



**MEETING OF THE
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

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1 Tuesday, May 2, 2023

2 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Good morning, everyone.

3 This meeting is called to order. Mr. Trobman, has anyone signed
4 up for public comment?

5 MR. TROBMAN: Good morning, commissioners.
6 Les Trobman, general counsel. We do have one person who has
7 registered for public comment, Robin Harrison. Ms. Harrison, if
8 you're there go ahead and unmute yourself, and begin.

9 MR. TROBMAN: It does not appear Ms.
10 Harrison is here this morning. That's what we got.

11 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right. Thank you, Mr.
12 Trobman. Good morning, Ms. Miller.

13 MS. MILLER: Good morning, sir.

14 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. That's the end
15 of Agenda Items 3 through 7. Let's take a short recess.

16 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: This is Agenda Item 8,
17 Statewide Initiatives Additional Distribution of WIOA Funds to
18 Workforce Development Boards for Teacher Externships.

19 JAMES GOLSAN: Good morning, chairman,
20 commissioners, Mr. Townsend. For the record, for the record
21 James Golsan, Workforce Division. Each year, TWC funds teacher
22 externships program supporting Workforce boards in coordinating
23 externships for teachers and industry. Externships provide
24 middle school and high school teachers an opportunity to engage
25 in industry-related activities and learn skills they can in turn

1 expose students to in the form of classroom content. Workforce
2 has heard from several boards including current externships
3 participants and boards without an existing externships program
4 that they have a need for externships dollars. We have
5 identified a way to distribute WIOA statewide funds to those
6 boards. Staff seeks direction on distributing one million in
7 WIOA statewide funds to support new and expanded externships
8 program for local Workforce Development boards for summer 2023.
9 I would be happy to answer any questions you all might have.

10 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

11 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Chairman and
12 commissioner, continuing to receive positive input about the
13 teacher externship programs and am excited we're doing this
14 work. I think it's bringing together employers, Workforce, and
15 economic development, just continue to be excited about what
16 we're doing in that space.

17 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: No comments. Thank
18 you.

19 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Agreed. Lots of positive,
20 I think, information about teacher externships. Also hearing
21 from some employers too that they used them and would like to
22 come back and use them again. I think this can work on both
23 sides of the equation. When was the last time you presented in
24 front of the commission?

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1 JAMES GOLSAN: This is my first time
2 presenting, sir.

3 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: What's his name?

4 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: What's his name? First
5 name James, Golsan, I believe is what he said.

6 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: The last time I saw
7 James in person it was without the-

8 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: So on line 7 of the paper-
9 OK, any other questions or comments? Is there a motion?

10 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: OK. There will be a
11 motion. I move that we approve the distribution of one million
12 dollars in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds to
13 boards as described in the discussion paper and recommended
14 today by staff.

15 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I second the motion.

16 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
17 seconded. It felt like you had additional comments. I may have
18 cut you off.

19 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: I thought
20 Commissioner Treviño had a comment but-

21 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I see. We'll just have to
22 get James next time. It's been moved and seconded. The motion
23 carries. Thank you.

24 JAMES GOLSAN: Chairman, commissioners,
25 thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: An executive director's
2 report?

3 MR. TOWNSEND: No report today.

4 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Any other item of business
5 come before the commission?

6 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Was Randy's mic on?
7 OK, all right.

8 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: He pushed it away real
9 fast after he [inaudible].

10 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None.

11 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I have some real
12 quick. Randy, my team and I participated in the Foster Youth
13 conference. We've also been hearing a lot, all the good work
14 that's being done for the foster youth with the agency
15 resources. I would like staff to bring back some recommendations
16 on how we can further strengthen our role in the transition
17 process for foster youth who about to transition out. I would
18 also like for them to look at the Workforce boards, our
19 partnerships with the transition centers, and any other options
20 that we as a commission might consider to inform youth about
21 career paths and strengthen that work. Thank you.

22 MR. TOWNSEND: Yes, Commissioner Treviño.
23 We'll pull that information together and share with the
24 commission.

25 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Anything else? Motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: I move we adjourn.

COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I second to adjourn.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: We're adjourned.