by Texas Labor Code
18 §302. The report incorporates information derived from
19 short-term and long-term projections and real-time online
20 job postings. Staff has no recommendations for your
21 consideration based on the report.

22 I would like to thank the LMCI team led by
23 Mariana Vega that put the report together. Today we're
24 asking for Commission approval of the report with permission
25 to make minor, non-substantive changes as the final layout

1 is prepared. Thank you for your consideration. That
2 concludes my prepared remarks.

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs?

4 COMM. HUGHS: Thank you and thank you for all
5 the hard work you and your team have done to put this
6 together. I enjoyed reading it, it's very informative. I
7 think it's very well presented.

8 I move that we approve the annual report
9 concerning existing and projected shortages in High-Demand
10 High-Wage occupations, and for Staff to be able to make any
11 technical edits or corrections before submitting to the
12 Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Legislature.

13 COMM. ALVAREZ: And I'll agree with
14 Commissioner Hughs; great report, Doyle. Congratulations
15 and I'll second.

16 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous. Thank
17 you.

18 MR. FUCHS: Thank you.

19 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 10. We have no
21 update.

22 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 11. Discussion,
24 Consideration; we have no statewide initiatives this
25 morning. We have no update on num -- Item 11 for Hurricane

1 Harvey. Correct, Larry?

2 MR. TEMPLE: (No audible response).

3 AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

4 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 12. There is
5 Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding the
6 Approval of Local Board Nominees. Cameron.

7 MR. BELL: Good morning.

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good morning, Cameron.

9 MR. BELL: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
10 Commissioners, Mr. Temple. Before you for your
11 consideration are Workforce Development Board nominations
12 for Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas, Golden Crescent,
13 Greater Texas, and North Texas.

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs?

15 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we approve Local
16 Workforce Development Board nominees for Deep East Texas,
17 East Texas, Golden Crescent, Greater Dallas, and North
18 Texas.

19 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous. Thank
21 you, Cameron.

22 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 13. Discussion,
24 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding State or Federal
25 Legislation. Michael Britt. Good morning, Michael.

1 MR. BRITT: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
2 Commissioners. For the record, Michael Britt, Governmental
3 Relations.

4 The U.S. House and Senate are continuing to
5 work on funding for the federal government passed January
6 19th. Disaster supplemental appropriations could also be
7 included in that measure when Congress takes it up.

8 This Thursday, the U.S. Senate Health,
9 Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, will hold an
10 executive session to consider nominations for the
11 Departments of Labor and Education. And this Friday, JR
12 will be monitoring the Texas House Appropriations
13 Subcommittee on Disaster Impact and Recovery. The hearing
14 will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will continue the Committee's
15 examination of federal funds used by state agencies
16 responding to the effects of Hurricane Harvey.

17 This concludes my remarks. I'd be happy to
18 answer any questions you have.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioners?

20 COMM. HUGHS: No questions. Thank you.

21 MR. BRITT: Thank you.

22 AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 14. Report and
24 Update by the Executive Director. Good morning, Larry.
25 What do you have for us?

1 MR. TEMPLE: Good morning, Commissioners.
2 Nothing to report, just everyone back from the holidays and
3 ready for 2018 to be a successful year.

4 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Look forward to your
5 strong leadership another year. Thank you, Larry.

6 AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: The time is now 10:04.
8 Texas Workforce Commission is now going into Executive
9 Session to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Evaluations,
10 Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of the
11 Executive Director, Internal Auditor, Executive Staff, and
12 other Personnel, pursuant to Government Code §551.074(a)(1).
13 Thank you.

14 AGENDA ITEM NO. 17

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: The time is 10:50; do we
16 have a motion to adjourn?

17 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we adjourn.

18 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We're adjourned. Thank
20 you.

21 (Proceedings concluded at 10:51 a.m.)
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