



**MEETING OF THE
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

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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 have one person who registered
7 for public comment this morning. Ms. Harrison, if you could
8 unmute yourself and begin.

9 MR. TROBMAN: I don't believe she's joined
10 us this morning, and that's what we've got this morning. Thanks.

11 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you, Mr. Trobman. I
12 asked you last week if you were going solo and now here you are.
13 I don't know what to say about that. How are you this morning?

14 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: The motion passes with the
15 exceptions noted. Let's see. That brings us to the end of Agenda
16 Items 3 through 7. We'll take a short recess.

17 MR. TREADWELL: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: This is Agenda Item 8,
19 Recertification of Community Rehabilitation Programs to
20 Participate in Purchasing from People with Disabilities Program.

21 JUAN GARCIA: Good morning, commissioners,
22 Mr. Serna. Juan Garcia with the Voc Rehab Division. This morning
23 for your possible action we have five CRPs that are applying for
24 recertification in order to continue participating in the
25 Purchasing from People with Disabilities Program. All CRPs meet

1 the requirements for recertification. They are all paying
2 minimum wage or higher and provide a mix of products and
3 services. Staff recommends the recertification of all five CRPs
4 as presented in the discussion paper.

5 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

6 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Juan, is Kelvin
7 Moore still on your team? Kelvin Moore?

8 JUAN GARCIA: Kelvin Moore?

9 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Yes.

10 JUAN GARCIA: I'm sorry. I didn't get the
11 question, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Is Kelvin Moore
13 still on your team?

14 JUAN GARCIA: Yes, he is.

15 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: OK, thank you.

16 JUAN GARCIA: Sitting back there.

17 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Oh, OK. I hadn't
18 seen Kelvin in a long time so OK. Juan didn't even know Kelvin.

19 JUAN GARCIA: Kelvin who?

20 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Kelvin who? Who? I don't
21 know who you're talking about.

22 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: He's still here, all
23 right.

24 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: No questions here.

25 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

1 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: I move that we
2 approve the recertification of the following Community
3 Rehabilitation Programs to participate in the Purchasing from
4 People with Disabilities Program as recommended today by staff:
5 My Brothers Keepers Inc., Heart of Texas Goodwill Industries
6 Inc., HIP, Healthy Innovative Processes, Oak Creek Day
7 Habilitation Vocational Center, and Work Services Corporation.

8 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I second the motion.

9 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
10 seconded, and the motion carries.

11 JUAN GARCIA: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. This is Agenda
13 Item 9, Program Year 2023, Fiscal Year 2024, WIOA Allocations,
14 Rapid Response Distributions, AEL Allocations, and Child Care
15 Allocations.

16 IRENE TANGUMA: Good morning, chairman,
17 commissioners, Mr. Serna. For the record, Irene Tanguma, TWC
18 budget director. This morning you have before you the fiscal
19 year 2024, program year 2023, WIOA adult, youth, and dislocated
20 worker allocation and associated rapid response distribution
21 along with the adult education and family literacy allocations
22 for the contracts beginning on July 1, 2023. Using the recently
23 released Department of Labor WIOA state allotment and updated
24 data factors, TWC will be allocating \$214,439,258 in combined
25 WIOA adult, youth, and dislocated worker funds along with an

1 additional \$955,595 in rapid response funding. This represents a
2 net increase of 12.7 percent over the prior year allocation. The
3 rapid response funding is equal to 1.25 percent of the statewide
4 dislocated worker allotment, the same as FY2023. TWC normally
5 does not receive the AEL state allotment until July 1st which is
6 when these contracts begin. Historically the planning estimate
7 amounts have not changed with the issuance of the final
8 allotment so I'm bringing forward the AEL allocation developed
9 with the updated data factors. With the AEL planning estimate
10 amount plus the available balances identified, we are proposing
11 an AEL allocation of \$82,990,049, a 0.9 percent increase over
12 the prior year. On page nine you will find the provider
13 allocation based on the demographic factors by county. We are
14 also bringing forward the FY2024 child care allocation in the
15 amount of \$1,280,825,604. The amount of the allocation is the
16 same as the planning estimate presented in March. Due to
17 possible federal legislation taking back uncommitted ARPA funds,
18 we are bringing forward the allocation sooner to commit any
19 remaining ARPA funds and freeing up our normal CCDF funds to
20 fund the commission-approved activities in 2024 that were
21 planned with ARPA funding. This concludes my remarks. Without
22 any objection I will post these planning estimates on our
23 website, and I would be happy to answer any questions.

24 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

25 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None here right now.

1 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

2 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

3 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Mr. Chairman, are we
4 letting Irene get off that easy?

5 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I mean she didn't—Chris is
6 the one who didn't show up. She didn't really do anything.

7 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Where is Chris?

8 IRENE TANGUMA: He's in Dallas doing a
9 presentation with Reagan.

10 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: That's not what Ed
11 said.

12 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: That's a completely
13 different story than we've [inaudible].

14 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Conversations
15 afterwards.

16 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Understood.

17 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Mr. Chairman, I move
18 to adopt the program year 2023, and fiscal year 2024, WIOA Title
19 I block grant allocations, rapid response distributions, WIOA
20 Title II AEL allocations, and child care allocations as
21 presented today by staff.

22 IRENE TANGUMA: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I second the motion.

24 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
25 seconded, and the vote is unanimous. Thank you.

1 IRENE TANGUMA: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: This is Agenda Item 10,
3 Two-Year Modifications of Program Years 2021 through 2024, WIOA
4 Local Board Plans for Submission to the Texas Workforce
5 Investment Council.

6 JOEL MULLINS: Hi. Good morning, chairman,
7 commissioners, Mr. Serna. For the record, I'm Joel Mullins with
8 the Workforce Development Division. WIOA Section 108 requires
9 that at the end of the first two-year period of the local plan,
10 boards and their appropriate chief elected officials review the
11 local plan and prepare and submit modifications as necessary
12 based on any significant changes in labor market and economic
13 conditions as well as any other factors affecting implementation
14 of the local plan. Boards have reviewed their program year 21 to
15 24 local plans in accordance with WIOA regulations and TWC
16 guidance and have submitted plan modifications with their
17 revised target occupations and in-demand industries lists. TWC
18 staff has concluded its review and has determined that each
19 local plan modification satisfies WIOA requirements. Today staff
20 recommends approval of all program year 21 to 24 board plan two-
21 year modifications for submission to the Texas Workforce
22 Investment Council for consideration and recommendation of
23 approval by the governor. That's all I have and I'm happy to
24 answer any questions.

25 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

1 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None here.

2 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

3 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Did all 28 boards submit
4 modifications?

5 JOEL MULLINS: They did, yes.

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: What was the average
7 length of those modification documents?

8 JOEL MULLINS: I would have to get that for
9 you but-

10 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Four hundred pages?

11 JOEL MULLINS: No, no, no, much shorter than
12 that.

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Like 200 pages?

14 JOEL MULLINS: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I mean we don't have to be
16 precise.

17 JOEL MULLINS: I would say the full plans
18 are generally probably under 100 pages, and the modifications
19 vary different from board to board. Some boards did very
20 extensive updates on just reviewing the target occupations and
21 updated that and updated economic conditions or economic
22 projections and that sort of stuff.

23 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

24 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Mr. Chairman, I move
25 that we approve the 28 local Workforce Development Boards two-

1 year plan modifications for submission to the Texas Workforce
2 Investment Council as recommended today by staff.

3 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I second the motion.

4 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
5 seconded, and the vote is unanimous.

6 JOEL MULLINS: Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. This is Agenda
8 Item 11, Board Nominations.

9 CHERIE DUDLEY: Good morning, chairman,
10 commissioners, and Mr. Serna. For the record, Cherie Dudley with
11 Workforce Development. Today for your consideration we have
12 Workforce Board nominations for Borderplex, Northeast Texas, and
13 Texoma. Staff recommends approval on the presented nominees, and
14 I'm here to answer any questions you may have.

15 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Any comments or questions?

16 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None here.

17 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

18 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

19 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Chairman, I move
20 that we approve the local Workforce Development Board nominees
21 as presented today for the following: Workforce Solutions
22 Borderplex, Northeast Texas, and Texoma.

23 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I second the motion.

24 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
25 seconded, and the vote is unanimous. Thank you.

1 CHERIE DUDLEY: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right, no items under
3 12 or 13. Michael Britt is here. He has on a strong power tie,
4 yellow signifying optimism for the future. He's going to bring
5 our legislative report to us today.

6 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Walk-up music.

7 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Did you notice there's a
8 little bit of swagger in his walk-up?

9 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: The walk-up music, I
10 was like, man, that was like he didn't even need music.

11 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right, Mr. Britt.

12 MICHAEL BRITT: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
13 commissioners, and Mr. Serna. For the record, Michael Britt,
14 Governmental Relations. GR is monitoring one federal hearing
15 this week. Tomorrow at two o'clock the U. S. House Ways and
16 Means Subcommittee on Social Security will hold a hearing to
17 discuss the Social Security Administration's role in combatting
18 identity fraud. On the state legislative side of things, the
19 Texas Legislature will conclude the 88th Legislative Session next
20 Monday, May 29th. The GR team is continuing to monitor
21 legislation relevant to TWC as it moves its way through the
22 legislative process. We are expecting in the next few days that
23 the legislature will adopt the final conference committee report
24 on House Bill 1 by Representative Bonnen which is the General
25 Appropriations Act. Again, we don't know exactly which day that

1 will happen but we will update your offices when House Bill 1 is
2 adopted by both chambers. With the legislative session winding
3 down, there are a few major deadlines coming up this week. Today
4 is the last day that the Texas House can consider Senate bills
5 and Senate joint resolutions on second reading. Tomorrow is the
6 last day for the Texas House to consider Senate bills and Senate
7 joint resolutions on third reading, and that's also the deadline
8 for the Texas Senate to consider all bills and joint
9 resolutions. Then finally the last major deadline of the
10 legislative session is coming this Sunday which is the last day
11 for the House and Senate to adopt conference committee reports.
12 This concludes my remarks, and I'm happy to answer any
13 questions.

14 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Any comments or questions?

15 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None here.

16 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

17 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you very much. And
18 an executive director's report. Not today, all right. Any other
19 order of business to come before the commission?

20 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Chairman, a couple
21 things real quick. I wanted to commend the work that's taken
22 place with the Workforce Solutions Dallas team and the TXDOT's
23 ConnectU2Jobs. I had a construction career fair in Dallas that
24 was a well-attended event, a good event, that's really going to
25 pay off for the construction industry. Also, I attended an event

1 at Austin Community College with the Make It Movement and want
2 to encourage folks to get out to see that. It was a ribbon
3 cutting on the ACC campus and so Workforce Solutions Capital and
4 Rural Cap were involved in those initiatives. Then lastly, Be
5 Pro Be Proud is something that Phedra Redifer and the Workforce
6 Solutions North Central team are working on. These are
7 initiatives that are going to fuel the pipeline for our Texas
8 employers, and so just proud of that work that's taking place
9 here in Texas as we continue to make sure that employers have
10 access to a talented workforce.

11 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I've just got one
12 quick thing too. I want to thank my lead attorney, James Sutton.
13 Today is his last docket hearing here. He's going to be taking a
14 position with another state agency so I wanted to thank him for
15 all his support that he gave my office while I've been here, and
16 the office before so appreciate all your hard work, and good
17 luck, James.

18 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right. Real quickly,
19 let me introduce everyone to our newest team member. This is
20 D.J. Jones. He's taking over staff assistant duties from Micah
21 who is going to have a different role in the office because Gaby
22 is apparently serious about this retirement thing, and she's
23 leaving at the end of the month but one last opportunity for us
24 to all try to talk her out of it. If you have some time
25 immediately following this meeting, come up to my office. We're

1 going to have a reception for Gaby up there. Please join us for
2 some light refreshments. I think she's pretty serious so we're
3 probably going to have to wish her a fond—not really a farewell.
4 We'll lure her back in here once in a while but at least say
5 goodbye for now in my office immediately following this meeting,
6 we'd love to have you. Anything else? Is there a motion to
7 adjourn?

8 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: So moved.

9 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I second the motion
10 to adjourn.

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

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