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COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT at 10:30 a.m. on
Wednesday, the 14th day of June, 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

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018

(10:30 a.m.)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good morning, everyone.

This meeting is now called to order.

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 23 and 24.

The Commission considered and took action on all tax liability cases listed on Dockets 23 and 24.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Fair Housing Cases listed on the Texas Workforce Commission Dockets 23 and 24.

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 23 and 24.

The Commission considered and took action on
all wage claim cases listed on Dockets 23 and 24.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action
Regarding Higher Level Appeals in Unemployment Compensation
Cases Listed on the Texas Workforce Commission Dockets 23
and 24.

The Commission considered and took action on
all unemployment compensation cases listed on Dockets 23 and
24.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

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

MR. TROBMAN: No, sir.

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. We have no public
comment.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8/AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 8, Discussion,
Consideration and Possible Action Regarding an Order to
Adopt Fiscal Year 2018 Supplemental Allocations and

1 Performance Targets for Local boards. And let's go and
2 cover Item 9, Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action
3 Regarding an Order to Adopt Program Year 2018 and Fiscal
4 Year 2019 Allocations, Funding Distributions, and
5 Performance Targets to Local boards. Randy Townsend. Good
6 morning.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: Good morning, Chairman,
8 Commissioners. For the record, Randy Townsend, Chief
9 Financial Officer.

10 Under -- the materials I'll be discussing,
11 Commissioners, are under Tab 9. I'll try to clarify what
12 your -- the -- the Item Number 8, which is the supplemental
13 -- consideration of the supplemental allocation of Fiscal
14 '18 childcare funding.

15 So, I've put together a summary document for
16 your consideration that summarizes the packet of
17 information. And so this morning, primarily we're focusing
18 on the approval of ultimately of the WIOA, the Workforce
19 Innovation Opportunity Act allocations for fiscal year '19
20 for adult, youth, dislocated worker, and then we have a
21 rapid response distribution.

22 Commissioners, in your packet of materials,
23 the WIOA adult can be found on page 5, youth can be found on
24 page 6, and dislocated worker on page 7. Those three
25 allocations are following -- proposed allocations, are

1 following your Rule, Commission Rule that's in place as far
2 as data allocation factors that drive those allocations. It
3 also provides for the 85 percent minimum allocation to local
4 workforce boards for the adult and youth. It also provides
5 for an 82 and a half percent allocation of the dislocated
6 worker, thereby keeping back two and a half percent for the
7 rapid response activities. And then it continues the
8 similar path or similar approach that the Commission has
9 approved in past years, dealing with the rapid response
10 activities. And by that, I mean, if you look at page 8, you
11 will see that we set aside 1.75 percent of the dislocated
12 worker allocation for rapid response activities.

13 And I'd previously in a brief to you a few
14 weeks ago now, had provided historical expenditure trends on
15 the rapid response activities. Staff believes the one
16 million and 87,000 is a reasonable starting point for --
17 based on the level of activity for the rapid response if
18 there would be -- happen to be additional activities
19 occurring that boards exceeded these amounts, then there's a
20 process in place to come back and make that request. And
21 there's a reserve balance to -- to fund that as well.

22 And so, this morning, we -- that would be for
23 your consideration and possible approval, to move that
24 forward to begin those contracts for adult -- WIOA adult,
25 youth, dislocated worker, and then the rapid response

1 funding, beginning July 1 of this year. And that would
2 address the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act related
3 funding.

4 I'm going to pause for just a moment and make
5 sure that part is clear and that part of the -- what I've
6 laid out there for any questions or how we would want to
7 possibly proceed in that regard.

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioners, questions,
9 guidance? Additional guidance? I think we're good.

10 MR. TOWNSEND: At some point we would take a
11 -- ask you to take a motion -- make a motion on that and
12 approve it, but I think we wanted to maybe defer additional
13 consideration of this item, did have some discussion on
14 childcare that's included in the packet that relates to the
15 '18 year as well as the '19 year. I believe there's a
16 separate agenda item following here shortly that would give
17 some background information that might be helpful for your
18 consideration this morning as it relates to that discussion
19 of childcare.

20 So, I -- I can just hold off on that part and
21 then if you'd like to -- when we get to that agenda item, we
22 can deal with the rest of this if you'd like.

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yeah, let's defer action
24 on these two items and have you go over that part of the
25 presentation during the discussion on Agenda Item 3 -- 23.

1 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. And at that point you
2 would take up the -- what I discussed on the WIOA at that
3 point as well.

4 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Great.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. Very good. Yes, sir.

6 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 10, Discussion,
8 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding an Order to
9 Approve Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget, Including the
10 Statewide Initiatives, Performance Measures, and Other
11 Budget-Related Items. Randy.

12 MR. TOWNSEND: Again, good morning, Chairman
13 and Commissioners. And for the record, Randy Townsend,
14 Chief Financial Officer.

15 I'm going to move to the table here. I think
16 Courtney and I have kind of combined a presentation on part
17 of this, so I'll move over.

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good morning, Courtney.

19 MS. ARBOUR: Good morning.

20 MR. TOWNSEND: Commissioners, in your
21 notebook, under Tab 10, there's a 12-page document. I'll
22 just hit the highlights of the first few pages. I think
23 you've been briefed individually on these items.

24 Page 2 -- well, page 1 is the table of
25 contents. Page 2 is a summary of our proposed '19 operating

1 budget. It is showing the details by method of finance,
2 where the funding comes from; whether it's federal, general
3 revenue or GR dedicated. It also is showing you a high-
4 level summary of the type of funding or type of expenditure
5 that we would expect to see for the '19 year, namely under
6 grants and -- and salaries and wages, about 72 percent of
7 our appropriate budget is pass-thru grants, 12 percent
8 salaries, and we have about nine percent under client
9 services.

10 The proposed budget we have right now is
11 approximately 1.8 -- a little over 1.8-billion, and it's
12 made up of about 85 federal funds and 10 percent general
13 revenue funds. So that's page 2.

14 Page 3 continues the high-level summary.
15 This is the same -- is a similar look by funding in the
16 columns in this case, and it's showing you the breakdown by
17 our strategies. And so, I sorted this high dollar to low
18 dollar, so naturally, our childcare and vocational
19 rehabilitation programs are near the top few rows there, and
20 then it's also showing the -- what we sometime refer to as
21 unappropriated; the employee benefits and what's not
22 appropriated directly in one of these strategies to the --
23 to the Agency.

24 Same bottom-line total for the appropriated
25 of 1,857,000,000 thereabouts. Total budget with benefits

1 about \$2-billion. And again, 85 percent federally funded.

2 Page 3 -- or page 4, excuse me, would be
3 continuing to look by strategy, but in this case, you'll
4 also see the -- the summary by fulltime equivalent staffing
5 levels, FTEs. We are showing a total number of FTEs of
6 4,868.5, that's the FTE limit for the Agency. And then it
7 also shows you the righthand column there of the '19 budget
8 summary strategy.

9 Moving to page 5, this is where you start
10 seeing the budget broken down again by FTEs, but this is by
11 the division/department look and also has the appropriated
12 budget totals for each of those divisions. And in some
13 cases, there's some department details I thought might be
14 helpful for your additional detail there. So that's page 5
15 and 6.

16 And then that -- I'll pause there for a
17 moment to see if you have any questions about just the
18 overview of the -- the budget presentation for '19,
19 including FTEs, and then we'll talk about initiatives.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioners, any
21 questions? Please proceed, Randy.

22 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. Starting on page 7, and
23 continuing on page 8, will be a listing of initiatives. I
24 just want to lay out the -- how the document's organized.
25 We're -- we've highlighted childcare -- the programs we've

1 highlighted is childcare, the Workforce Innovation
2 Opportunity Act, WIOA, statewide, our TANF program, our
3 adult education and literacy.

4 I've attempted to highlight for you the
5 balances that we've identified at this point in ter -- in
6 yellow there. We've got a -- what we call a track number.
7 It's where you try to attempt to keep -- keep straight on
8 the initiatives that you -- that you're approving at some
9 point.

10 This is showing you the '17-year expended
11 amounts, the '18 -- what we're projecting and estimating.
12 It also includes a '19 budget column that we have currently
13 showing in terms of the budget, and then we've included what
14 we've labeled as a '19 decision. And this is where I
15 believe -- we took the approach of the '19 budget to reflect
16 what was approved basically two years ago by the Commission
17 in terms of for the -- for the presentation of our
18 appropriation request, and then you've made some decisions
19 in -- since that time of course that affected the '19 and
20 we've attempted to reflect all that.

21 So, one thing we just want to make sure we've
22 got everything accounted for. And then there's some
23 decisions on some of the initiatives of which -- that
24 Courtney would like to go through where we think there might
25 be a need to either reduce them, increase them. I just want

1 to make sure you have that information this morning to make
2 a -- make an informed decision. So that's how we've laid
3 out the document and at this point I believe it would be
4 Courtney's show.

5 MS. ARBOUR: Good morning again,
6 Commissioners. For the record, Courtney Arbour, Workforce
7 Division. I'll start at the top of page 7 and quickly go
8 over the material that has been briefed with each of your
9 offices previously about any actions on the statewide
10 activity.

11 So, starting with childcare, Randy already
12 mentioned the childcare reserve, so I'll move on to 76007,
13 the TRS support. There's an assumption made here that the
14 funding would continue at the same amount, which is right at
15 the 3.5-million for the TRS support for mentors and
16 assessors at the board level.

17 The plan for individualized instruction next
18 on the list, continued funding at 750,000. That provides
19 instruction and assistance to children ages 1 to 5. The
20 early childhood learning summit, the recommendation is to
21 continue funding that at the same amount, which is 750. And
22 also, the childcare conference that accompanies the annual
23 forum, funded at the same amount as previous years.

24 Regional TRS training and assistant, that's
25 the peer to peer support for mentors and assessors, would

1 continue at the same amount of funding as prior years.

2 You'll note in the column -- the second
3 column to the left, there are some parenthetical entries.
4 That -- those are the items that we briefed you on where
5 they were included in the LAR, but those were actually
6 onetime initiatives and the projects are either under way or
7 completed, so additional funding isn't requested at this
8 time. So, they're being removed.

9 So, if there are no questions or changes or
10 additions to the childcare, we'll move on to WIOA.

11 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioners, any
12 questions or comments?

13 COMM. ALVAREZ: No questions, Chair.

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you. Courtney,
15 please proceed.

16 MS. ARBOUR: The Commission reserve balance
17 is listed there immediately under, is 74056, which is
18 Innovation Academies. There's a listed amount of \$3-
19 million, which matches the amount that was made available
20 this past year for this tri-agency initiative. College
21 Credit for Heroes listed as the same amount as prior years.
22 That's the 1.4, it's the competitive procurement colleges --
23 community colleges and institutions can apply for to
24 continue the work of that project.

25 Small business forums, 74008, listed at the

1 same dollar amount as prior years.

2 The Texas externship -- the Teacher
3 Externship Program, excuse me, 74046, listed at the same
4 amount of 720,000. 74048 is next on the list, it's high
5 demand job training. It's been funded in prior years at a
6 million dollars. It's listed for today's action at 615,000.

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I do have a comment on
8 that. It is a proven that has proven to be highly
9 successful and we've heard it at the -- at the meetings that
10 we had, the round tables we had with the board chairs, its
11 importance. We heard it during the stakeholder meetings
12 where we -- we went out and visited on the different
13 programs. I'd like to propose that we keep that at a
14 million dollars and I further would like to suggest that we
15 consider responding to the guidance given to us by our
16 different partners, our boards, and their -- the EDCs and
17 others who suggested that there is strong interest in
18 partnering up. And it's proven to be a great leveraging
19 strategy.

20 So, in addition to keeping it at a minimum of
21 a million, I would propose that we consider increasing the
22 amount of the matching total up to anywhere from 125 to 150
23 as a -- as a means to keep strengthening and building these
24 very important partnerships that we've been doing. I'd like
25 to get your thoughts, Commissioners, on that.

1 COMM. HUGHS: I'd certainly support that and
2 think that we've had a lot of good response from it. I'm
3 not sure currently what the -- what system is in place. I
4 think that we have a min -- a 100,000 restriction and I
5 think maybe we could ask staff to look at removing that
6 restriction maybe at the halfway mark and de-obligating from
7 some boards that aren't taking advantage of it so that
8 another board can take advantage of it, and that might be a
9 way to -- to either stay the current level or stay at a
10 million if we increase, but get that flexibility where the
11 committees start taking advantage of it, have access to more
12 funding. I agree that's a great idea, it's just how we get
13 there.

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Right.

15 COMM. HUGHS: But I would support going up to
16 a million.

17 COMM. ALVAREZ: Chairman, I agree with your
18 statements regarding the meetings that we had with our
19 stakeholders. We heard continuously how important this
20 grant opportunity was. And so, after reviewing the notes, I
21 would -- I would agree to the million and then possibly
22 looking into awarding up to 125 to 150.

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. Staff, would you -
24 - let's go ahead and give staff guidance. Let's -- I would
25 propose that we look at a million, that we raise the maximum

1 award initially to 125, look at a mid-year report of how
2 this is going, and consider the -- taking the actions that
3 Commissioner Hughs has suggested, that if there's remaining
4 balances or that we think that there's flexibility allowing
5 it to go out further to 150 so the initial investment would
6 be an increase to 125 with the possibility of going up to
7 150, given an assessment by staff, and for staff to further
8 bring back recommendations in terms of whether that amount
9 should be -- the total amount available should be considered
10 for an additional increase. Maybe that's the other way that
11 we can do it.

12 Is there a second on that?

13 COMM. HUGHS: I do second that motion.

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right. Thank you.

15 COMM. HUGHS: If we are taking this as they
16 come up, on the Teacher Externship Program.

17 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yes.

18 COMM. HUGHS: I know we've heard the
19 tremendous success of that program and I'd like to ask staff
20 to consider and see if the Commissioners are open to this,
21 having some kind of base funding for all the boards and
22 seeing if they can come back and give us ideas about what it
23 might look like in terms of including maybe de-obligating if
24 we have base funding and then de-obligate at some midway
25 point so that we can -- if we have boards that don't want

1 the funding, then other boards could use it.

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And so, you're proposing
3 -- your recommendation right now is to have staff analyze
4 what the base amount is for -- to have a successful program
5 --

6 COMM. HUGHS: Right.

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -- and to multiply that
8 times the number of boards that would be interested, and
9 then give us an estimate of what that might look like in
10 terms of total cost above the 720?

11 COMM. HUGHS: Right. And I think it would be
12 important just to make sure that opportunity is there for
13 boards that don't want to take advantage of it, to have that
14 money go to boards that do if that -- if that's an issue.

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

16 COMM. HUGHS: And that can be in the next few
17 weeks. It doesn't impact the amount that's set aside now.
18 I don't think it does at this point.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. So, for now we'll
20 keep it at 720, we'll have staff analyze what a base amount
21 would look like and the sort of impact that would have,
22 because there's different ranges in terms of the way they've
23 gone out after this. And in effect, we'd be going from a --
24 from a different allocation model.

25 COMM. HUGHS: Right.

1 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'd agree to that as well.

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

3 MS. ARBOUR: We'll get that to each of you.
4 Okay. Moving down to 7410, which is the Veterans Workforce
5 Outreach. That's -- would continue with the same amount,
6 425,000. Governor's Challenge Camp. It's still at
7 \$100,000.

8 The Texas Science Careers Consortium for the
9 Midland High School science fair winners to attend is still
10 at 75,000.

11 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I'd like to provide an
12 update on that. We've had a longstanding partner in place
13 and they're -- they are having difficulty in terms of
14 continuing as our host entity. There may be some additional
15 transition costs as we look to sustain this science camp.
16 The state competition. So, what I would propose, just to
17 make sure that we account for any transition costs, and that
18 we have sufficient flexibility to work with our new entity,
19 to increase this amount and direct staff to kind of put that
20 amount appropriate under that level, up to 200,000 for now.
21 I'm not sure what that number -- I have no idea what that
22 number's going to look like, but so the staff has the
23 flexibility to do what they need to do to sustain this
24 program moving forward.

25 COMM. HUGHS: I would second that.

1 COMM. ALVAREZ: Okay. Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I have no -- I really
3 don't have a number and don't know what our -- our future
4 partner might come up with, but we need to have that
5 flexibility.

6 COMM. HUGHS: Is that a number we might have
7 by Monday or just something to look at or reconsider later?

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We need to find the
9 institution and then --

10 COMM. HUGHS: Sure.

11 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -- the cost of
12 transitioning; a number of different factors are involved.

13 COMM. HUGHS: I didn't know how far along it
14 was. Okay. That's fine.

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you.

16 MR. TOWNSEND: Chairman, just so I'm clear,
17 so you're thinking -- or you're asking us to for now bring
18 that initiative to the 200,000 and then of course I would
19 just adjust the reserve balance accordingly. And then
20 whatever it ends up being less than that 200,000, which it
21 could be, then we'd just go back into the reserve balance if
22 it's not needed.

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: That would be correct.

24 MR. TOWNSEND: For that initiative. Okay. I
25 just wanted to make sure I was clear on what you're asking

1 us to do. Okay.

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: So, 75 becomes 200,000
3 for now.

4 MR. TOWNSEND: Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you.

6 MS. ARBOUR: Okay. 74062, Operation Welcome
7 Home. That's the -- that supports the Operation Welcome
8 Home web portal and then costs associated with the We Hire
9 Vets program.

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs,
11 anything else we needed on there? Are we good?

12 COMM. HUGHS: Yeah, no, that's fine. When we
13 get a little further down, I might be asking to -- to merge
14 -- my numbers aren't matching, 79018 is currently still
15 titled Texas Wide Open Vets Portal. Although I'd seen a
16 different version that said We Hire Vets, so I think we're
17 getting closer on that.

18 But both of those items fall under Operation
19 Welcome Home and they are a component of Operation Welcome
20 Home. So, I think it might make more sense to -- to merge
21 those items together but go ahead.

22 MS. ARBOUR: The 79018, that's a very --
23 that's a very good point. And the 79018 is listed here for
24 historical purposes. It essentially now has become 74062,
25 because the 79018 was related --

1 COMM. HUGHS: Okay.

2 MS. ARBOUR: -- to that same portal.

3 COMM. HUGHS: So, it'll just be removed going
4 forward. Okay.

5 MR. TOWNSEND: We'll figure out a way to
6 merge those.

7 COMM. HUGHS: Okay. Yeah, and the merging
8 the -- yeah, so 79018 sounds like would basically go away.
9 Then the other component of Operation Welcome Home would be
10 the 74057, which I know we'll get to. But certainly, that -
11 - that military family support program is part of Operation
12 Welcome Home is something that we're getting a lot of good
13 responses from and that I'm hoping that we can continue at
14 that level.

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

16 MS. ARBOUR: We can work together to find a
17 way to put OWH on each of the different initiatives under
18 Operation Welcome Home so that it's more -- more clear that
19 they all tie together.

20 COMM. HUGHS: Okay.

21 MS. ARBOUR: Okay. 74055, Texas Industry
22 Partnership. Or Commissioner, did you want to go on and --
23 go ahead and talk about 74057, Military Family? Or would
24 you like --

25 COMM. HUGHS: Well, simply that I would move

1 that we continue to support it at that \$1-million level to
2 the extent that we're getting good responses and making
3 progress in that area.

4 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I would second that.

5 COMM. HUGHS: Thank you.

6 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'm okay with that.

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We're unanimous.

8 MS. ARBOUR: Okay. So, I'll make a note to
9 add \$1-million in funding for 74057.

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

11 MS. ARBOUR: So, I'm going back up about five
12 lines to Texas Industry --

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Randy -- Randy, you just
14 tell us if we run out of money.

15 MR. TOWNSEND: You're good so far.

16 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right.

17 COMM. HUGHS: Tally as we go, yeah.

18 MS. ARBOUR: 74055, Texas Industry
19 Partnership. In prior years, that was funded at \$1-million,
20 so we'd be looking for guidance for the 2019 budget on the
21 TIP project.

22 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I would again propose
23 that we operate it similar as to the High Demand Job
24 Training Program. It's starting to get momentum, it has the
25 same positive feedback. I would propose a million and then

1 have staff come back with a recommendation in the third
2 quarter to de-obligate or to reassign dollars to high demand
3 job training or something else if that's what we need to do
4 but operate it at -- put the same thresholds.

5 In this one, any funds not spent here would
6 go over to High Demand Job Training and it would be at the
7 same 125, but with a consultation and briefing to the
8 Commissioners in the third quarter prior to taking action.

9 COMM. HUGHS: If we can move them between
10 initiatives that way, then I -- then I second the motion.
11 I'm not opposed to it.

12 MR. TOWNSEND: That's absolutely your call.
13 We can -- if that's your desire, we can -- we can move it
14 out of one initiative to the other if that's your -- that's
15 how you'd like to see it operate.

16 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: So, the motion is to fund
17 this at \$1-million, to increase the initial award amount to
18 125, to provide a midyear review where staff briefs the
19 Commissioners on any recommendations to transfer funds, and
20 to go out there and promote the program and make them both
21 keep growing. Is there a second?

22 COMM. HUGHS: I second the motion. Randy?

23 MR. TOWNSEND: The 125 is the individual
24 number, but up to the million dollars though, right? Is
25 that --

1 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We -- the motion was to
2 dedicate a million for this --

3 MR. TOWNSEND: Very good.

4 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -- for this program, and
5 to increase the amount available to these partnerships at
6 the local level at 125,000 per board area. And I think --
7 do I have a second?

8 COMM. HUGHS: I second that motion. Yeah.

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: That's the motion and you
10 second it?

11 COMM. HUGHS: Seconded, yes.

12 COMM. ALVAREZ: No questions.

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. All right. So,
14 it's unanimous.

15 MS. ARBOUR: So, if there are no other WIOA
16 changes or additions, then we can move on to TANF.

17 COMM. HUGHS: Well, there are -- I guess
18 we're going down the line, so the next is the Women's
19 Entrepreneurship Boot Camp. And at the risk of breaking the
20 bank at \$175,000, that's an ongoing initiative. They have
21 not yet had the opportunity under this current contract to -
22 - to have these seminars, but they're upcoming. It
23 continues to be a state priority to make Texas the number
24 one state for women-owned businesses and I would ask that we
25 continue it, understanding we can always revisit it if for

1 whatever reason we don't want to continue it after this
2 round under the current contract.

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: So, you're proposing
4 another 175, Commissioner?

5 COMM. HUGHS: Right.

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. I will second
7 that. Commissioner Alvarez?

8 COMM. ALVAREZ: No questions. I'm okay with
9 that.

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right. So, it's
11 unanimous. So, we're budgeting 175,000 for this year, for
12 this item.

13 MS. ARBOUR: And there are other initiatives
14 there that were not assumed for funding in the LAR, but I
15 don't want to skip on to TANF until you have an opportunity
16 to look, but the 74058, 79018, 74059, 74060, are also items
17 that we would like for any guidance on.

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I have no comments.
19 Commissioners?

20 COMM. HUGHS: Chairman, I know that 74058
21 started as an initiative that was brought forward based on
22 what we were hearing with respect to the construction
23 industry shortages. I believe it's something that you
24 started. So, I'm kind of wondering on that front whether we
25 think that the investments that we've made are sufficient.

1 My understanding is that there were more
2 people who applied for the funding than that received it.

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Right.

4 MS. ARBOUR: So, I think we have an ongoing
5 need. I don't know from a perspective of the Labor
6 Commissioner and otherwise, whether we want to look at
7 asking staff to identify what the right amount is and
8 whether we should continue to support training in that
9 specific industry.

10 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'm okay with that.

11 COMM. HUGHS: So, if we were to do that,
12 though, I guess in the immediate future we wouldn't be
13 putting a number down unless we put a placeholder or said we
14 would continue it at one of the amounts that we previously
15 looked at. Do you have any thoughts on that?

16 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I would propose for now
17 as -- as you continue to develop some of these other ideas
18 to affirm our commitment. Thanks for pointing that out,
19 Commissioner. At the base amount of 830,000 for now. And
20 let's see what we have available after we look at some of
21 the other things that we're all working on.

22 COMM. HUGHS: So, we would put forward
23 another 830,000 for the 2019 and continue to ask for -- to
24 make sure that we can cash these checks.

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. Is that the

1 motion?

2 COMM. HUGHS: Yes. I move that we -- we
3 continue that amount at 830,000.

4 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I second.

5 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'm okay with that.

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: And I will check the math, but
8 I believe you approved this morning an additional 3.5-
9 million, so that would bring up I believe the balance down
10 to just slightly under 10-million for the '19 year, so I
11 think that's where you're standing right now.

12 COMM. ALVAREZ: Thank you, Randy.

13 MS. ARBOUR: So, we can move on to TANF on
14 page -- TANF Initiatives on page 8.

15 The first listed there is 75005, that's the
16 TWC portion of the non-custodial parent program continuing
17 at \$4-million. The foster youth workforce transition
18 centers have been funded at 2,850,000. There's 17 centers
19 supported currently.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Before we totally leave
21 the discussion, I would just suggest that when we're doing
22 the high demand job training or the private industry
23 partnership grants, when local board is working these, I
24 think that's the way we do it, but I want to make sure this
25 is how we do it. That if they're all pulling together, and

1 the EDC is bringing 125 and the private company or
2 foundation is bringing 125, that we allow both of those to
3 go into the same project, and that we allow for the matching
4 for one big consortium type of grant. That's -- I think
5 that's what we do, but I want to make sure that it is in
6 fact what we're allowing, real discretion and flexibility to
7 create and add momentum to what they're trying to do.

8 MS. ARBOUR: Okay. I can confirm that that
9 is the -- I will confirm that that's the way it works. If
10 not, we can make --

11 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Make sure --

12 MS. ARBOUR: -- ensure going forward that the
13 applications are treated that way.

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. Thank you. Unless
15 there's any objection from my fellow Commissioners.

16 COMM. HUGHS: No.

17 COMM. ALVAREZ: I have no objection.

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you.

19 MS. ARBOUR: Okay. Page 8, the Foster Review
20 Workforce Transaction Center funding, I just mentioned it.

21 The Careers in Texas Industries Project,
22 those are the large-scale youth career awareness and
23 information events that the local boards host, those would
24 continue at \$1.4-million. And the Youth Robotics continuing
25 at \$1-million. Those are supporting the robotics teams,

1 providing mentors to those teams. And Governor Summer Merit
2 continuing with the same level of funding. Those are the
3 scholarships for the STEM camps that the youth attend.

4 Texas Council for Homeless, \$10,000
5 continuing. We've got Camp Code for Girls and Foster Youth
6 Dropout pilot was a onetime. The Foster Youth Dropout pilot
7 was a onetime, so unless there are any additional -- or
8 changes or additions to any of the TANF initiatives, we can
9 move on to adult education.

10 COMM. ALVAREZ: So, I'd like to address
11 75024, Camp Code for Girls. As we know yesterday, we had a
12 press release that announced the seven awards and I would
13 like to, because of the high volume of interest last year,
14 the number of applicants that came in, and of course, the
15 number of applicants that came this year as well, that we
16 continue funding Camp Code and to keep the existing amount
17 at 600,000 not to exceed that.

18 COMM. HUGHS: I'll second that.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous. Larry,
20 Courtney, in terms of the Foster Youth Dropout pilot, can we
21 make sure that we're -- that we set up a briefing for FPS
22 and let them know about what we've done here and -- and also
23 brief TEA on the progress of these so that hopefully, these
24 efforts can be continued moving forward for those
25 partnerships.

1 MS. ARBOUR: We can do that.

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you.

3 MS. ARBOUR: Moving down to Adult Ed funded
4 initiatives. The top line there is 79016, it's Accelerate
5 Texas, it would continue at 2.8-million. The AEL provider
6 PD distribution is a distribution to our grantees for their
7 staff professional development at 1.3 -- or their instructor
8 professional development, rather.

9 Career Pathways Expansion would continue at
10 900,000. That's an additional 400,000 than what was assumed
11 in the LAR. That helps to build these career pathways and
12 IET models with the different providers.

13 7701 -- 009 is the fourth on the list, it's
14 distance learning. This provides support to our grantees
15 where mentors are helping them to understand how they can
16 expand their distance learning opportunities; assumed at
17 500,000.

18 Community-based Professional Development is
19 listed at 300,000. That's where our -- the entities
20 providing adult ed who are not our grantees receive some
21 support for professional development. And then we have the
22 Student Support Call Center which provides tutoring to a
23 number of very thankful young adults in our -- in our
24 program, listed at 260,000.

25 The Learning Management System is here at a

1 reduced amount. We've been able to identify some cost
2 savings there, so it would be 158,000. That is the -- the
3 Learning Management System is a repository for training
4 materials and training completion by our -- by the folks out
5 in the field.

6 And then we have a number of initiatives here
7 that we would be -- let me see. We've got 77012; Leadership
8 Academy, will be -- you'll see it in a later section, it'll
9 be GR funded. The Pell Ability to Benefit was just recently
10 approved and is underway now, so on that 77015 Pell Ability
11 to Benefit, we wouldn't be requesting any additional funding
12 or recommending any additional funding for '19.

13 77001 is the Professional Development for our
14 grantees and you'll also see it in the GR section.

15 The 77020, unless you have recommendations,
16 we didn't list it for funding in '19. The grantees are now
17 funding that with their allocated funds.

18 Assessment Standards Project is completed.
19 Basics of Reading and Math Project is also completed. And
20 so, unless you have any additional Adult Ed changes or
21 additions, then I can move on to the GR section.

22 COMM. HUGHS: I don't.

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Do we balance, Randy?

24 MR. TOWNSEND: I was going to bring that up
25 in just a moment. I'll let Courtney finish her discussion

1 about the --

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: -- general revenue portion and
4 then I'll -- I'll clarify what that means.

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right. Thank you.

6 MS. ARBOUR: So, we have the Professional
7 Development Centers grant which is with TECO currently.
8 It's 1.9-million. That would be funded with general
9 revenue. And an addition, the Leadership Excellence Academy
10 is \$250,000, also to be funded with general revenue.

11 MR. TOWNSEND: I do want to -- Chairman and
12 Commissioners, I do want to clarify so you obviously are
13 seeing to commission reserve lines, one with federal funds
14 from our adult ed and then the general revenue portion. It
15 nets to a negative 200,000. Normally it's not a good plan
16 to have a negative budget in here, but I did want to
17 clarify.

18 We had a couple things going on. Of course,
19 the state funds start at the beginning of September, the
20 state fiscal year; the federal funds are starting in July,
21 they're good for two years. So, we have some ability to
22 look at outstanding contract balances, future grant awards
23 and change the year of funding and that sort of thing.

24 We also have the experience that shows that
25 some of these contract balance -- contracts returned

1 balances, they were not fulling expended in other words.
2 And so, then what we do is just monitor that at this point.
3 I mean, you could -- you could go through and say this would
4 be the one I'd like to take off to make it balance, we could
5 take that off if you'd like, or we could just leave it as it
6 is, and staff will closely monitor. And we would never put
7 a contract out there that over extends our grant authority
8 to state funds that are available.

9 So, I was aware of this and did want to just
10 kind of clarify. I think I had maybe mentioned that in a
11 couple of the briefings but did want to point that out.

12 I'm okay with it if it doesn't cause from
13 your standpoint any concerns. I think we can manage it.

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioners?

15 MS. ARBOUR: We also can brief the offices as
16 those contracts close out and let you know when that
17 additional funding is available.

18 COMM. ALVAREZ: That would be good.

19 COMM. HUGHS: That would be fine. We
20 definitely want to monitor it closely, but I understand that
21 we think it's going to change here.

22 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And so, what I would just
23 -- yeah, this side of me, fiscally sound part of me, says
24 that if -- that if we're not experiencing where we think we
25 are, then staff just bring back a recommendation to amend

1 one of these higher dollar procurements that we would be
2 doing anyway.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: Yes, sir.

4 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We can always do that.
5 Those will be lengthy anyway in duration before we get the
6 money out.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: They're covering several
8 months at a time. There's overlapping contracts out there
9 as well, so --

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

11 MR. TOWNSEND: -- I think we can make that
12 work.

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right.

14 MS. ARBOUR: Moving to page 9, in Tab C,
15 Hiring Red, White and You event. In past years it was
16 funded at around \$350,000. We're recommending an increase
17 to \$400,000 based on an input from the boards on the cost of
18 securing their spaces and the other costs associated with
19 this event.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioners?

21 COMM. HUGHS: I agree with that
22 recommendation and would move that we do that.

23 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

24 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We're in agreement.

25 MS. ARBOUR: Okay. And then we have

1 apprenticeship funding. It's not really an initiative, it's
2 a program, but because it has some supporting funds from
3 WIOA and TANF, we wanted to highlight that for you here
4 today. It has been -- on the LAR, we assumed 2. -- a little
5 over 2.8-million in GR funding, \$1-million in WIOA, and
6 150,000 in TANF supplemental based on the data match of
7 those apprentices.

8 COMM. ALVAREZ: So, since we're on this line
9 item, Chairman, if I may add that for the 2019, that we
10 increase it. Back in May 22nd of this year, I asked staff
11 to look at what the final number would be to get me close to
12 the \$4 contact hour rate, but not to exceed 4.25. And also,
13 to prepare a -- a -- that an expected growth in 2019. And
14 so, after further research and speaking to some of the
15 boards at the stakeholders and many of the EDs are in this
16 room as well, there has been very -- there has been a lot of
17 interest in expanding this type of training, so I'm asking
18 that we fund as close to the \$4 contact hour and to
19 encourage more folks to go into the apprenticeship and we
20 see that as that is expanding, we're going to add about
21 another 500 and that's a safe number to assume. I'm asking
22 that we increase the through WIOA funding another \$552,481
23 so we could round it up to five -- 650,000 to get us close
24 to that \$4 contact hour.

25 COMM. HUGHS: Did you just round 550 to 650?

1 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Whatever's higher.

2 COMM. ALVAREZ: So, I -- as you can see,
3 we've done a lot of math on this, and so, literally, I could
4 just do the 652,000, but I know Larry doesn't know those odd
5 numbers, so we're going to do the \$650,000 so that I could
6 get to that 500 additional apprentices for 2019.

7 COMM. HUGHS: Okay. And so currently,
8 apprenticeships, of course, we have the million out of WIOA,
9 and then another 150,000 under TANF, and I completely
10 support those levels. I think apprenticeship is an
11 important part of the work that we do. But because it
12 probably needs to be part of a permanent program that needs
13 to be sustained, I'm not sure that continuing to add under
14 WIOA is the right way to do it.

15 I would support pursuing an exceptional item
16 to get more GR rather than increasing the current amounts
17 that we distribute under statewide initiatives.

18 COMM. ALVAREZ: Again, since we are adding on
19 programs right now, I thought this would be the best
20 opportunity to do so. And again, listening to our
21 stakeholders, I'm not sure if that would be the appropriate
22 way to do it. But if we do have funding through WIOA, which
23 I was just informed we have just under 10-million, I think
24 this is the appropriate time we take action on this.

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yeah, I --

1 COMM. ALVAREZ: And it's under the Governor's
2 Tri-Agency report on page 15, 4-B or A where it says they
3 are to substantially increase internships and
4 apprenticeships throughout the state of Texas.

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: So -- hmm. I want to --
6 I guess my question, Commissioner, is whatever we do here,
7 we're committing it, we're basically -- if we do the \$4
8 contact rate, is that a onetime thing or is it -- are you
9 envisioning continuing? And then on the other one is, and
10 you know, so -- my question is there's two items here as
11 either a 300 or a 650 or would you rather have the
12 additional trainees and not worry about the contract rate --
13 contract hour rate?

14 COMM. ALVAREZ: So just for historically, we
15 haven't been at \$4 in many years. And so actually, the
16 funding for contact hours has been less, with the exception
17 of 2017 -- I mean, 2015, when the Commission took an LAR and
18 made the request of I think it was 4-million. So actually,
19 historically the contact hour rate has gone lower.

20 And again, I only reference this because of
21 the stakeholder meetings that we had and all of them had
22 shown a concern that this was a valid training tool.

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yeah, I guess my question
24 is, I'd like to support one or the other, either the contact
25 hour rate or serving 500 more, which is more important to

1 you in terms of do you want to serve 500 more people, or do
2 you want to get the --

3 COMM. ALVAREZ: Well, I'm kind of basing this
4 on how we do skills. We don't just serve a certain amount,
5 we serve it according to what the funding allows us to do.

6 So, in this particular case, like I
7 referenced earlier on May 22nd, we had all agreed that try
8 to get it as close to the \$4 contact hour and in order for
9 us to do that for the 2019 budget --

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

11 COMM. ALVAREZ: -- we would have to got at
12 650,000.

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I would like to support
14 your recommendation to add the 300,000 for -- to get you to
15 the \$4 an hour contact rate.

16 COMM. ALVAREZ: So, it's not 300,000,
17 Chairman, it's 650,000.

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: But that's with 500 more
19 apprentices, right?

20 COMM. ALVAREZ: That's with 500 more
21 apprentices.

22 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Right.

23 COMM. ALVAREZ: So, the briefing that you all
24 received, the \$300,000 was for 6,102. That was what we had
25 for 2018. I'm increasing it to 500 additional more, that

1 number got us up to \$652,481.

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I agree with what
3 Commissioner Hughs is saying that it would be ideal to fund
4 this with GR, but I do think we have some momentum here and
5 for that reason, I'll support the 652, but would agree with
6 Commissioner Hughs that future increases, I think that's
7 your point, Commissioner, that future increases be really
8 looked at in terms of general revenue and then focus that on
9 these -- where do we stand on the non-traditional import
10 based approaches the DOL was talking about? Are we seeing
11 more interest in that?

12 COMM. ALVAREZ: Yes, sir, in IT, which we'll
13 be talking about in the near future, IT which is -- we all
14 know apprenticeship has expanded into that. St. David's is
15 signing 500 RNs in the healthcare industry, so --

16 COMM. HUGHS: Yeah, there's no question that
17 we support apprenticeships. It's just how we get it funded.

18 COMM. ALVAREZ: Okay. Well, my conversations
19 with Randy have been more of a -- to the staff. I
20 appreciate the fact that you all are going to fund it, but
21 we just felt that it was safer to do it through WIOA unless
22 --

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: No, that's okay. So,
24 your motion is -- do you want to go ahead and make your
25 motion?

1 COMM. ALVAREZ: So, my motion is to fund --
2 get close to the \$4 contact rate, to increase the funding up
3 to \$650,000 for 2019, to come out of WIOA funding.

4 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I will second that.

5 MR. TEMPLE: Commissioners, when we're
6 looking that the LAR, we would be looking at a exceptional
7 item --

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Uh-huh.

9 MR. TEMPLE: -- that would bridge that --

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Moving forward?

11 MR. TEMPLE: -- moving forward.

12 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And any other increases
13 that the program team thinks can be done, whether -- whether
14 it's another 1500 or 2000, that we'd consider it. I think
15 that's what Commissioner Hughs is suggesting and
16 recommending and I think -- sounds like you would be
17 comfortable with that for the biennium -- for the LAR?
18 Okay.

19 COMM. ALVAREZ: Do we have a second?

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I second it.

21 COMM. ALVAREZ: Perfect. Are we okay Randy?

22 MR. TOWNSEND: I -- I --

23 COMM. ALVAREZ: I see you getting ready.

24 MR. TOWNSEND: No, no, I'm okay. I just want
25 to make sure I get the information correct. So, I'm going

1 to bring the one million for WIOA for apprenticeship
2 supplemental funding to 1,650,000 and push the other 150,000
3 that's already in there for TANF, so that would be able --
4 1.8-million being added to the general revenue to fund the
5 apprentices. And then --

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: But the only action --
7 but the action that we took today in terms of WIOA was
8 650,000, correct? To add 650,000?

9 MR. TOWNSEND: That is correct. I just was -
10 - right.

11 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

12 COMM. HUGHS: To the million. Okay. Next?

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We got there.

14 COMM. ALVAREZ: Okay.

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you, Commissioner
16 Alvarez. Congratulations.

17 COMM. ALVAREZ: Thank you.

18 COMM. HUGHS: Uh-huh.

19 COMM. ALVAREZ: Thank our EDs.

20 MS. ARBOUR: Okay. The bottom of page 9
21 reflects some of the DR pre-employment training initiatives.
22 I'm not going to go over these line by line unless you have
23 something that Cheryl or Arlene could assist with. There
24 have been no changes to what you previously approved in the
25 LAR.

1 There is one initiative to be presented today
2 later in the agenda and should that that be approved, it
3 will be added to this list.

4 MR. TOWNSEND: Yeah, and I believe that's
5 going to be Item 72014, the Expansion of Pathway to Career.
6 Is that the one you're talking about?

7 MS. ARBOUR: Yes.

8 MR. TOWNSEND: And I believe you'll get --
9 you'll get briefed on that -- an initiative on that. I did
10 just want to say we -- and maybe we were a little too early
11 in including this here, but we had -- we had talked with
12 Cheryl about this, as the \$6-million total initiative that
13 we laid out, we were just trying to reflect what ultimately
14 based on that would be spent in '19. So, we'll hold off
15 until we hear how you -- how you consider that initiative
16 separately then, but I did want to clarify that we were --
17 may not have -- should have included that here in the '19
18 column just yet.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: You know, there's been a
20 lot of really good work done around apprenticeships and
21 internships. Do we have everything that we need in terms of
22 apprenti -- of internships in terms of the work you've been
23 doing, Commissioner?

24 COMM. HUGHS: At this time.

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: At this time.

1 COMM. HUGHS: For purposes of what we're
2 looking at for '19 today, that's fine.

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. And you think
4 you're good on apprenticeships. And at the federal level,
5 where do we -- where is that standing in terms of -- my
6 question really is, the work -- understanding some of the
7 challenges within the registered model that -- that
8 dominates, if DOL is looking at these other employer-based
9 models, what's the progress there and is there anything that
10 we should consider here in Texas that provides us modified
11 things? And I think you're hearing it more and more at DOL,
12 there's more of a focus. And I think they're seeing some of
13 the things that we -- that we're aware of that employers are
14 looking for different kind of flexibilities and it needs to
15 fit within what employers want. And that's where
16 internships, co-ops, fellowships, apprenticeships, on the
17 job training, all these different things, are at play.

18 And you know, just keep -- as a staff, keep
19 monitoring these things, give us the feedback that you're
20 hearing in terms of what is being supported by employers who
21 ultimately have to make the choice to bring this on and
22 bring it up for a future date in terms of what other
23 flexibilities we might want to exercise in support of these
24 applied learning opportunities. That's --

25 COMM. ALVAREZ: So, Chairman, if I may add,

1 you know, just for clarification purposes, our office deals
2 directly with registered apprenticeship programs, not
3 unregistered apprenticeship programs. And we've been asked
4 that before, what entities out there in the state are
5 practicing non-registered apprenticeship programs, and our
6 office deals with none of those, so just to -- for
7 clarification purposes, these numbers reflect just those
8 that we deal with.

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right. Yes, and
10 that's the way I understood it, Commissioner, and just want
11 to make sure that these other models that are under
12 consideration for expansion we're looking at those and see
13 if there's an effective way for us to -- using the -- the --
14 the relationships that we have with our boards and with our
15 employers out there, that we make sure that we're responding
16 to what they need in a timely and effective way.

17 All right. Anything else, Commissioners, on
18 these items?

19 MR. TOWNSEND: We weren't -- we won't bring
20 you to tears to get through. On page 10, this is just a --
21 showing you the accounting for the items that are funded out
22 of, for example, childcare, unemployment services, that are
23 legislatively required riders or et cetera, and so, anyway,
24 just an informational page.

25 But page 11, I think we did want to highlight

1 for you this morning, Commissioners, the performance awards.
2 And so, page 11 you'll see a listing of those awards broken
3 down on the top half of the page by whether it's the WIOA
4 funds or childcare, the federal fu -- program funds, and
5 then at the very bottom of the page, the same information,
6 just collapsed to only look at the particular initiative. I
7 think there was a couple decision points there for your
8 consideration this morning.

9 MS. ARBOUR: There are. If you'll take a
10 look at 78017, which is the Texas HireAbility Award, it was
11 approved in 2018, but not included in the LAR, and we'd
12 requested another 100,000 for that award in '19.

13 Under -- also under WIOA, 78018 is the Foster
14 Youth Award, funded in 2018 and not included in the LAR, so
15 we'd request 120,000 for that. And then last under
16 childcare, the Texas Rising Star award for \$300,000. We'd
17 also make a recommendation that you consider that one as
18 well.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioners?

20 COMM. HUGHS: I agree with those
21 recommendations and would vote that we move forward to
22 include those as recommended by staff.

23 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

24 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous.

25 MR. TOWNSEND: For this agenda item I have

1 one last page I wanted to highlight for you this morning.
2 It's on -- dealing with our funding for Purchasing from
3 People with Disabilities. I believe I had mentioned to you
4 individually as I briefed that our internal auditors had
5 pointed this out to us, so give them the credit, that we
6 needed to make a change in how we establish the revenue
7 based on a manage -- on a percentage basis, and that's what
8 this document is -- is highlighting. It's referencing the
9 statutory authority under that table there that requires the
10 Commission to approve the percentage. And then I've listed
11 the procedures that staff will follow to seek your approval.

12 And so, for the 19 year, specifically what
13 we're asking you to consider for approval would be
14 establishing a 3.25 percentage of the amount of the
15 collections by TIBH based on our audited financials of their
16 commission on contracts. That would establish a budget
17 amount of 294,900 in that case and then we will continue to
18 evaluate where we stand on our remaining balances after each
19 year. Staff did look at that and is recommending to you
20 this -- for consideration just to allow those to transfer
21 forward into the next year and then we'll reassess the
22 following year. But the main point is, if you're
23 comfortable with this, then we'd be asking you at some point
24 to approve that 3.25 percent and that would ensure that
25 we're compliant with statutory requirements and establishing

1 the budget accordingly, so.

2 And that was the presentation this morning.
3 I believe the way I was understanding, we -- we would take
4 the information you've already decided, we'll update our
5 information in the packet for the '19 operating budget, and
6 then on Monday we have an agenda item we'd lay that out for
7 final approval at that point. And if that's acceptable to
8 you to -- as far as moving forward on this agenda item.

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioners?

10 COMM. HUGHS: That's fine by me.

11 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'm okay with that

12 Commissioner Chair.

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Great. All right. Thank
14 you. Thank you, Randy. Thank you, Courtney. I think we're
15 now on item --

16 COMM. ALVAREZ: 11.

17 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -- item 11.

18 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Discussion, Consideration
20 and Possible Action Regarding Fiscal Year 2020-21 LAR,
21 Funding Priorities, Staffing and Performance levels. Randy
22 Townsend.

23 MR. TOWNSEND: Again Chairman, Commissioners,
24 for the record Randy Townsend, Chief Financial Officer. Now
25 we're moving to our '20-'21 to begin kind of -- these are

1 the discussions along for the Legislative Appropriations
2 Request.

3 The main thing this morning is just a couple
4 of items to lay out. One, continue discussion about capital
5 budget plan for '20, the next biennium request, mainly
6 because we have a timeline that requires us to report
7 information statutorily by July 2nd, and we're kind of
8 running out of time to have -- make sure you're in agreement
9 with our proposal at this point. And it's kind of ahead of
10 our final adoption of the appropriation request.

11 So, the document in front of you outlines for
12 2018 through 2021 the base amount of capital budget items
13 include such things as what we -- the amount for the data
14 center, for example, the IT projects, as well as maintaining
15 our buildings, building repairs. And so, the base budget,
16 if you look at page 2 for 2018, 2019, was just over 82-
17 million. The base budget proposed for 2020-2021, is just
18 under 81-million, so basically, you know, 40-million a year
19 on average is the capital budget.

20 There are exceptional items that were briefed
21 individually in the past, we -- maybe we mentioned them in
22 passing at a work session. Namely, there are three proposed
23 exceptional item requests for IT systems. One to replace
24 the UI, Unemployment Insurance system for \$40-million
25 capital budget item. There's a case management for 18.8-

1 million, and then there's the eligible training provider,
2 career school's database update for just under 1.2-million.

3 I believe if you're okay with this moving
4 forward, we can submit the plan with this being the
5 assumption as we fin -- finalize any Legislative
6 Appropriation Request, you know, and once we get the
7 instructions and that sort of thing. This would -- most of
8 this is federal funding, you'll see that on page 3 of your
9 document, the vast majority of this is being fund with an
10 Unemployment Insurance grant or other federal funding
11 sources or our little -- are a few general revenue dollars
12 in there. But we would just be asking the Legislature but
13 taking this approach for the capital budget authority to be
14 included as part of our -- our budget.

15 But at any rate, I just wanted to make sure
16 that we were -- the Commission was good to -- as far as what
17 you're seeing at this point, that we can move forward on the
18 -- we have a July 2nd due date to report our capital
19 spending plan for the next biennium.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioners, questions,
21 comments, concerns? Guidance?

22 COMM. HUGHS: No. Thank you. Please
23 proceed. And make sure we meet that deadline.

24 COMM. ALVAREZ: Yes.

25 MR. TOWNSEND: Thank you. And the final-

1 final is the -- and I -- I will just briefly, briefly
2 mention this, is just starting to get you thinking about --
3 and just provide some beginning information on possible
4 exceptional items. This particular page 4 is just
5 highlighting for you to -- make you aware of the situation
6 as it relates to the federal voc rehab dollars that are
7 available out there and whether we'll be able to match those
8 with all the state funds and then we'll bring a decision
9 point for your consideration as far as would you want to
10 submit an exceptional item request and the process would not
11 follow.

12 And I understand in some of these discussions
13 you -- you're going to need some more information about
14 what's the current spending look like for the DR program and
15 would these additional dollars be necessary, what would be
16 the, you know, plan and that sort of thing. So, I will
17 bring that back --

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yeah.

19 MR. TOWNSEND: -- for your consideration and
20 have a full-on discussion, so.

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right. Thank you,
22 Randy.

23 AGENDA ITEM. NO. 12

24 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 12, Discussion,
25 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Policy Concepts

1 Relating to Purchase of Goods and Services for Voc Rehab
2 Services. Carline, good morning. It's still morning.

3 MS. GEIGER: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
4 Commissioners and Mr. Serna. For the record, I'm Carline
5 Geiger for Vocational Rehabilitation. And this morning I'm
6 bringing for your consideration and approval the policy
7 concept for Chapters 857 and 858.

8 The programs and services that transfer to
9 Texas Workforce Commission on September 1st, 2016 include
10 the VR programs for both general and blind services. TWC
11 was directed to consolidate the two programs. There are
12 three issues:

13 Number one, Chapter 857, Purchase of Goods
14 and Services for Vocational Rehabilitation Services,
15 consists of only one section, 857.1, which authorizes the
16 use of open enrollment solicitation and inter-agency
17 contracting, and other non-competitive procurement methods.
18 We recommend that this chapter be repealed, and the relevant
19 content be amended and move to Chapter 858, Vocational
20 Rehabilitation Services Contract Management, which will be
21 renamed Vocational Rehabilitation Purchases and Contracts,
22 to reflect the additional content and be renumbered.

23 Second issue, Chapter 858, which contains the
24 administrative rules for procuring VR customer goods and
25 services, has multiple sections that need to be updated to

1 align with TWC's operations, including updating definitions
2 to ensure consistency with TWC's terminology and operation,
3 removing overlapping requirements, consolidating VR's
4 contract provisions with TWC's provisions, and updating to
5 include language repealed from Section 850.8 relating to use
6 of criminal histories from Texas DPS and awarding and
7 administering VR service contracts. Updating complaint
8 procedures, amending rules to include a survival of terms
9 clause and other requirements relevant to termination of a
10 vendor contract, amending rules to include substantiated
11 claims of fraud against a contractor, as one of the reasons
12 for which TWC may impose adverse actions against a
13 contractor, and to specifically address debarment and
14 suspension of contractors, and updating information on the
15 appeals process for contractors opting to appeal adverse
16 actions.

17 And finally, there are several terms and
18 references that need to be updated throughout Chapter 858 to
19 be consistent with TWC's approach to other VR chapters.

20 If approved, staff will proceed with the
21 rulemaking process. I'm happy to answer any questions.

22 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs?

23 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we approve the
24 discussed policy concept regarding Chapters 857 and 858,
25 relating to purchase of goods and services for vocational

1 rehabilitation services, and vocational rehabilitation
2 services contract management requirements, as recommended by
3 staff.

4 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous.

6 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 13, Discussion,
8 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Policy Concept
9 Relating to VR Service Administrative Rules and Procedures.
10 Diane Parker.

11 MS. PARKER: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
12 Commissioners, Mr. Serna. For the record, Diane Parker with
13 the Office of General Counsel.

14 This morning I'm bringing for your
15 consideration and approval the policy concept for Chapter
16 850.

17 Upon the transfer of VR services from the
18 Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, the
19 Administrative Rules of all DARs programs were duplicated
20 into Chapter 850. These rules overlap certain TWC
21 Administrative Rules and contain numerous references to
22 programs that were not transferred to TWC, and also contain
23 outdated terminology and citations.

24 Further, some elements of Chapter 850 have
25 already been incorporated into other recent rulemaking, such

1 as the Business Enterprises of Texas Program and the VR
2 Contract Rules just mentioned for Chapters 857 and 858.

3 Per SB 208, TWC was directed to integrate the
4 two VR Programs. As transferred to TWC, Chapter 850
5 contains two separate sets of appeals and hearing
6 procedures, one applying to the VR General Services and one
7 to the VR Blind Services. Staff proposes to streamline and
8 reorganize these two sets into one, removing unnecessary or
9 redundant provisions, adding definitions as necessary, and
10 updating rules to be consistent with TWC procedures,
11 operations, as well as federal regulations.

12 Staff sought input regarding Chapter 850 from
13 our VR field personnel most directly related to VR hearings.
14 It was suggested that the requirement in 850.105(g), to
15 provide a complete copy of the record of services be
16 clarified consistent with the wording of 34 CFR §361-57, to
17 add the phrases, quote, to the extent pertinent, and quote,
18 to the determination that is the subject of the request for
19 review, to better align with federal regulations.

20 Staff seeks your direction on amending
21 Chapter 850 to repeal unnecessary and/or duplicative
22 administrative provisions, to repeal sections being
23 addressed in other rulemakings, to align the content with
24 TWC procedures and operations as well as federal
25 regulations, to integrate overlapping sections on VR General

1 and VR Blind programs, to update outdated terms, titles,
2 addresses and procedures, add definitions as necessary,
3 consolidate the appeal and hearings sections for VR General
4 and VR Blind as discussed, and further, as discussed, to
5 amend 850.105(g) to better align with federal regulations.

6 If approved, staff will proceed with the
7 rulemaking process. I'm available for any questions you
8 might have.

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs?

10 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we approve the
11 discussed policy concept regarding Chapter 850 relating to
12 Vocational Rehabilitation Services Administrative Rules and
13 procedures as recommended by staff.

14 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous.

16 MS. PARKER: Thank you.

17 AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 14, Discussion,
19 Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Advise TX for
20 Students with Disabilities. Carline.

21 MS. GEIGER: Good morning again, Carline
22 Geiger for the record, Vocational Rehabilitation.

23 As you know, the Workforce Innovation and
24 Opportunity Act requires VR to expend 15 percent of the
25 federal VR grant for provision of preemployment transition

1 services, pre-ETS adds for students with disabilities
2 between the ages of 14 to 22. Required pre-ETS include
3 counseling on opportunities for enrollment and comprehensive
4 transition or post-secondary education programs at
5 institutions of higher education and instruction in self-
6 advocacy, which may include Para mentoring.

7 In 2017, TWC approved Pathways to Careers
8 initiative an \$18.8-million initiative to expand
9 opportunities for students with disabilities to receive pre-
10 ETS, which include Summer Earn and Learn, Explore STEM and
11 other strategies.

12 An issue is that students with disabilities
13 enroll in post-secondary higher education at substantially
14 lower rates than students without disabilities. Successful
15 transition to post-secondary education for students with
16 disabilities includes learning about higher education
17 options earlier in high school, visiting college campuses to
18 determine if they meet accessibility and accommodation needs
19 of students, and education in self-advocacy.

20 Expanding PCI to include another strategy,
21 Advise Texas for Students with Disabilities, would help
22 address this issue. This strategy would be conducted in
23 partnership with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
24 Board, THECB.

25 Since 2010, THECB has supported the Advise

1 Texas College advising core in high schools across the
2 state. In 2018, advisors are in 112 high schools in both
3 urban and rural areas. The Advise Texas Advising Core works
4 to increase the number of low income and underrepresented
5 high school students who enter and complete post-secondary
6 education. Near peer advisors are used and are recent
7 college graduates trained by one of four partner
8 institutions of high education.

9 These advisors are fulltime college advisors
10 in high schools with low college going rates. Advisors
11 provide one on one assistance to students to match their
12 academic and career goals to optimal post-secondary options.
13 This is an evidence-based program. Students with an Advise
14 Texas College Advising Core advisor are more likely to
15 participate in college prep activities, apply to colleges,
16 and be accepted to college.

17 The Advise Texas for Students with
18 Disabilities strategy would expand the existing program to
19 students with disabilities by employing 60-fulltime near
20 peer advisors to start -- to serve the students in high
21 schools currently hosting the Advise Texas College Advising
22 Core program. The near peer advisors would focus on
23 mentoring and providing guidance to students with
24 disabilities, including those who are potentially eligible
25 for pre-ETS to assist them with exploring, applying for, and

1 transitioning to post-secondary education.

2 The advisors would also inform students about
3 the full range of available pre-ETS services, including
4 those under Pathways to Careers Initiative, and other
5 opportunities available to them through the Texas Workforce
6 system.

7 Staff seeks approval to expand PCI to include
8 Advise Texas for Students with Disabilities as an additional
9 statewide pre-ETS strategy, which will total \$6-million over
10 two years.

11 I'm happy to answer any questions.

12 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs?

13 COMM. HUGHS: I have some comments. I want
14 to commend staff for including language in the discussion
15 paper that provides a linkage to the HireAbility Student
16 Navigator Program, and also linkage to the Summer Earn and
17 Learn program. I think it's important because we want those
18 potential college students to be employed and have some
19 employment related experience and we don't want to duplicate
20 services and programs that our VR counselors and HireAbility
21 Navigators are already doing to serve VR clients.

22 I also think training for these near peer
23 advisors is crucial in how they interact with the VR
24 counselors and the VR program is important, so I was glad to
25 see that there is that training component.

1 We've heard from members of RCT that
2 appropriate training is necessary for anyone that's serving
3 VR clients and those with disabilities so that there isn't a
4 duplication or a contradiction of information that might
5 cause confusion.

6 I am curious about what performance targets
7 are going to be placed on this funding and it sounds from
8 your discussion that it will be potentially seeing what --
9 how many are admitted to college versus how many graduate or
10 how many near peer connections there are, but I did want to
11 eventually get some -- some clarification on that, if we're
12 measuring success as how many students go to college or what
13 measures we're going to have so that we can make sure we can
14 track those measures and -- and see what the ROI is on this
15 investment.

16 But with that, unless anyone else has
17 comments --

18 COMM. ALVAREZ: I do have comments.

19 COMM. HUGHS: Okay.

20 COMM. ALVAREZ: So, I do have comments, Ms.
21 Geiger. Great init -- I love this strategy that you're --
22 that you just laid forth to us. You referenced earlier
23 higher educational options. I love that, that you said
24 that, and it's actually in the briefing. And then we just
25 heard here about college opportunities, which we just heard

1 just recently right now.

2 And so, with that, the only thing I would ask
3 is when we talk about anything -- when we talk about
4 college, we talk about anything after high school and so, I
5 would want opportunities for these young individuals to
6 learn a little bit about apprenticeship so if that could be
7 incorporated into the discussion, and also referencing fine
8 institutions like Texas State Technical College. I'd like
9 that.

10 MS. GEIGER: Definitely.

11 COMM. ALVAREZ: Thank you.

12 COMM. HUGHS: Okay. Well, with that I move
13 that we expand the Pathways to Career Initiatives to include
14 Advise Texas for Students with Disabilities as an additional
15 statewide pre-ETS strategy, which will total \$6-million over
16 two years.

17 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous. And
19 I'm really excited about this. One, it's an expansion of an
20 existing strategy that we know is working, it's been done
21 very well through -- by the HigherEd Coordinating Board,
22 we've partnered previously on this strategy, focusing on
23 these students will really help us -- will help these
24 students and their families better understand what these
25 post-secondary opportunities are and what they need to do in

1 order to pursue them more effectively and consistently.

2 Thank you, Clarine. I really appreciate it.

3 MS. GEIGER: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All the good work that
5 you and the team engaged -- engaging with the co-board in
6 developing this concept. Please extend our thanks and
7 congratulations to the co-board also.

8 MS. GEIGER: I will. Thank you.

9 AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: 15, Discussion,
11 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding a Policy Concept
12 on Amendments to General Administration Rules Related to
13 Senate Bill 132, 85th Texas Legislature. Jason. And I
14 apologize to our guests. We really are running behind, but
15 we are looking forward to the discussion we're going to have
16 after this docket. So, Jason, good morning.

17 MR. VADEN: Good morning, Commissioners. For
18 the record, Jason Vaden, Workforce Division.

19 Senate Bill 132 was passed into law during
20 the 85th Legislative Session, making changes to Section
21 2108.103 of the Texas Government Code, regarding the State
22 Agency Savings Program and requiring state agencies to adopt
23 rules to implement the program.

24 This morning, staff seeks direction on a
25 policy concept outlining amendments to TWC's Chapter 800,

1 general administration rules, pursuant to Section 2108 of
2 the Government Code.

3 The policy concept includes definitions of
4 key terminology and the development process to identify
5 savings as set forth in your materials. With your approval,
6 the policy concept will be posted to our website for a
7 three-week comment period.

8 That concludes my remarks and I'm happy to
9 answer questions if you have any.

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs?

11 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we approve the
12 discussed policy concept regarding Chapter 800 relating to
13 State Agency Savings Incentive Programs as recommended by
14 staff.

15 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

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

18 AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 16, Discussion,
20 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Adoption of
21 Rules Relating to Program Violations in the Child Care
22 Program. Jason.

23 MR. VADEN: Commissioners, earlier this year
24 you approved proposed rule modifications to TWC's Chapter
25 809 childcare rules around three key issues; excessive

1 absences, program violations and waiting periods. The
2 proposed rule modifications were subsequently posted in the
3 Texas Register for a 30-day public comment period.

4 We did receive a number of comments during
5 the comment period and those comments were taken into
6 account during the development of the final rule
7 modifications. This morning, staff is seeking direction and
8 adoption of the Chapter 809 rules as reflected in your
9 materials, including defining excessive absences as 40-
10 absences over the 12-month eligibility period, and allowing
11 boards to terminate care during the 12-month period if there
12 are excessive absences.

13 In addition, staff are requesting an
14 operations effective date of August the 1st in order to
15 provide boards with sufficient time to implement these rule
16 modifications, including providing the required notice to
17 both parents and providers.

18 Commissioners, that concludes my remarks and
19 again, I'm happy to answer questions if you have any.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs?

21 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we approve the
22 adoption of rules relating to program violations in the
23 childcare program under 40 TAC Chapter 809.

24 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 17

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding a Policy Concept on Historically Underutilized Businesses. Jason.

MR. VADEN: TWC's Chapter 800 general administration rules set forth provisions regarding historically underutilized businesses as applicable to TWC, including provisions relating to assisting those historically underutilized businesses in efforts to procure agency contracts.

Based on the review of TWC's Chapter 850 rules, staff have identified an opportunity to strengthen the Chapter 800 rules as they pertain to historically underutilized businesses.

This morning staff seeks direction on a policy concept outlining amendments to TWC's Chapter 800 rules, to align with Texas Government Code 2161.002, related to the participation of historically underutilized businesses in the competitive contracting boards and including languages and definitions of key terms currently set forth in our Chapter 850 rules.

With your approval, the policy concept will be posted to our website for a three-week comment period and I'm happy to answer questions if you have any.

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs?

1 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we approve the
2 discussed policy concept regarding Chapter 800 relating to
3 purchase from historically underutilized businesses a
4 recommended by staff.

5 COMM. HUGHS: I'll second that.

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous.

7 AGENDA ITEM NO. 18

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 18, Discussion,
9 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Adult Education
10 and Literacy Advisory Committee Membership. Anson, good aft
11 -- good morning.

12 MR. GREEN: Good morning. Chairman Alcantar,
13 Commissioners, Mr. Temple, I'm Anson Green, State Director
14 for Adult Education and Literacy. Today I come to you
15 seeking direction on appointing a nominee to serve on the
16 AEL Advisory Committee.

17 This fall one Advisory Committee member
18 tendered her resignation and thus, the Commission must
19 select a new member for the vacancy. In addition, in
20 December, there will be two more vacancies due to terms
21 ending and I will be briefing those individuals for
22 positions in the future.

23 This morning I'm bringing before -- I bring
24 before you for consideration and direction, Ms. Mignon
25 Lawson from Abilene Independent School District, for

1 selection for the Advisory Committee. I'd be happy to take
2 any questions.

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs?

4 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we approve the
5 Adult Education Literacy Advisory Committee nominee
6 recommended.

7 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous. Thank
9 you, Anson.

10 MR. GREEN: Thank you.

11 AGENDA ITEM NO. 19

12 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 19, Discussion,
13 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Approval of
14 Services Offered by CRPs under the state's state use
15 program. Howard?

16 MR. JOSEPH: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
17 Commissioners, and Mr. Temple. For the record, my name is
18 Howard Joseph, Program Manager program Purchasing from
19 People with Disabilities.

20 I have before you Item 19, agenda for the
21 approval of services. In regard to services there were
22 eight contracts completed under temporary authority
23 employing 38 individuals being paid above minimum wage.

24 There are 76 new and renewal contracts
25 employing 332 individuals, being paid at or above minimum

1 wage.

2 There are two transferred contracts employing
3 14 individuals, all who are paid above minimum wage.

4 In regard to Item 19B, staff does not have
5 adequate information to make an accurate recommendation at
6 this time. I recommend postponing to a future Commission
7 Meeting. Staff recommends approval of all service contracts
8 in Item 19A.

9 I will be happy to answer any questions.

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs?

11 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we approve services
12 offered by certified community rehabilitation programs under
13 the Purchasing from People with Disabilities State Use
14 Program as recommended by staff.

15 COMM. ALVAREZ: I would like to table this to
16 do more analysis to provide an opportunity for staff to
17 brief my office. I have questions on how many people are
18 going to be employed, which we were not informed and what
19 are they going to be paid.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yeah, I'll agree to defer
21 action.

22 AGENDA ITEM NO. 20

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 20, Discussion,
24 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Approval of
25 Products Offered by CRPs under the State Use Program.

1 Kelvin.

2 MR. MOORE: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
3 Commissioners, Mr. Temple. For the record, my name's Kelvin
4 Moore, Program Manager for Purchasing from People with
5 Disabilities Texas Workforce Commission.

6 We have before you Agenda Item 20, a listing
7 of new products that are being offered by Community
8 Rehabilitation Programs, through the State Use Works Wonders
9 Program. Five CRPs submitted 29 new products. Staff
10 recommends approval of all products presented before you.
11 Do you have any questions?

12 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Any questions?
13 Commissioner Hughs?

14 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we approve staff's
15 recommendations for products offered by certified Community
16 Rehabilitation Programs under the Purchasing from People
17 with Disabilities State Use program.

18 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous.

20 AGENDA ITEM NO. 21

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 21, Discussion,
22 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding New CRPs.
23 Kelvin.

24 MR. MOORE: Yes. Again, for the record, my
25 name's Kelvin Moore, Program Manager, Purchasing from People

1 with Disabilities Workforce Commission.

2 I have before you Agenda Item 21 for the new
3 certification of Lufkin State Supported Living Center,
4 Employment Services of Lufkin, Texas, and the
5 recertification of Relief Enterprise of Austin, Texas.
6 Staff has reviewed all application materials presented by
7 the CRPs. In addition, we work with the C and A on the --
8 improving the pro -- the certification. Staff recommends
9 the new certification and recertification of the CRPs. Do
10 you have any questions?

11 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Any questions?
12 Commissioner Hughs?

13 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we approve staff
14 recommendations for the recertification of Relief
15 Enterprise, Inc. and the certification of the Lufkin State
16 Supported Living Center Employment Services.

17 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous.

19 AGENDA ITEM NO. 22

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 22, Discussion,
21 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding the Approval of
22 Local Board Nominees. Good morning, Cam.

23 MR. BELL: Morning, Mr. Chairman,
24 Commissioners, Mr. Temple. Cameron Bell, Workforce
25 Development Division.

1 Before you for consideration and approval are
2 Workforce Development Board Nominations for Workforce
3 Solutions Borderplex, Brazos Valley, Golden Crescent, Middle
4 Rio Grande, and North Texas.

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs?

6 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we approve local
7 Workforce Development Board Nominees for Borderplex, Brazos
8 Valley, Golden Crescent, Middle Rio Grande, and North Texas.

9 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous.

11 AGENDA ITEM NO. 23

12 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 23, Discussion,
13 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding the Use of the
14 New Child Care and Development Block Grant Funds. Courtney.

15 MS. ARBOUR: Good morning, Commissioners, Mr.
16 Temple. For the record, Courtney Arbour.

17 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good morning.

18 MS. ARBOUR: Exciting presentation today
19 about the new federal funding.

20 You're aware that Congress has approved a
21 historic amount of funding for the Child Care Development
22 Block Grant, the largest -- the single largest increase in
23 the history of the program. Texas' share of that is \$229.9-
24 million. And today, I'd like to share some information with
25 you about the plan for the use of that fund and get your

1 agreement or any conversation about any changes to that.

2 So, with this funding and the very large
3 amount of funding we've received as a state, we have an
4 opportunity to do some -- make some of the exciting changes
5 that you all have heard so much about from the various
6 stakeholders. We had -- you hosted many public stakeholder
7 meetings to hear input on the child care state plan. In
8 addition, you asked us to develop a work group that included
9 direct care providers, advocacy groups, and workforce
10 boards, and all of those folks came together to provide us
11 input on how we could better the TRS program and really
12 expand it and make it better in the state. And so, with
13 this new funding, we have a great opportunity to address
14 some of those really trends that we heard in those -- in
15 those discussions.

16 With the funding, we can make investments in
17 both direct care and quality, enhance our partnerships with
18 different stakeholders who are already doing some great work
19 regionally. I'll talk a little bit about some initiatives
20 that -- that are in this plan in just a moment. Work to
21 build and continue our public/private partnerships. And I
22 just realized I've gone a slide ahead of you, Debbie, and
23 then we'll come back to this one. If you're having a hard
24 time keeping up. And to really do some great work to
25 support -- like I said -- the regional efforts and the

1 boards that are doing so much to really strengthen TRS. So,
2 if you'll go back one slide, Debbie.

3 We -- there are some federal minimums in the
4 law about the use of this childcare funding. So, with our
5 almost \$230-million, we are required to have eight percent
6 of that for quality initiatives, three percent for quality
7 specific to infant and toddler, and then after taking out
8 the quality and the admin portion of that, 70 percent of the
9 funding must be used for direct care for children.

10 So, we'll move ahead. Like I said, we have
11 some great opportunities. I'd like to highlight some of
12 those for you now. TWC will direct --

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yeah, you're going the
14 wrong direction.

15 (Pause)

16 MS. ARBOUR: I'll just keep talking and
17 Debbie, when you get to the slide on use of increased funds.

18 So, the -- the plan for TWC is that 189-
19 million of the funding we use to support direct care. And
20 we've heard a lot -- you all are aware of what has happened
21 to our waitlist in recent years.

22 In January of 2016, the waitlist was 21,406
23 and right now it sits at around 70,000. So, there are a
24 large number of families who are in need of this dire -- of
25 this support service in order to continue their work and

1 education.

2 So, the 189-million in increased funding for
3 direct care supports boards, it also takes into account some
4 significant rate increases that I will talk about and takes
5 into account the rate increases for children who are placed
6 into care by DFPS.

7 The plan also dedicates a significant amount
8 to quality initiatives, 41-million in fact, that will really
9 advance the early learning goals of this state, help to
10 strengthen the capabilities of our provider base, and
11 continue some innovative work, including some -- the
12 public/private partnership we have with TEA. You can go to
13 the next slide.

14 Okay. There is -- as you know, there is a
15 strong support for the Texas Rising Star or TRS system in
16 the state and we've had a number of stakeholders weigh in
17 through the various means I mentioned earlier, those public
18 meetings and the work groups, and there were a number of
19 strategies offered, but almost unanimously, we have heard
20 about a need to increase reimbursement rates for the
21 providers across the state for a number of reasons; to help
22 with their staffing, to improve the quality of care, and
23 really just continue to build stability in these programs.

24 So, with the additional funding, we're
25 proposing a 2 percent increase for all providers in the

1 state. There's a heavy focus on rate increases for TRS
2 providers, but we didn't want to look other providers. The
3 expectation with these other TRS rate increases, is that
4 more providers will start to seek out TRS designation once
5 they see the benefit of doing that.

6 The boards' base rates are all set at a
7 different level and so if you look across the state, the
8 amounts paid are very different from state to state. So, in
9 this plan, the -- we would make the changes based upon a
10 percentile of the 2017 market rate survey. So, with this,
11 the TRS four-star providers in the state would be increased
12 to 75th percentile for their area based on 2017 market rate
13 survey. Three start prov --

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yeah, 2016.

15 COMM. HUGHS: 2016.

16 MS. ARBOUR: It's actually -- it is 2017, I -
17 - I confirmed that we did have the more recent data --

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

19 MS. ARBOUR: -- from which to base these rate
20 increases, but --

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

22 MS. ARBOUR: -- I indicated 2016 a couple
23 days ago.

24 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Got it.

25 MS. ARBOUR: The three start providers' rates

1 would be set at 90 percent of that -- of the four-star
2 provider rates. The two start providers' rates would be set
3 at 90 percent of the three star. So, while those dollar
4 amounts and even percentages will differ from board to
5 board, using that 75th percentile for the fourth -- for the
6 four-star providers, release sets that are and allows the
7 three and the two-star rate increases to have a great
8 effect.

9 I mentioned a moment ago that we would have
10 quality initiatives totaling around \$41-million. I'd like
11 to highlight a few of those for you.

12 First, up to about \$10-million could be used
13 to continue the great private/public partnership work that
14 we have underway with TEA where ISDs and charter schools are
15 partnering up with our four-star providers to develop and
16 expand the pre-K capacity in the state. This work has
17 proven and would continue with additional funding to ensure
18 that we have a number of kids in pre-K settings who are
19 school ready when they go into kindergarten.

20 TRS Rising Star Mentors and Assessors would
21 be another use of funds up to \$3-million and you all have
22 heard again, almost unanimously, about the value of those
23 mentors and assessors throughout the state. The boards
24 identify and hire these folks with a lot of expertise in
25 child care and the TRS system and with this plan, \$3-million

1 would be made available to expand the work and bring in more
2 mentors and assessors. Again, with the thought that with
3 these rate increases, and with this additional funding,
4 we'll have more providers showing interest in the TRS system
5 and needing support in doing that.

6 Up to \$7-million can be made available for
7 the boards. You're aware that they receive at least 2
8 percent for quality initiatives and with this, more funds
9 could be directed to the board for some targeted quality
10 initiatives with a focus on infant and toddler. This would
11 allow boards to develop curricula, support their providers
12 with professional development, and provide other resources
13 for those childcare providers.

14 Support for small business is something that
15 we didn't -- that you all didn't want to leave out in this
16 plan. There is about eight and a half million dollars for
17 support for these childcare early learning sites, up to five
18 and a half million could be made available to those
19 providers or those centers in Hurricane-impacted areas who
20 may still make known to us a need for some curricula or
21 equipment or specific tools to help them with their quality,
22 either to gain quality designation or to maintain quality in
23 their center, based on what -- sort of what they were left
24 with after the hurricane.

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And that would be focused

1 on TRS, correct?

2 MS. ARBOUR: That's correct, TRS.

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

4 MS. ARBOUR: Those who are TRS or on their
5 way to TRS.

6 Childcare business forums to \$3-million over
7 a couple of year period, a two-year period, would be used
8 for regional business forums, and those are intended for the
9 entrepreneurs who are TRS or working toward TRS. We have
10 heard that oftentimes these owners and administrators love
11 children, but they don't necessarily have a business degree
12 or all of the experience to make them successful in some of
13 the more technical aspects of the -- of their work, so we
14 would anticipate these sessions being geared toward
15 financial management, business management or financial
16 stability recruiting and retaining staff, professional
17 development for their teams, and any training would
18 incorporate information on the TRS program, how to be TRS
19 certified, how to connect with those mentors and assessors
20 and gain the support they need in doing so, in addition to
21 information about free resources available to them as a
22 provider.

23 Okay. The TRS Partnership Program is a grant
24 matching opportunity. We -- we recognize that a lot of
25 groups already provide -- are great partners to us and

1 support quality care and early learning and have regional
2 efforts that support our statewide goals for the TRS
3 program. So, this initiative would establish a matching
4 grant program where we could partner with non-profit
5 community-based organizations who have their own local
6 initiatives. But again, meet the goals that we're looking
7 for as a state and this program.

8 They would -- the partnerships would be
9 focused on strengthening TRS, improving quality,
10 coordination with local boards, and the expansion of TRS
11 sites in their areas. The grants will add momentum to the
12 work that those partners are already doing locally and would
13 be an opportunity similar to what we've done with High
14 Demand Job Training and the Texas Industry Partnership to
15 really leverage some of the work and the energy and the
16 funding that's out there currently to -- to make sure that
17 we are getting the most out of these dollars. And within
18 this plan, it would be up to \$6-million matching grant with
19 another 2-million matching grant specific for infant and
20 toddler related work.

21 Okay. Last, up to about three and a half
22 million of the funding would be used for system
23 enhancements. We have -- and all of us have a shared desire
24 I believe to ensure that the boards have opportunity to
25 collect data locally in a way that helps them with their

1 decision making and their planning and removing any
2 inefficiencies in the way that happens currently. So, we
3 would recommend taking a look at our current IT systems and
4 considering ways to make this program better through maybe
5 an online childcare application, some additional case
6 management enhancements, case management features, workflow
7 for the staff out in the field would be another good thing
8 for us to consider at a state level, and eligibility
9 document management.

10 So, any of those internal system enhancements
11 we would consider probably more long range because we need
12 to make sure that we fit those within the other agency IT
13 priorities.

14 And last, but certainly not least, a very
15 exciting project we have, the funding could be used to
16 support a project we have underway with Texas Education
17 Agency is the Early Childhood Education Data System. The --
18 we're in the -- in phase one of that project currently and
19 we're building a foundation for an Early Education Data
20 System. But with some additional funding, we would be able
21 to better -- to kind of build out this system and make
22 better connections with our subsidy to the data about our
23 children in subsidy, and the data from TEA about their
24 children in the K thru 12 system and start to get a better
25 understanding of the benefit of quality care and the -- and

1 the school readiness component.

2 So that was another one that we certainly
3 want to recommend.

4 I said last but not least, there is one
5 other, actually.

6 (Laughter)

7 MS. ARBOUR: GIS mapping is something that we
8 think that we could really use a lot more in the childcare
9 in the TRS setting. The GIS mapping software would allow
10 our boards and us as a state to identify providers who may
11 not be TRS certified and be able to more readily outreach
12 them and bring them into the discussions about TRS
13 certification since this seems the time to -- to really
14 expand the number of TRS sites we have in the state.

15 So, staff would be seeking commission
16 approval to use the funds as we've laid out in this plan
17 today, to include the rate increases, the quality
18 initiatives and the funds allocated for the direct care.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. Commissioners,
20 comments? I have a lot of comments, so please, one of you
21 go first.

22 COMM. ALVAREZ: Go ahead, Chairman.

23 COMM. HUGHS: That was just a great summary.

24 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yeah, please.

25 COMM. HUGHS: And that's the direct

1 allocation to the boards is 185-million; is that correct? I
2 heard something about 189 in direct care and I just want to
3 make sure whether the number that we're voting on is 185 or
4 189.

5 MS. ARBOUR: You're voting on 185,000.

6 COMM. HUGHS: For the allocation to the
7 boards.

8 MS. ARBOUR: Yes.

9 COMM. HUGHS: Okay.

10 MS. ARBOUR: The other 4-million is
11 associated -- is an estimated associated with the children
12 placed in care under DFPS.

13 COMM. HUGHS: Gotcha. Okay. Thank you for
14 that clarification.

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And the 189 also includes
16 the quality of focus dollars for the reimbursement rates, so
17 that's included in the 189. So, the rate increases are
18 within the 189.

19 MS. ARBOUR: That's correct.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Alvarez, did
21 you --

22 COMM. ALVAREZ: No comments at this time.

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I really want to thank
24 the work group again that joined us in Austin and would like
25 to really extend my appreciation for their guidance and

1 counsel. They represented very well the considerations for
2 both urban and rural areas. We have Mary Rosen and others
3 who are listening in who contributed to that.

4 The comments that we received during the
5 public meetings were also very instructive and informative.
6 We certainly heard the passion when we went to Tarrant
7 County and many of the concepts here reflect that feedback
8 that we received in terms of how we elevate learning in our
9 state.

10 The focus is certainly on quality, it's on
11 the success of our business owners, it's a recognition of
12 their investments in trying to provide a more quality
13 learning environment, it incents our quality more school
14 readiness. This Texas Early Learning Partnership that we're
15 building here is going to be very powerful, it's going to
16 make a big difference for our-- our children as they get
17 dropped off and their parents go to work. And the
18 partnerships that we're building between private and public
19 entities involved in the care and nurturing and learning of
20 our children, this gives it a bit boost forward. So, I want
21 to thank not only everyone that advised and guided us, our
22 staff here for all the great work that they did in putting
23 this together, and everyone else that has volunteered their
24 effort here.

25 And with that, do we have a motion?

1 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we approve \$185-
2 million in allocation to boards for direct care, a 2 percent
3 rate increase for all providers. For four-star providers,
4 an increase to the 75th percentile based on the 2017 market
5 rate survey. For three-star providers, an increase to 90
6 percent of that of the four-star providers. For two-star
7 providers, an increase to 90 percent of that of the three-
8 star providers. And approval to use up to \$40-million in
9 funding for quality initiatives as presented by staff.

10 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

11 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous. And
12 Randy -- I'd like to also bring up Randy Townsend, so he can
13 -- like to recall Agenda Items -- what were they --

14 COMM. ALVAREZ: 9.

15 COMM. HUGHS: 8 and 9.

16 AGENDA ITEM NOS. 8 AND 9

17 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: 8 and 9. For further
18 discussion and to have a motion on that work.

19 MR. TOWNSEND: Again, Chairman and
20 Commissioners, for the record, Randy Townsend, Chief
21 Financial Officer.

22 Under Tab 9 materials that I believe would be
23 relevant for the childcare assessment you just had will be -
24 - begin on page -- let me just -- page 14?

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I think we might need a

1 clarification. Courtney, please.

2 MS. ARBOUR: OGC recommends that we amend
3 that motion to include the 4-million anticipated rate
4 increases for DFPS. When I provided you -- it's a hundred
5 and -- let's go with 185 in allocation and then the
6 additional funding for the children in DFPS. The rate
7 increases associated with children in DFPS.

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And -- and I would
9 recommend that we allow staff to make any necessary
10 adjustments to account for other cost requirements that are
11 in acting direct care.

12 COMM. HUGHS: Okay. So, I will move that we
13 amend the vote based on what was just put on the record.

14 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous. I
16 think we're good. All right. Thank you.

17 MR. TOWNSEND: So, tab 9 --

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you, Commissioner.

19 MR. TOWNSEND: -- this includes the materials
20 for the childcare. I just want to make sure what you just
21 approved is on page 16. The -- that includes the 185-
22 million for TWC children in care, the direct care, that
23 would be allocated to our -- each of our 28 local workforce
24 board areas. What this page is reflecting is following the
25 Commission rule for the allocation factors, of which there

1 are three factors for childcare, and so -- it take -- it
2 takes the additional 185-million, adds it to the amount that
3 was made available previously in '18, to a total of
4 \$719,301,868. And it follows the rule as far as the
5 allocation method again. It also shows the 2 percent set-
6 aside required statutorily for the childcare quality and
7 shows the local match target that would be required for 2019
8 at the 41.3-million.

9 And so that's -- that takes what you just
10 approved in total for the allocation, it breaks that down
11 for '19 for the -- each board area, each of the 28 board
12 areas for childcare. If that's acceptable.

13 And then for '18 if you go back a page, for -
14 - from page 15, excuse me, for 2018, if you're wanting to
15 begin this effective July 1, page 15 shows 46.25-million,
16 which is one -- which is three months' worth of that 185-
17 million funding and would increase as a supplemental the
18 childcare allocations for each of the board areas. And so
19 there would be action if that's -- if that's approp -- if
20 that's what you're expecting us to do with the -- with the
21 additional funding, that would be the -- how the numbers
22 would lay out by board area. So --

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. Did you get all
24 that for a motion, Commissioner?

25 COMM. HUGHS: Let's see. I move that we

1 approve an order to adopt program year 2018 and fiscal year
2 2019 allocations and funding distributions for local
3 workforce development areas as presented and recommended by
4 staff.

5 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: Very good. Thank you so much.

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you.

9 AGENDA ITEM NO. 24

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Did you have something
11 else, Courtney?

12 MS. ARBOUR: Rural services.

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We're going to defer
14 action on that to the working group.

15 MS. ARBOUR: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Discussion. All right.

17 AGENDA ITEM NO. 25

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 25, we have no
19 updates.

20 AGENDA ITEM NO. 26

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 26, no Harvey
22 update.

23 AGENDA ITEM NO. 27

24 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 27, no Legislative

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1 COMM. ALVAREZ: We do have Harvey updates.

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. We do have a
3 Harvey update, I'm sorry.

4 AGENDA ITEM NO. 26

5 MS. TROKE: I do have a very quick update.
6 Hi. How are you, Chairman, Commissioners, Mr. Temple? Jen
7 Troke for the record, Workforce Grants and Contracts.

8 Following Hurricane Harvey, the US Department
9 of Labor awarded 1.25-million from the Office of Disability
10 Employment Policy or ODEP, to TWC through a cooperative
11 agreement, with funds available through August 31st, 2019.

12 TWC sent out a call for applications to all
13 Harvey impacted boards, noting that this was an excellent
14 partnership opportunity for the boards to provide resources
15 to Hurricane impacted customers with special needs that
16 could not be met through dislocated worker funding.

17 The Gulf Coast board is planning to partner
18 with local organizations to develop a certificate-based
19 program for an estimated 100 young adults with intellectual
20 and developmental disabilities or IDD. That program will
21 include classroom instruction for a semester, followed by
22 work-based learning on campus and work-based learning with a
23 private employer, ultimately placement in an unsubsidized
24 job.

25 Once the board completes a local competition

1 for the funds, the board will move forward expeditiously on
2 implementation of this project.

3 Staff seeks direction on approval of the Gulf
4 Coast board's project that serves 100 young adults with IDD
5 expending ODEP funds that total \$2.5-million -- or \$1.25-
6 million.

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs.

8 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we approve the
9 project as discussed by staff for \$1.25-million.

10 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

11 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous. Thank
12 you, Jen.

13 AGENDA ITEM NO. 28

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 28, report and
15 update by the executive director. Larry, have anything for
16 us?

17 MR. TEMPLE: I wouldn't dare bring anything
18 else up.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right. Thank you.

20 COMM. HUGHS: Do you have lunch for us?

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you, Larry.
22 Appreciate it.

23 AGENDA ITEM NO. 31

24 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Is there a motion to
25 adjourn this meeting?

1 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we adjourn.

2 COMM. ALVAREZ: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We're adjourned. We're
4 going to reconvene in five minutes for the work session on
5 rural strategies. Thank you.

6 (Proceedings concluded at 12:05 p.m.)

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