



**MEETING OF THE  
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

**DATE**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

1 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

2 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Are we ready?

3 MS. GONZALEZ: Ready.

4 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: As ready as we'll ever be?

5 Good afternoon, everyone, this meeting is called to order. Mr.  
6 Trobman, has anyone signed up for public comments?

7 MR. TROBMAN: No, sir.

8 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you so much. Good  
9 afternoon, Ms. Gonzalez.

10 MS. GONZALEZ: Good morning--uh, afternoon.

11 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Motion passes with the  
12 exceptions noted. Thank you. Let's take a quick break, get some  
13 folks in here for the rest of the meeting.

14 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Thank you, guys.

15 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Yeah. Let's come back with  
16 Agenda Item 8. This is TRS mentor and assessor funding, BCY  
17 2022.

18 MS. MILLER: Good afternoon, Chairman,  
19 commissioners. Reagan Miller with childcare and early learning.  
20 Today for your consideration is a discussion paper to distribute  
21 funding to support Texas Rising Star mentor and assessor staff  
22 through a distribution of 17 million to local workforce  
23 development boards. The distribution is based upon the number of  
24 Texas Rising Star and non-Texas Rising Star subsidy providers.  
25 As we move towards mandatory participation in Texas Rising Star,

1 as required by house bill 2607, boards will be working with a  
2 larger number of childcare programs. In addition, as boards  
3 implement the new continuous quality improvement process, or  
4 CQIP, mentors will be providing more robust coaching and  
5 assistance to help all Texas Rising Star programs. These  
6 increases are intended to help support both program growth and  
7 the more intensive CQIP. We're seeking your guidance on  
8 distributing the funds for board contract year 2022 as outlined  
9 in the attachment of the paper. And I'd be happy to answer any  
10 questions.

11 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

12 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: None here, Chairman.

13 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None.

14 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

15 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Chairman, I move that  
16 we approve the method for distribution of TRS mentor and  
17 assessor funding for a board contract year 2022, as discussed by  
18 staff.

19 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: I second the motion.

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

22 MS. MILLER: Thank [inaudible].

23 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Let's see, we don't have  
24 anything under Agenda Item 9. How about Agenda Item 10? Nothing  
25 under Agenda Item 10. Legislative report? Nope? Executive

1 director's report? We're on a roll. The time is now 1:33. The  
2 Texas Workforce Commission is now going into executive session  
3 in room 242, pursuant to Texas government code section 551.0711  
4 concerning pending and/or contemplated litigation. Titled  
5 Benjamin Lefoumba v. Texas Department of Criminal Justice and  
6 the Texas Workforce Commission, cause number 19-CCV-066338. The  
7 executive session is now concluded. The time is 2:00. Do we have  
8 a motion?

9 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Mr. Chairman, I'd  
10 like to move that we approve the filing of an appeal of the Fort  
11 Bend county district court order and decision in the litigation  
12 styled as Benjamin Lefoumba v. Texas Department of Criminal  
13 Justice and the Texas Workforce Commission, cause number 19-CCV-  
14 066338.

15 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I second the motion. Is  
16 there any discussion?

17 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: None here, Chairman.

18 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None.

19 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Yeah, motion carries. Is  
20 there any other order of business to come before the commission?

21 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Chairman, we have a  
22 new employee in our office, James Andrew Bias. I know he went  
23 back to our office. He's our new executive assistant. I just  
24 wanted to welcome him on board.

25 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right, thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Oh, we're gonna have  
2 hot dogs in the office, if anybody wants any.

3 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: When?

4 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Right now.

5 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: All right.

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there any other  
7 business? Hearing none, is there a motion to adjourn?

8 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Chairman, I move that  
9 we adjourn.

10 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and  
12 seconded to adjourn. We're adjourned.

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