



**MEETING OF THE  
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

**April 28, 2020**

1 TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020

2 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: --signed up for public  
3 comment.

4 MALE: No, sir. We have no registrations  
5 for public comment this month.

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right, let's move to  
7 Agenda Item Eight. This is emergency UI rule, discussion,  
8 consideration and possible action regarding adoption of  
9 emergency rules pursuant to Texas Government Code Section  
10 2001.034 relating to certain unemployment provisions and Public  
11 Law 116-127, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

12 JASON STALINKSY: Good morning, Chairman  
13 Daniel, Commissioner Alvarez, Commissioner Demerson and Mr.  
14 Serna. For the record, I'm Jason Stalinsky, Unemployment  
15 Insurance Policy. The Emergency Unemployment Insurance  
16 Stabilization and Access Act provides states with emergency  
17 funding grants for the administration of their unemployment  
18 compensation programs. The purpose of these grants is to assist  
19 states with the unprecedented claim volumes associated with  
20 Covid-19. These grants are allocated into two separate  
21 allotments, allotment one and two.

22 Each allotment contains its own  
23 requirements. If a state meets the requirements of and obtains  
24 both allotment one and two, the federal government will pay 100  
25 percent of any extended benefits until the end of the year. The

1 requirement of allotment one is a state law requiring employers  
2 to provide individual notification of the availability of  
3 unemployment compensation to employees at the time of separation  
4 from unemployment. The commission has the authority, under  
5 Texas Unemployment Compensation Act or TUCA Section 208001B, to  
6 require this individual notice. To clarify how this notice must  
7 be provided, today staff is recommending amending Section 815.1  
8 to define places accessible as stated in TUCA Chapter 208 to  
9 include general notice in the workplace and individual notice  
10 upon separation.

11                     Additionally, Section 209025 of TUCA  
12 provides the commission with the ability to maximize the receipt  
13 of any fully funded federal extended benefits. TUCA currently  
14 provides for an insured unemployment rate or IUR trigger for  
15 extended benefits with benefit eligibility lasting a maximum of  
16 13 weeks. Federal law, however, provides for an alternate  
17 trigger, the Total Unemployment Rate or TUR trigger. The TUR  
18 trigger also provides that in periods of high unemployment an  
19 additional seven weeks of extended benefits eligibility is  
20 available. To maximize the federal funding of extended benefits  
21 the agency will need to implement the optional TUR trigger with  
22 the high unemployment rate period as provided for in Chapter  
23 815, Subchapter F of these proposed emergency rules.

24                     During the surge of unemployment, it is  
25 vital that Texans have prompt access the full extent of extended

1 benefits available. Therefore, staff requests the commissioners  
2 find imminent peril to the public welfare, which requires the  
3 adoption of emergency rules without 30 days' notice in the Texas  
4 Register. On the same basis, staff also requests that the  
5 commissioners find imminent peril to the public welfare requires  
6 the adoption of rules with an expedited effective date that is  
7 effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State so  
8 that these rules can be implemented immediately under the  
9 emergency rule-making provisions of Texas Government Code  
10 Sections 2001.034 and 2001.036.

11 Staff will bring forth permanent rules to  
12 replace these emergency rules at a later date. Today staff is  
13 seeking your direction on submitting these proposed rules to the  
14 Texas Register. If so directed, staff seeks approval to make  
15 any minor, non-substantive corrections to the document for  
16 purposes of publication. I am here this morning  
17 [unintelligible] to answer any questions.

18 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

19 JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Chairman, am I correct  
20 that there will be two motions on this specific agenda item?

21 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I believe that's correct.

22 JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Okay. No questions.

23 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Commissioner Demerson?

24 AARON DEMERSON: None here.

25 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Are there any motions?

1 JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Yes, sir. On the  
2 first motion. On March 18, 2020, the federal government passed  
3 the Emergency Unemployment Insurance Stabilization and Access  
4 Act of 2020. Emergency rules are necessary to implement the act  
5 and provide Texans with a prompt and extended financial  
6 assistance, which will also serve as a stabilization factor in  
7 our local economies, both of which are critically needed due to  
8 the statewide disruptions caused by Covid-19 global pandemic. I  
9 move that the commission formally find that the imminent action-  
10 -that immediate action is required to comply with the  
11 requirements of the Emergency Unemployment Insurance  
12 Stabilization and Access Act of 2020, and avoid the imminent  
13 peril to the public welfare that would be occasioned by delay.

14 AARON DEMERSON: I second the motion.

15 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Entered and seconded.  
16 We're unanimous.

17 JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Oh, I seconded. I'm  
18 sorry. Well, I made the motion.

19 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: You did. We're good.  
20 You want to just read--

21 JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Oh, you want me to  
22 read the--I'm sorry. I'm sorry, I had a break up there. I  
23 apologize for that.

24 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: [Unintelligible].

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1                   JULIAN ALVAREZ III: My second motion, I  
2 also move that we adopt the emergency basis. On the emergency  
3 basis pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 2001.034,  
4 the proposed amendments to Chapter 815 rules relating to the  
5 unemployment insurance benefits general provisions in Section  
6 815.1 and extended benefits in Sections 815.170 through 815.174  
7 and publish them in the Texas Register with permission for the  
8 staff to make minor, non-substantive changes.

9                   AARON DEMERSON: [Unintelligible] I'm going  
10 to second the motion. But before I do that I want to make sure  
11 that we have an opportunity to work with you guys on anything  
12 that we need to get out to the Texas employers in regards to  
13 what we're establishing here. We'd love to work with you to  
14 share that information. [Unintelligible]--

15                   MALE: Yes, sir. We absolutely will make  
16 sure that you have that opportunity. This just allows us to be  
17 able to move in that direction.

18                   AARON DEMERSON: Okay. Well, then I  
19 second.

20                   CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and  
21 seconded. We're unanimous.

22                   JASON STALINKSY: Thank you, Commissioner.

23                   CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. I'm showing  
24 no reports for Agenda Item Nine. Agenda Item 10 is the disaster  
25 plea. This will be a discussion, consideration and possible

1 action regarding guidance on resource utilization and  
2 implementation, process and strategies to target disaster relief  
3 efforts and public health emergencies with the Department of  
4 Labor's Disaster Dislocated Worker Grant. Item 10, Covid-19  
5 essential workers allowing providers to chart the difference  
6 discussion paper.

7 REAGAN MILLER: Good morning, Chair Daniel  
8 and commissioners. Reagan Miller for the record. This morning  
9 for your consideration is a state rule waiver request concerning  
10 whether child care providers can charge an essential worker the  
11 difference between the board's reimbursement rate and the  
12 provider's published rate, which is sometimes referred to as  
13 their private pay rate. Providers have brought to our attention  
14 that they were previously serving the children of parents who  
15 are now classified as a TWC Covid essential worker. These TWC  
16 Covid essential workers now qualify for three months of TWC  
17 Covid essential worker child care. In cases where the board's  
18 reimbursement rate is lower than the provider's published rate  
19 the provider will receive less revenue for serving the same  
20 child.

21 So, while Covid essential worker child care  
22 was a benefit to the parent, it could be a detriment to the  
23 provider in these specific cases where they were already serving  
24 the same child at a higher rate. This morning we're seeking  
25 your direction in pursuing a state rule waiver to allow

1 providers to charge the difference only for those families that  
2 were previously private pay and continue to be served by the  
3 same provider as a Covid essential worker through two state  
4 waiver requests.

5                   First, a waiver of TWC child care rule  
6 Section 809.92, which prohibits providers from charging the  
7 difference to protective services families. This waiver request  
8 would allow charging a difference in the scenario previously  
9 described. And secondly, a waiver of TWC child care rule,  
10 Section 809.13C11, which requires boards to adopt the policy in  
11 an open meeting regarding charging the difference and instead to  
12 establish a statewide policy for Covid essential workers who  
13 were previously private pay as described a few minutes ago in  
14 those specific instances. Happy to answer any questions.

15                   JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Mr. Chairman, I have a  
16 question.

17                   CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Yes.

18                   JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Reagan, again, great  
19 work. Super excited that we're facilitating the needs of our  
20 essential workers. So, thank you for that. The only question I  
21 have is when would these waivers be effective?

22                   REAGAN MILLER: We are thinking that we  
23 could make the waivers effective on April 1<sup>st</sup> when we started  
24 enrolling new parents in essential worker child care to allow  
25 providers to make up that difference. Again, for parents they



1 would still be paying a much lower amount than they were as a  
2 private pay parent.

3 JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Great. Thank you,  
4 Reagan.

5 REAGAN MILLER: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

7 AARON DEMERSON: None here.

8 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: None? Are there any  
9 motions?

10 JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Yes, chairman. I move  
11 that we waive Section 809.92C to allow providers to charge the  
12 difference to the families that were previously private pay and  
13 continue to be served by providers as Covid-19 frontline  
14 essential workers and that we waive Section 209.13C11 to allow  
15 for the statewide policy for providers to charge the difference  
16 for Covid-19 frontline essential workers who were previously  
17 private pay as described in the discussion paper.

18 AARON DEMERSON: I second.

19 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and  
20 seconded. We're unanimous.

21 REAGAN MILLER: Thank you, commissioners.

22 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right. Do we have  
23 anything else under Agenda Item 10?

24 ED SERNA: We should have an update from  
25 Clay Cole.

1 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right.

2 CLAY COLE: Good morning, Commissioner  
3 Daniel, Commissioner Alvarez, Commissioner Demerson, Mr. Serna.  
4 For the record, Clay Cole, UI Division. This week, again,  
5 seeing big payouts and UI benefits. We continue to add an  
6 increased system capacity. All four call centers, partners, are  
7 online. The majority continue to ramp up our numbers, again,  
8 just increasing our capacity. Today UI is having a kickoff with  
9 Genesis to begin work to deploy a cloud interactive voice  
10 response system allowing UI to process more payment requests on  
11 teleserve and increase capacity to eliminate busy signals and  
12 use artificial intelligence to help with servicing customers.  
13 We continue to onboard external volunteers.

14 We have begun providing new assignments to  
15 senate and house volunteers outreaching customers in efforts to  
16 reassure our customers of their claim status and help reduce  
17 calls to our call centers and just provide better customer  
18 resolution and next steps. UI is working closely with finance  
19 and operational insights who are helping perform data analytics  
20 on customer groups to streamline assignment processes and  
21 approve messaging. We also are exploring plans for having our  
22 own or a partner call center work as an outbound call center to  
23 reach customers needing specific high-need services which will  
24 help achieve greater resolution, reducing unnecessary callbacks.  
25 UI is actively working on plans for Texas opening back up for

1 business by exploring options for streamlining communications  
2 and handling cases with employers and customers returning to  
3 work that aligns with the governor's plan released yesterday.

4           And again, we've seen big improvements in  
5 our assignment productivity, especially specific assignments  
6 that we see high numbers in. We refer to ZD02, ZD10s, but I  
7 just want to give a big shout out and thanks to our internal  
8 volunteers, because they're really helping us really increase  
9 our productivity. So, big thanks to all our TWC volunteers for  
10 helping UI during this, you know, big need for our customers.  
11 And this concludes my update.

12           CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you, Clay.  
13 Commissioners, comments or questions?

14           JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Chairman, I'd just  
15 like to take this opportunity to thank Clay, his staff and those  
16 that have volunteered for all they're doing during this time in  
17 taking time to answer questions, extending the hours of  
18 operation and many of those who work on the weekend. So, I just  
19 wanted to take this opportunity to thank Clay, his staff, Lashay  
20 as well, for their continued support.

21           CLAY COLE: Thanks, Commissioner.

22           AARON DEMERSON: And I'd like to also, Mr.  
23 Chairman, Commissioner Alvarez, echo those sentiments. We  
24 appreciate the work that's been done day in and day out. And a  
25 lot of stars, Clay, you guys have on the team. I won't call out

1 all the individuals that have helped and are going to them for  
2 assistance, and that means a lot. So, we really appreciate  
3 that. Question on the outbound call centers. So, when do we  
4 expect to have that up and running or that activity to taking  
5 place?

6 CLAY COLE: We haven't set a date, but we  
7 hope to as early as next week sometime hopefully have a plan in  
8 place. We're still working on the data analytics to, again, to  
9 zero in on some of those high customer needs of service. And  
10 so, as soon as we have that we'll let you know.

11 AARON DEMERSON: Okay. And to  
12 overemphasize that's the busy signals and the things along those  
13 lines. We're eliminating those and we're making a lot of  
14 progress. Again, appreciate all the work that you guys are  
15 doing and those kind of initiatives allow us to move even  
16 faster. So, applaud the efforts on data analytics and the like  
17 to make sure that we're addressing the needs of our folks that  
18 are out there.

19 CLAY COLE: Thanks, Commissioner.

20 ED SERNA: One thing to clarify,  
21 commissioners, Clay was talking about--I know you all  
22 understand, but just to make sure that it's clear. We're  
23 talking about dedicating one of our call centers for outbound,  
24 but we are making outbound calls now with staff and with outside  
25 volunteers that are reaching out to our customers to get

1 clarification or to get information. So, we're doing some of  
2 that with the volunteers. This would actually be taking one of  
3 our call centers and converting it to outbound versus inbound to  
4 be even more effective.

5 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is the strategy behind  
6 that, then, that we've been able to confirm that there's a  
7 number of people who are still calling the claims line because  
8 they have questions even after their claim being perfected and  
9 filed?

10 ED SERNA: Yes, sir. That's exactly right.  
11 And the assistance that we're getting now with the volunteers,  
12 they have limited--they have a good--they've developed a good  
13 understanding, but they have limited understanding of the  
14 details of the unemployment system. And if we take one of our  
15 experienced call centers and have them make outbound calls, then  
16 when we make those calls we can completely resolve any issues or  
17 questions that the individuals may have.

18 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Excellent. Excellent.

19 AARON DEMERSON: Mr. Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I do really perceive that  
21 as a good use of our resources. You know, and I would say,  
22 Clay, to you and certainly Mr. Serna, we have done a remarkable  
23 job of staying abreast of changing issues as they've moved  
24 through the UI claims process. A large number of people trying  
25 to get through. I know we've taken a number of measures to

1 address that in our move to seven days a week, 12 hours a day,  
2 which still leaves the computer time to process overnight.

3           We've done a good job of reallocating TWC  
4 staff and volunteers. Of course, our house and senate staffers  
5 are providing, I think, a great service to us in terms of the  
6 outbound calls and the ability to reach customers who simply  
7 have a question even after their claim has been taken and in  
8 some cases even authorized for payment. I know the questions  
9 persist, and so, these efforts are taken then in an effort to  
10 not have people call the 800 number where you would also call to  
11 be able to get your claim. Now that sort of goes along with the  
12 fact that, you know, we've seen a great increase in our  
13 computing capability and that 90 percent, maybe greater than 90  
14 percent of our claims are still coming in online; is that still  
15 correct?

16           CLAY COLE: Yes, sir. It is.

17           CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Okay, so we've deployed a  
18 number of tools then to help, you know, our UI team. And I  
19 anticipate that we'll continue to apply that kind of creativity.  
20 So, kudos to all who are looking at creative ways to help us  
21 communicate with all of our customers more effectively and  
22 hopefully we'll be able to figure out a system to address each  
23 of these new issues as they come up. All right, thank you.  
24 Anything else under Agenda Item 10? No? Let's move then to  
25 Agenda Item 11. This is for consideration of possible action

1 regarding approval of Local Workforce Development Board  
2 nominees.

3 SHUNTA WILLIAMS: Good morning, everybody.  
4 Good morning, Chairman Daniel, Commissioner Alvarez,  
5 Commissioner Demerson and Mr. Serna.

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Morning.

7 JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Morning.

8 SHUNTA WILLIAMS: For the record, Shunta  
9 Williams with the Workforce Development Division. And before  
10 you for consideration we have Workforce Board nominees for  
11 Workforce Solutions Capital Area, Concho Valley, Heart of Texas  
12 and Northeast Texas. And staff recommends that all nominees be  
13 approved and I am here to answer any questions you may have.

14 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Commissioners, comments  
15 or questions?

16 JULIAN ALVAREZ III: No, sir.

17 AARON DEMERSON: None here.

18 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. Do we have a  
19 motion?

20 AARON DEMERSON: Chairman, I move that we  
21 approve the nominees for Capital Area, Concho Valley, Heart of  
22 Texas and Northeast Texas.

23 JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Moved and seconded.

25 We're unanimous.

1 SHUNTA WILLIAMS: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right. Tom, do you  
3 have anything to report today?

4 TOM MCCARTY: Yes, sir. Good morning, Mr.  
5 Chairman, Commissioner Alvarez, Commissioner Demerson. For the  
6 record, Tom McCarty, External Relations. Last Friday the  
7 president signed into law HR266, the Paycheck Protection Program  
8 and Health Care Enhancement Act. This is another part of the  
9 stimulus package that they've passed that provides \$310 billion  
10 for the depleted Paycheck Protection Program with \$60 billion of  
11 the \$310 being set aside for under banked businesses. There's  
12 also \$60 billion in loans and grants for economic disaster  
13 assistance, \$75 billion provided for hospitals and \$25 billion  
14 for Coronavirus testing. Congress is currently in recess this  
15 week and both the U.S. house and senate will return on May 4<sup>th</sup>.  
16 This concludes my remarks. I'm happy to answer any questions  
17 you may have.

18 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

19 JULIAN ALVAREZ III: No, Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Mr. Demerson?

21 AARON DEMERSON: None here. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you very much.

23 Tom, thank you.

24 TOM MCCARTY: Thank you, sir.

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1 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Ed, anything on the  
2 Executive Director's Report?

3 ED SERNA: Just one brief thing I want to  
4 make sure the commissioners are aware of. We continue to pay  
5 attention to the UI issue, the number of calls, the resources  
6 that we're putting there, et cetera, et cetera, but we are also  
7 beginning to focus our attention on the recovery of the economy.  
8 To that end, we have already begun taking steps to increase the  
9 bandwidth, if you will, of work in Texas. We currently can  
10 handle 25,000 concurrent users. We'll be taking steps to  
11 increase that by five times so we can handle over 100,000  
12 concurrent users in the very near future. So, we're  
13 anticipating the demand shifting over there, and we're taking  
14 steps well in advance to address that. And we'll continue to  
15 inform your offices, brief you all and take steps that are  
16 necessary to serve those customers as well.

17 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Right. Thank you, Ed.  
18 Commissioners, comments or questions?

19 JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Not to Ed, sir.

20 AARON DEMERSON: Mr. Chairman, yeah. Ed, I  
21 applaud those efforts on WIT, because that will be the next  
22 step. And so, a lot of those things will go into that website.  
23 And I know Heather and her team have done amazing work on  
24 getting that up, and so putting that out there so the job  
25 seekers and employers have an opportunity to post jobs on that

1 in an easy way and those job seekers have a very easy way to  
2 find those opportunities that are out there. And that lines up  
3 with the governor kind of announcing those jobs that are out  
4 there and those workforce boards and the positions that they  
5 have and what they're going to do. So, I appreciate you guys.

6 ED SERNA: Sir, thank you.

7 AARON DEMERSON: And we'll get a next level  
8 WIT.

9 ED SERNA: We'll be ready.

10 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Right. Ed, thank you.  
11 You know, with regard to the governor's announcement yesterday  
12 and the phased reopening of the state, which is definitely  
13 moving us back to opportunities for people to go back to work.  
14 I think, Ed, related to what you're talking about with regard to  
15 work in Texas, I do think it creates a couple of additional  
16 opportunities for folks as they're reentering the workforce.  
17 One's a technical issue and the other, I think, is an  
18 opportunity for a number of people. The technical issue would  
19 be if there's no objection from the commissioners I asked staff  
20 to be prepared after the commission meeting to talk to us about  
21 some of the UI rules that have been suspended, work search,  
22 other rules that we have suspended.

23 I'd like to have a report next week on  
24 where we are with those rules and what our plans are as we move  
25 back toward a more typical UI program and what we think our

1 timeline is for that, particularly with people that are going to  
2 be moving in and possibly still out of the workforce. I just  
3 would like a greater understanding of that. So, if there's no  
4 objection, I'd ask staff to do that next week. No objection?  
5 And then the second point that I would make is this. You know,  
6 I think that with businesses being able to reopen on a more  
7 limited basis, you know, some with limited capacity based on  
8 their total capacity of people, obviously some sole proprietors  
9 and others that are able to go back to work on Friday, and I  
10 think some additional hospitality sector industry being able to  
11 go back to work on a limited basis.

12                   We're not going to have everybody start  
13 back at once. Ed, I think it's possible to do this by Zoom.  
14 And if there's no objection from commissioners I'd ask staff to  
15 be able to report back to us at the next commission meeting in  
16 terms of what we've done thus far in terms of creating training  
17 opportunities, other opportunities related to training for  
18 Texans who are either on unemployment or are seeking to avoid  
19 going on unemployment by taking advantage to those  
20 opportunities. And then what our midterm plan is for helping  
21 people [unintelligible] skill or in general, you know, be able  
22 to find jobs suitable for their training as they reenter the  
23 workforce. And so, with no objection from the commissioners I'd  
24 ask staff to report back to us on that at the next scheduled  
25 commission meeting.

1 JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Chairman, I am totally  
2 in agreement with that. The only thing I would ask is prior to  
3 our Tuesday commission meeting if there's an opportunity for  
4 staff, whether it's through Zoom or another media source, if we  
5 could have those conversations with staff, but I totally agree  
6 with you and I think this is a great recommendation.

7 AARON DEMERSON: On board.

8 ED SERNA: Yes, sir. We'll be able to do  
9 that. You'll notice Courtney and Cheryl didn't have anything to  
10 report this week. I've already been talking to Courtney about  
11 her getting more of that information to you all. So, we will  
12 definitely be prepared to do both of those things next week.

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Wonderful.

14 ED SERNA: We'll provide information to the  
15 offices between now and then.

16 JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Thank you, Ed.

17 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Okay. Very good. And I  
18 know you guys have been working on these things and we've had  
19 several people working on them. I think now's an appropriate  
20 time for us to consolidate these things and be able to talk to  
21 Texans about what opportunities are available for training and  
22 then just what options are available as folks are wanting to  
23 reenter the workforce. Great. Anything else?

24 ED SERNA: No, sir. I have nothing else.  
25 Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Okay, great. The time is  
2 now 10:19. The Texas Workforce Commission is now going into  
3 executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section  
4 51.071 pending litigation [unintelligible] Texas Workforce  
5 Commission and Michael Lickteig and to discuss the employment  
6 evaluation reassignment duties. At this point, I dismiss  
7 [unintelligible] executive staff and other personnel pursuant to  
8 Texas Government Code, Section 551.074A1.

9 AARON DEMERSON: All right. Looks like  
10 Zoom is working.

11 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I'm live.

12 AARON DEMERSON: I'm live. Ed's live.

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Julia?

14 AARON DEMERSON: Mr. Alvarez is live.

15 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Are we good to go? Mr.  
16 [Unintelligible], are you in place?

17 ED SERNA: He's there.

18 MALE: Yes, sir. I'm right here.

19 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Okay, great. The  
20 executive section has now concluded. The time is 11:23 a.m. Is  
21 there any other order of business to come before the commission?

22 JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Chairman, I failed  
23 during the docket period of our meeting to acknowledge, if I  
24 may, I have a comment regarding today April 28<sup>th</sup> is the National  
25 Workers Memorial Day and I just ask that we reflect on those

1 individuals who have lost their lives doing their work. So, I  
2 just wanted to make that comment. So, thank you for allowing me  
3 to do so.

4 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: An appropriate comment.  
5 Thank you, Commissioner Alvarez. Any other item to come before  
6 the commission? Hearing none, is there a motion to adjourn?

7 JULIAN ALVAREZ III: Chairman, I move that  
8 we adjourn.

9 AARON DEMERSON: I second that motion.

10 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and  
11 seconded. We're unanimous and we're adjourned. Thank you all.

12 AARON DEMERSON: Thank you, guys. Have a  
13 good week.

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