



**MEETING OF THE
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

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Tuesday, June 20, 2023

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Good morning, everyone.

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

MR. TROBMAN: No, sir.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you, Mr. Trobman. Good morning, Mr. Treadwell.

MR. TREADWELL: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: The motion passes with the exceptions noted. This brings us to the end of Agenda Items 3 through 7. We'll take a short recess.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right, we're back. This is Agenda Item 9, Local Workforce Development Board Nominees.

CHERIE DUDLEY: Good morning, chairman, commissioners, and Mr. Serna. For the record, Cherie Dudley with Workforce Development. Today for your consideration we have Workforce Board nominations for Alamo, Heart of Texas, Greater Dallas, Rural Capital Area, and Southeast Texas. Staff recommends approval on the presented nominees, and I'm here to answer questions you may have.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None here.

COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

1 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Mr. Chairman, I move
2 that we approve the local Workforce Development Board member
3 nominees presented today for the following offices: Workforce
4 Solutions Alamo, the Heart of Texas, Greater Dallas, Rural
5 Capital Area, and Southeast Texas.

6 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I second the motion.

7 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
8 seconded, and vote is unanimous. Thank you.

9 CHERIE DUDLEY: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I don't see a legislative
11 report lurking in the back. Mr. Serna, an executive director's
12 report.

13 MR. SERNA: Yes, sir, very quickly, last
14 commission meeting you had asked staff to go back and look at
15 ways to improve and shorten the amount of time it takes us to
16 develop rules. Staff has done that and we'd like to provide a
17 brief overview. If there are no questions, we're going to
18 proceed, after the overview if there no questions or anybody
19 needs further information, if any of you all do, then we will
20 certainly brief the offices and come back and finalize it but
21 with that I'm going to ask Reed O'Brien to come up and kind of
22 lay things out for us.

23 REED O'BRIEN: Good morning, chairman,
24 commissioners, and Mr. Serna. For the record, I'm Reed O'Brien,
25 Office of General Counsel. As Mr. Serna just stated, as

1 requested staff have reviewed the agency's rulemaking process to
2 identify any improvements that we could make to improve that
3 process and make it more efficient. Staff has determined that
4 the most significant and immediate improvements to optimize
5 efficiency would be to remove the policy concept phase from our
6 rulemaking process. State statute requires state agencies to
7 publish their proposed rules and adopted rules in the Texas
8 Register but the policy concept is something that TWC does in
9 addition to those requirements. The policy concept is like a
10 mini discussion paper that staff prepares and presents to seek
11 the commission's approval to move forward with developing
12 proposed rules. Staff has determined that while it has its
13 merits, the policy concept phase is redundant and time consuming
14 for staff, management, and the commission, and it adds three
15 months to our rulemaking process. This additional time becomes
16 especially critical when we need to implement legislation,
17 complete rulemaking before the next legislative session begins
18 or meet other necessary deadlines. Removing the policy concept
19 phase would immediately cut a standard rulemaking timeline from
20 about 10 or 11 months down to approximately seven months, and we
21 have enough flexibility built into the process so that we could
22 reasonably expect several rules to move from proposal to
23 adoption in six months or even less. If the policy concept phase
24 is eliminated, staff will continue to keep the commission
25 informed about upcoming rule projects through the regular

1 briefing process, and please note that the elimination of the
2 policy concept phase will not affect or reduce the comment
3 period during which the public and boards can offer comments on
4 proposed rule changes. That concludes my remarks. I'm available
5 for any questions.

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Any comments or questions?

7 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Chairman, I think
8 it's always good when we're finding efficiencies, and I
9 encourage the team to continue to do so. Cutting three months
10 off is amazing, and I think we're going to see some real good
11 progress there.

12 REED O'BRIEN: Yes, sir. Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: No comments. Thank
14 you.

15 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Mr. Chairman, but
17 Reed though, I've not seen Reed in quite some time.

18 REED O'BRIEN: It's been a while.

19 [Inaudible].

20 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I feel like he must have
21 at some point historically spoken before the commission. We need
22 to probably think about some sort of rulemaking of our own like
23 on a 12-month period or an 18-month period. We'll work on that.

24 REED O'BRIEN: Thank you.

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1 MR. SERNA: We have nothing else for the
2 commissioners so with that I'll close.

3 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right, is there any
4 other order of business to come before the commission?

5 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Mr. Chairman, I
6 think after this commission meeting, we're going to have intern
7 photos and so I know there may be a number of interns in the
8 audience, and if they are there I'd like to go to ask them to
9 stand if that's OK.

10 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: That group multiplies
11 every week.

12 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: That's awesome.

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Yeah, that's good stuff.

14 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Good, good stuff.

15 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's like half the crowd
16 today was the interns.

17 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: I was going to have
18 them come up to the front to the mic and introduce themselves
19 but I'll forego that.

20 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It will give us something
21 to do next week.

22 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: That's right.

23 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I just want to
24 acknowledge Rebekah Wesley. She's going to be on my team now as
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1 an attorney so she helped out before but I'm glad that she's
2 back so just wanted to welcome Rebekah.

3 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right, is there a
4 motion to adjourn?

5 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: So moved.

6 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I second that motion.

7 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
8 seconded that we adjourn and we are adjourned.

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