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COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT at 10:00 a.m. on
Wednesday, the 27th 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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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018

(10:00 a.m.)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good morning. I'd like to call this meeting 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 Docket 26.

The Commission considered and took action on all tax liability cases listed on Docket 26.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

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No Discussion.

1 AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

2 Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action
3 Regarding Higher Level Appeals in Wage Claim Cases Listed on
4 the Texas Workforce Commission Docket 26.

5 The Commission considered and took action on
6 all wage claim cases listed on Docket 26.

7 AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

8 Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action
9 Regarding Higher Level Appeals in Unemployment Compensation
10 Cases Listed on the Texas Workforce Commission Docket 26.

11 The Commission considered and took action on
12 all unemployment compensation cases listed on Docket 26.

13 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good morning, everyone.
15 Les, has anyone signed up for public comment?

16 MR. TROBMAN: No.

17 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We have no public
18 comment.

19 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 8, Texas Industry
21 Clusters and Careers Outreach Strategy and Campaign updates;
22 Tom McCarty and Amy, good morning.

23 MR. MCCARTY: Good morning, Commissioner --
24 Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Hughs, Commissioner Alvarez. Tom
25 McCarty with External Relations.

1 We were asked to give you all an update on
2 the industry cluster campaign and where we were at since we
3 left off on Wed -- May the 22nd, last month, in the work
4 session.

5 If you'll go to the handout that we gave you,
6 on page 2, this was kind of the summary of where we left off
7 from the work session. We received kind of direction to
8 move with Realize Texas and then incorporate Jobs Y'all into
9 the concept and present it. At a minimum, I think it was
10 requested as a hash tag, but more if we could do from that
11 standpoint.

12 So on page 3, you'll see where else we could
13 incorporate and what the vendor came up with ideas to
14 incorporate Jobs Y'all. You'll see that as kind of a
15 feature message. It's All About Jobs Y'all. And you'll see
16 this on three different background type options that they
17 have as a way to see that direction in that campaign.

18 So, in this case you still have the message
19 It's All About Jobs Y'all with the Realize Texas name in
20 there.

21 So, I'd like to pause there for a minute, see
22 if y'all would like to discuss or have any questions around
23 this particular concept just so that we can go from there.

24 COMM. ALVAREZ: No questions.

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Comments?

1 COMM. HUGHES: I do have comments. Thank you
2 for the update and for all the work that you all have been
3 doing on this. I know when we discussed it at the work
4 session we talked about seeing how we can incorporate Jobs
5 Y'all. I don't think the Chairman was a fan of that
6 reference. I think Commissioner Alvarez was getting there
7 and I think we were going to see what they came back with
8 and see what we could do.

9 You know, I like the -- and so since then I
10 saw the hash tag but no real incorporation into graphics. I
11 think we all agree we didn't like the graphics associated
12 with Jobs Y'all at all and we agree that Realized, she
13 presented to us how writing in the story was very impactful,
14 so while I like this because it gets us closer to putting up
15 the message of Jobs Y'all which I think is very impactful,
16 it takes away, I guess the writing in. And so, I'm not sure
17 where we end up with that.

18 Personally, overall, having lived with this
19 and spent time with it, I think our Got Milk campaign is
20 Jobs Y'all. So I personally, if we're -- you know, we
21 weren't voting at the work session, I know we were giving
22 direction and we kind of landed on Realize Texas because we
23 liked those graphics the most, but I don't know that Realize
24 Texas tells anyone what it is or the fact that we're trying
25 to tell them about what industries we have.

1 So, you know, having seen how it's
2 incorporated, it's great, but it seems like if you're going
3 to a website that's Jobs Y'all, you know exactly what you're
4 going to a website for.

5 So, I'm happy to be outvoted, but I just want
6 to make sure we at least have a discussion, because I
7 actually think we might be missing the branding in terms of
8 knowing what we're talking about, you know, given it's all
9 great work and it's going to turn out great either way. But
10 we've seen a lot of branding around Realize Texas and I
11 think incorporation or integration might have meant
12 something different to me, maybe, because I'd like to see
13 what Jobs Y'all looks like as a brand.

14 MR. MCCARTY: A clarifying question. Would
15 you like to see Jobs Y'all as a campaign name?

16 COMM. HUGHS: Right.

17 MR. MCCARTY: Okay.

18 COMM. HUGHS: In other words, that's the
19 website and -- rather than you go to Realize Texas as a
20 campaign. That's what the campaign name means?

21 MR. MCCARTY: Yes, ma'am.

22 COMM. HUGHS: Yeah.

23 MR. MCCARTY: Yes, ma'am.

24 COMM. HUGHS: And, you know, and I think
25 because of the graphics we ended up with different

1 directions.

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yeah, the -- my
3 recollection was that we had agreed on Realize Texas, but
4 that we all became comfortable with it on the notion of Jobs
5 Y'all as a hash tag. But and since that meeting, the
6 vendors have gone out and done what, they've gone out and
7 worked on Realize Texas or -- because a lot of the work that
8 I see is centered around Realize Texas.

9 MR. MCCARTY: Mr. Chairman --

10 COMM. HUGHS: That's the direction you gave
11 them at the work session.

12 MR. MCCARTY: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. Most
13 of the work has centered around Realize Texas, while trying
14 to incorporate a message with It's About Jobs Y'all into the
15 document.

16 Commissioner Hughs, going back to your other
17 comment about where else could we incorporate, you know, you
18 would lose the blank lines with, you know, a realize, you
19 know, your job, your location, things like that, your
20 career. That could still be incorporated, it would just be
21 in different channels or different like medium, so different
22 social media or websites, for things like that you could
23 still use a combination of -- of these throughout.

24 COMM. HUGHS: All right. So just to be clear
25 --

1 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And to clarify --

2 COMM. HUGHS: Yeah, yeah, yeah. And --

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I just want to clarify
4 something. I do like Jobs Y'all. I do like the way this
5 looks, so I'm very open to whatever gets us to where we need
6 to be. And I'm very open to making sure that we decide at
7 this meeting on what you believe is the best way to move
8 forward and I'll support that. Because I do think that
9 either way we're going to win, we're going to have a good
10 campaign. And so, I'm very open to however you want to go
11 with it.

12 COMM. HUGHS: Well, we don't have in front of
13 us for understandable reasons I guess is that we don't know
14 what the graphics around a Jobs Y'all campaign would look
15 like.

16 MR. MCCARTY: So, what we would do if the
17 Commission wishes to go the direction of Jobs Y'all, we'd
18 get back with the vendor. We could today work on selecting
19 colors, we can show you the background options that were so
20 that you know, so like for Realize Texas, get your feedback
21 on those background options, then go to the vendor with at
22 least a color and feedback on the backgrounds and then come
23 back to you with design concepts.

24 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner, do you have
25 a preference?

1 COMM. ALVAREZ: I still like Realize Texas,
2 but I mean --

3 COMM. HUGHS: So, when you go to meetings
4 you're going to say Realize Texas is how you find out about
5 jobs and industries?

6 COMM. ALVAREZ: Personally, that's what I
7 would do.

8 COMM. HUGHS: No, I'm just asking. I really
9 was thinking about, you know, the next three years that I'm
10 -- I may be here, it's like I'd love to tell people like I
11 did yesterday in D.C., it's about jobs, y'all. It seems to
12 be a very powerful statement, so.

13 COMM. ALVAREZ: I mean, I'll take the
14 recommendation --

15 COMM. HUGHS: So really once again, though,
16 the Chairman's going to end up being the tiebreaker. And
17 that's fine.

18 COMM. ALVAREZ: I just think it looks more --
19 I mean, I -- personally, more professional, it looks lined
20 up, it still references career. I -- I'm thinking of the
21 adult population. Again, I've referenced that multiple
22 times to y'all. And so, that's just my preference. Again,
23 I'm -- I'm open to both, but I -- that's just my preference.

24 You're asking us what we want and
25 RealizeTexas.com is mine.

1 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Is there any way to do --
2 to integrate both?

3 COMM. HUGHS: That's what they were trying to
4 do here.

5 MR. MCCARTY: Yes, sir, I --

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Like Realize Texas, it's
7 -- like right here where we have the logo, tag line and
8 everything. Instead of RealizeTexas.Com, It's All About
9 Jobs Y'all, it's --

10 COMM. ALVAREZ: So Chairman, if I'm not
11 mistaken, I think when the selection option we have here
12 with the State of Texas, the one you referenced, I think
13 they did have the hash tag would be Jobs Y'all, right?

14 COMM. HUGHS: It's in here at the bottom.

15 COMM. ALVAREZ: Uh-huh.

16 COMM. HUGHS: You can see it there.

17 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yeah.

18 COMM. HUGHS: It's just if you want to go
19 find out more about industries in Texas as a student,
20 because that's the population rather than the adult, you
21 know, they're going to have to go RealizeTexas.com or
22 JobsY'all.com. That's it. I mean, and the whole campaign
23 around that.

24 COMM. ALVAREZ: And again, I'm willing to
25 work with both.

1 COMM. HUGHS: You know, but then you guys --
2 we need to pick one and go, so.

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Amy?

4 MR. MCCARTY: Amy?

5 MS. LANDRUM: Hello. For the record, Amy
6 Landrum, Director of Strategic Outreach. Thank you. Would
7 you repeat the question?

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: So the question is, in
9 terms of what's been done already, I guess we've spent since
10 the last meeting working on the Realize Texas kind of
11 campaign and but -- so we're talking about three or four
12 weeks, right?

13 MR. MCCARTY: Yes, sir, probably about three
14 or four weeks. We've been in -- it's been indicated that if
15 we do a -- a name change at this point, we're probably about
16 a four-week delay for the launch, so that would probably put
17 us at the end of September.

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

19 COMM. HUGHS: And how long will this campaign
20 run?

21 MR. MCCARTY: The contract is signed for a
22 year.

23 COMM. HUGHS: Okay.

24 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And hopefully, it's an
25 ongoing campaign because it's successful, right? And the

1 point is we want it to be successful. And I think -- I
2 think we're going to be successful because we're focusing on
3 careers and I'm very comf -- I've actually grown comfortable
4 as I've looked at this with either approach, so --

5 COMM. ALVAREZ: So, if I may add, Chairman,
6 and so, you know, I've seen other marketing groups like
7 TXDOT that uses "You All." You know, there's other state
8 agencies that someone used that, and I just don't want it to
9 be confusing to which website they're referencing. That's
10 just my personal opinion.

11 COMM. HUGHS: Did they say Jobs You All?

12 COMM. ALVAREZ: No, they just say the word
13 you all.

14 COMM. HUGHS: Okay. Well, that sounds more
15 East Coast.

16 COMM. ALVAREZ: So but again, for the record,
17 you guys have done a great job Tom, Amy and your staff to
18 convey the importance of all this. I'm open to anything. I
19 think that you guys have come -- whatever you guys want to
20 do is fine with me. It's just --

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I'm just wondering if --
22 the name of the campaign, the -- so the tag line, right,
23 your career starts here?

24 COMM. HUGHS: Uh-huh.

25 MR. MCCARTY: Yes, sir.

1 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I actually think they go
2 very well together, but I'm not the expert, those were the
3 people who were here four weeks ago, right? And -- and so,
4 I'll know if Realize Texas, your career starts here, after
5 jobs y'all or RealizeTexas.com, it's all -- It's All About
6 Jobs Y'all, either -- you know, which is the right mixture
7 of the two. That's the hard part that I'm having.

8 MS. LANDRUM: So Chairman, are you asking if
9 the name is Realize Texas, could the tag line be It's All
10 About Jobs, Y'all?

11 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yeah, that way they're --
12 and then you could still have the hash tag It's Jobs Y'all.
13 So you're actually two -- that would be another option. Or
14 I don't know. I'm very open to either of the possibilities.
15 I've grown comfortable with both of them. And I think
16 they're both going to work. But -- but I do like understand
17 the emphasis on jobs as much as we can. You know, others
18 would say it's about careers, but --

19 COMM. HUGHS: Yeah.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -- you know, so it's
21 about careers y'all, and --

22 COMM. HUGHS: Others might say don't you have
23 Work In Texas, what about Texas Works? I mean, there's a
24 lot of different options and there are other states that do
25 that, right? Mississippi does works and I think the

1 Governor just hash tagged Texas Works the other day.

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Well, we used to do Texas
3 Works.

4 COMM. ALVAREZ: Uh-huh.

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Texas Works was the DHS
6 Program in Texas.

7 MR. TEMPLE: Right. They still have it.

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yeah. And so we'd
9 probably want to use that.

10 COMM. HUGHS: So it kind of also depends what
11 we're trying to accomplish, right? So, I'm looking at it
12 through the lens of a Got Milk or a Don't Mess With Texas or
13 We Hire Vets, where you have a name that you know what it is
14 and what it's about. And that's the reason I'm advocating
15 for Jobs Y'all.

16 The graphics around it, I haven't seen
17 necessarily. I appreciate what Ms. Pandit said about that
18 Realize Texas, it wasn't so much the name they were
19 responding to, but the ability to write in your story, fill
20 in those blanks. And I think all of us like the graphics.
21 So that's where I think we are, but I don't know where we go
22 with that because we may all be in different points there.

23 If you all -- you know, the Got Milk it
24 doesn't resonate with you the same way, then it doesn't
25 resonate. But I just think in fairness, we do want to give

1 clarity to the team. You know, if I was queen for the day,
2 then obviously, I'd change the brand because I think that
3 that would make an impactful long-term impact, but I also
4 know it requires a delay and it requires more work because I
5 haven't seen the graphics to Jobs Y'all.

6 I appreciate you trying to split the baby
7 with the Realize Texas, but if she's saying they like to
8 write in their stories or write in, then I don't know if we
9 mix and match them that way. I think that is where I'd
10 leave the experts to it. But I think at a minimum have to
11 say what is the campaign. And if it at the work session we
12 were on Realize Texas and you all are still there, then that
13 can conclude this. But if you want to change it, this would
14 be the time to speak open.

15 Don't think we can be open, I think we've got
16 to vote and put a line in the sand, because they need
17 direction. Okay. Amy has a comment.

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yeah, and it was clear
19 from -- from the experts that they felt that either one of
20 the three that they brought forward would be an effective
21 campaign. And they tested and in terms of the rankings, how
22 did they come in?

23 MS. LANDRUM: So, when they did the testing,
24 Realize Texas ranked first with students, Jobs Y'all ranked
25 third.

1 COMM. HUGHS: But that's based on the
2 graphics, right?

3 MS. LANDRUM: That was based on the that
4 particular scenario.

5 COMM. HUGHS: And the graphics were not good
6 for Jobs Y'all. None of us liked those.

7 MS. LANDRUM: And let me make one point of
8 clarification.

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: But it's when they looked
10 at the graphics, they looked at Jobs Y'all too, right? So
11 --

12 MS. LANDRUM: They did.

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And --

14 MS. LANDRUM: They were looking at the name.
15 Let me make one point of clarification that I just want to
16 make sure we said out loud.

17 So on page 3, you'll see these three images
18 that says It's All About Jobs Y'all across the middle.
19 That's a way to incorporate that as a message not a campaign
20 name, but as a message. So that's one of the things we
21 talked about coming back with, how do we incorporate Jobs
22 Y'all into a Realize Texas campaign. This is just one
23 example of a way to do that.

24 Let me ask you to skip ahead to page 5. This
25 is where you can see the Realize Texas with the Realize fill

1 in the blank. This would still also be in play. There
2 could be multiple graphics associated with a Realize Texas
3 name and the It's All About Jobs Y'all message could be
4 incorporated here.

5 So those can be in play together. They would
6 not be -- they would not have to be we choose one over the
7 other. It would be both. So, I wanted to just make sure
8 that you have the opportunity to hear that and then knowing
9 that, again, I think the question is, what do you want the
10 name to be and then everything else can be incorporated
11 underneath that.

12 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: My preference is that
13 Commissioner Alvarez and Commissioner Hughs agree on the tag
14 and I'll support it instead of deciding it.

15 COMM. ALVAREZ: It doesn't matter, seriously.

16 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: You guys have put a lot
17 of work on it.

18 COMM. HUGHS: Of course it matters.

19 COMM. ALVAREZ: Huh?

20 COMM. HUGHS: Of course it matters.

21 COMM. ALVAREZ: Well, I mean, it does -- I
22 mean, we're -- I think we're --

23 COMM. HUGHS: It's our industry cluster
24 campaign.

25 COMM. ALVAREZ: I think we're going -- this

1 has really consumed a lot of our time and so I'm okay if you
2 want to change it, that's fine. I mean, it's -- it was just
3 my personal reference. I think we even talked about the
4 young adult liking Realize Texas.

5 MS. LANDRUM: They did.

6 COMM. ALVAREZ: Again, I'm fine. I'm fine
7 with whatever we decide we're going to do here, Chairman.

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: So it sounds like there's
9 agreement to -- to do this. I'd like to support the two in
10 terms of which way to go. I think Commissioner Alvarez is
11 interested in making sure that we move forward and move
12 forward aggressively. And in order to do so, we'll adopt
13 the Jobs Y'all recommendation, we lose a few weeks, but we
14 have everybody on board on the same page, and I think that's
15 important, and that's what we'll do.

16 MS. LANDRUM: Uh-huh.

17 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And then we'll add
18 Realize Texas components within that just to get us all to
19 the same spot.

20 MR. MCCARTY: Yes, sir, we can do that. The
21 vendor did indicate during the work session that it would
22 actually be easier to add Realize Texas into a Jobs Y'all
23 name, so we can do that, and we'll work with the vendor on
24 that. We'll come back with you with graphics and things of
25 that nature for you all to look at after we get with the

1 vendor.

2 If we can, I'd like to then -- if we -- if
3 we're going with the Jobs Y'all name, if we can jump down to
4 page 6, this is the color options. If I could get -- I
5 understand that there's -- there's some colors that we
6 didn't like on here, but colors that you do like, if we can
7 kind of get a decision on that, we can go back to the vendor
8 with that decision as well so that they can incorporate that
9 into the Jobs Y'all graphics, things of that nature.

10 COMM. HUGHES: On this one I'm deferring to
11 Commissioner Alvarez. What does he like? What do you like?

12 COMM. ALVAREZ: It doesn't matter.

13 COMM. HUGHES: I think I saw there was some
14 concern about --

15 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll just take your
16 recommendation.

17 COMM. HUGHES: -- the red not looking red.

18 MR. MCCARTY: It -- the vendor did recommend
19 blue as an option -- as an alternative.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

21 COMM. ALVAREZ: Personally, I would like to
22 stay away from -- just personally, away from the colors blue
23 or red. If you put something that has the state of Texas on
24 it, you know what I mean? So that's just my personal
25 preference.

1 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: So green it is.

2 COMM. ALVAREZ: Great.

3 MR. MCCARTY: Okay.

4 COMM. ALVAREZ: Because it shows -- to me it
5 shows party or something, so I just -- that's just my
6 personal opinion.

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Green is go green is
8 money.

9 MR. MCCARTY: Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Let's help them go make
11 money.

12 MR. MCCARTY: Okay. Perfect. And then if I
13 can get you just to go to slide 8. Slide 8 and 9 -- or page
14 8 and 9, the -- you'll see some background images. The ven
15 -- we'll still come up with, you know, our graphics, things
16 like that. Are any of these background images a -- a turn
17 off? The vendors there recommend that we have five options
18 that we use throughout the campaign life cycle, life of the
19 campaign.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Uh-huh.

21 MR. MCCARTY: So, if there's just one of
22 these that you just don't like all together, we'll just take
23 it out and that way they know what to work on. If you want
24 to see what that might look like more so, you can go to
25 slide 9, you can kind of see a larger version of that --

1 page 9, I'm sorry. You can see a larger version of what
2 that would look like.

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioners, anything
4 you're not a fan of? Is there something you don't like so
5 that they can take it off? Any of the above, but if you
6 want to go ahead and take something --

7 COMM. HUGHS: I don't know if there's any
8 danger with the red flag facing down and being red, but
9 that's just -- again, I mean, the general image of arrows I
10 think are fine. I don't know if that's negative, you know,
11 absent the one little red flag on the bottom, I think the
12 arrows -- or red arrow facing down, the rest look fine.

13 MR. MCCARTY: Okay. We'll take that
14 modification and work that in.

15 COMM. ALVAREZ: So just for the record, I
16 like the chalkboard, that whole concept of dark. That's why
17 I like the green, the tag line of Realize Texas, that was
18 just something that was really appealing to me when I was
19 given the three options. So, my decision today was based on
20 what I had seen on page 9, so.

21 MR. MCCARTY: Uh-huh.

22 COMM. ALVAREZ: And I think that looks clean,
23 it's professional, it attracts young adults, it attracts
24 kids in high school, that whole concept was good, but that's
25 just for the record.

1 MR. MCCARTY: Okay. Thank you, sir. We'll
2 -- we'll incorp -- we'll communicate that with the vendor to
3 see if there's a way to incorporate that into the Jobs Y'all
4 to see if it's something that might come back.

5 COMM. HUGHS: Still have a hash tag or
6 something.

7 MR. MCCARTY: So --

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: So again, I think we're
9 all on the same page.

10 MR. MCCARTY: Okay.

11 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I think -- I'm excited
12 about this. This is something that's been very important to
13 me. I really think this has been missing in terms of all
14 the work that we've been doing out there through our system
15 and it's a way to really reinforce the diversity of
16 opportunity available to our students. I like the wonderful
17 industries that we have in our states and hopefully, get
18 some momentum going in terms of excited kids about what
19 their possible use might be because so many of them need our
20 help with it.

21 So with that, do you need any further
22 guidance?

23 MR. MCCARTY: No, sir. We appreciate the
24 guidance that y'all provided us and we'll get those changes
25 and come back to you all.

1 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right. Any further
2 comments?

3 COMM. ALVAREZ: Tom, thank you and your team.
4 You guys did a great job and thank you for the time you've
5 committed to putting this together.

6 MR. MCCARTY: Thank you.

7 COMM. ALVAREZ: I know it's a lot of work.

8 MR. MCCARTY: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Appreciate it.

10 COMM. HUGHS: Thank you.

11 MS. LANDRUM: You're welcome. Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you.

13 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 9, we have no
15 updates.

16 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

17 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 10, no Harvey
18 updates, right, Larry?

19 MR. TEMPLE: We've got one coming to you on
20 the status of the dollars, we'll have that next week.

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Is that today or next
22 week?

23 MR. TEMPLE: Next week.

24 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. No legislative
25 updates.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Report by the ED, what do you have for us, Larry?

MR. TEMPLE: Well, we'll lay this out before, New Jersey does their It's All About Jobs You's Guys.

COMM. HUGHS: Did they really? Now I'll have to look that up. They will after this.

(Laughter)

COMM. HUGHS: They'll see what we do, and they'll do their own version. But they won't have the hats that Commissioner Alvarez is going to get us all or the boots.

MR. TEMPLE: Right.

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: You wise guys you.

MR. TEMPLE: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right. Do we have any other comments for staff?

COMM. HUGHS: I do think it's important to mention that unemployment conference is starting today. Larry will be presenting and we're very excited to welcome everyone from across the country on -- to talk about unemployment claims and issues, so --

MR. TEMPLE: It's a good turnout, about 300 registered I think.

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Right.

1 MR. TEMPLE: It's a pretty good turnout.

2 COMM. HUGHS: That's right. And then next
3 we'll get to announce anything that came from that
4 conference, so that'll be exciting as well.

5 And I did have the opportunity to go to D.C.
6 and present on stand on behalf of the State of Texas and I
7 will say that much of the discussion ties in so well with
8 all the great programs that we have here that I know,
9 Chairman, you've been such a big part of and Commissioner
10 Alvarez has jumped in and done the same with really
11 highlighting what we do in Texas and how we do it. And so
12 that leadership was appreciated and looked to as they look
13 to make their next strategic plan for the next five years.

14 And so much of it was about industries and
15 stigmas and perceptions and so, it makes it even more
16 exciting what we can do with industry cluster campaign to
17 get the word out there about high demand jobs. So, thank
18 you all.

19 AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

20 COMM. HUGHS: And with that, I guess I move
21 the --

22 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. Hold on. We might
23 have an update. Do we have another update?

24 MR. TEMPLE: No.

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Do I have a motion to

1 adjourn?

2 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we adjourn.

3 COMM. ALVAREZ: I'll second that.

4 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are adjourned. Thank

5 you.

6 (Proceedings concluded at 11:07:24 a.m.)

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