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Tuesday, February 4, 2025

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Good afternoon, everyone.
This meeting is called to order.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Mr. Trobman, has anyone signed up for public comment?

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you, Mr. Trobman.
All right.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. We'll take a short recess. This is Agenda Item 9, expansion of the teacher externship program.

JOEL MULLINS: Good afternoon, chairman, commissioners, Mr. Serna. For the record, I'm Joel Mullins with Workforce Development. In the commission work session on November 20, 2024, the commission directed staff to bring forward a discussion paper with proposals for expanding the teacher externships program. Staff have developed a paper with recommendations for the expansion of externships including expanding the pool of eligible teachers, increasing the duration of externships, increasing the stipends, and adding other components to create a more robust program. Today, staff recommend approval of \$4,000,000 in WIOA statewide funding to expand the teacher externship program as described in your meeting materials. That's all I have and I'll be happy to answer any questions.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Any comments or questions?

1 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

2 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I like this and glad
3 we looked to it. I think it hit the nail on the head. Does this,
4 expanding the weeks, it does, but is this for the workforce, the
5 local Workforce boards that are, I guess, they're hosting these
6 programs in their areas? Or this money's available for all 28 of
7 them if they all wanted to do it. It would be balanced to that?

8 JOEL MULLINS: Correct, the local Workforce
9 Development boards would be eligible grantees.

10 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: But not all boards
11 are involved in it.

12 JOEL MULLINS: Correct, not all boards apply
13 each year and not all boards that apply are awarded.

14 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Could we, at some
15 point, review the folks that are taking advantage of this and
16 see which ones aren't and see if we can—I'll be happy to help
17 find out if they just need a blueprint to it. I do like this
18 program. Thank you for putting thought into it. That's all I
19 got.

20 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

21 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move that
22 we approve the allocation of \$4,000,000 in WIOA statewide
23 funding for fiscal year 2026 to expand the Texas teacher
24 externship program as described in the discussion paper and
25 recommended today by staff.

1 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second.

2 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
3 seconded and the motion carries. Before we leave this topic, so
4 we had funding for fiscal year 2025 teacher externships. I
5 understand that application period is closed. We have
6 applications in here. I haven't seen the final final on that but
7 at least preliminarily I think what I was told is about half of
8 the applicants were able to be funded with the amount of money
9 that was available for the 2025 applications. Here's what I'm
10 wondering. Probably the best way to do this is to ask you to
11 bring a discussion paper to the next commission meeting with a
12 proposal to fund any of the other applicants on that list that
13 might not have gotten funded in the available funding that would
14 have what we would consider to be a passing score on the thing.
15 Ms. York.

16 MARY YORK: Hi, there. For the record Mary
17 York from the Workforce Development Division. Chairman, I wanted
18 to add a point of clarification. Are you suggesting that we move
19 forward with the awards that we can at this point and then
20 consider bringing forward a discussion paper for the additional
21 awards?

22 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: That's what I'm
23 suggesting.

24 MARY YORK: The reason we would at least
25 want to be able to move forward with the ones that we have in

1 the queue right now is in order for us to execute those grant
2 agreements and for boards to be able to identify teachers to
3 participate, we're on kind of an expedited timeline associated
4 with that. I do have a dollar amount available today should the
5 commission—

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Why don't you tell me what
7 that dollar amount is.

8 MARY YORK: \$970,169 would fund those
9 applications that scored high enough to qualify.

10 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I'm advised by counsel we
11 don't really have enough of an agenda item to hang this on today
12 and we need to bring this back next week. Mr. Trobman, is it
13 acceptable? Because we were going to take action on this other
14 thing anyway, and this is outside the commission's purview. This
15 is now lodged with the executive director moving on the
16 applications that have already been received and already have
17 been scored. What we're talking about is the balance of those
18 applications that we'd like to continue some more funding for.
19 When's the next commission meeting? Does anybody know? Is it
20 next week? Yeah, I think if we bring a discussion paper for this
21 \$900 or so thousand dollars that you're talking about for the
22 remaining eligible applicants that have already been received.
23 One week is not going to make that much difference.

24 MARY YORK: Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: We take way too long to do
2 everything around here anyways.

3 MARY YORK: And one more point of
4 clarification. I know we have several other items that are
5 coming before the commission for consideration today. We are
6 keeping a running total of what's being approved by the
7 commission that would be funded out of WIOA statewide. While
8 you're not making a decision regarding this \$970,000 today, you
9 may want to keep that in mind because we will be getting close
10 to the available balance that was available for consideration.

11 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Appreciate it.

12 MARY YORK: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: So next week? All right.
14 We're done here? Anybody got any more commentary for that?

15 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: No.

16 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Moving on to Item 10. This
17 is the 2025 GRACE conference.

18 JOEL MULLINS: Good afternoon again. Once
19 again for the record, I'm Joel Mullins with Workforce
20 Development. In the commission work session on November 20,
21 2024, the commission directed staff to bring forward a
22 discussion paper with a proposal for holding a 2025 GRACE
23 conference. The Growth through Reentry to Advance Careers and
24 Employment or GRACE conference has been held the past three
25 years to share information with employers and the community

1 about hiring second chance individuals. This morning staff
2 recommends approval of \$20,000 in WIOA statewide funds to
3 support a 2025 GRACE conference. I'll be happy to answer any
4 questions.

5 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Any comments or questions?

6 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: No comments.

7 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: No, chairman.

8 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

9 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move we
10 approve the allocation of \$20,000 in WIOA statewide funds to
11 support the 2025 GRACE conference to promote hiring second
12 chance individuals to Texas employers as described in the
13 discussion paper and recommended today by staff.

14 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second.

15 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
16 seconded, and the motion carries. This is Agenda Item 11,
17 expansion of internship initiatives.

18 DAWN CRONIN: Good afternoon, chairman,
19 commissioners, Mr. Serna. For the record, my name is Dawn Cronin
20 with the Workforce Development Division. In your commission
21 meeting materials is a discussion paper on proposals for
22 expanding the agency's internship initiatives. Staff have
23 developed the paper with the proposals for expansion of
24 internships including the creation of a new career exploration
25 internship program, modifications to the existing Texas

1 Internship Initiative, the creation of a new foster youth
2 internship program, and enhancements to the Texas Internship
3 Challenge website. Today staff recommends approval of \$2,660,000
4 in WIOA statewide funds to expand internships as described in
5 your meeting materials and I'm happy to answer any questions you
6 might have.

7 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Any comments or questions?

8 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

9 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I have one.

10 Regarding, let's see, bullet point six under expand the Texas
11 Internship Initiative part of it, where we talk about hourly
12 wage for internships, I'm definitely on board. Do we have a
13 ballpark number that we're using to support like an hourly wage?

14 DAWN CRONIN: We do.

15 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: About two million.

16 DAWN CRONIN: Yeah. We're looking at—you're
17 talking about a total or are you talking about an hourly rate?

18 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Total, let's go big
19 number.

20 DAWN CRONIN: It's part of the two million
21 that we're asking for for this initiative. Now currently for the
22 current year we have about \$342,000 so it's about 1.6 million
23 increase.

24 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: OK. What I'm getting
25 at is I'm—OK, first thank you for everything here. It's great.

1 We're putting it to a lot of good uses. So when we're out
2 pushing internships in our conference stuff, we're partnered
3 with the Higher Education Coordinating Board with their TXWORKS
4 that already has this program to where they're supplementing
5 employers with their, you know, creating that time so they can
6 make a paid internship which is great. They've got about, I
7 believe about one million and I think they're trying to expand
8 it as well. Is there any opportunity that in lieu of us doing
9 our own program to where we're funding that type of thing, and
10 please let me know if this is mechanically frowned upon when it
11 comes to state agency interactions. I'm not sure if it's the
12 right contractor. Is there a way that we could partner with them
13 as supporting the program that already existed or that already
14 exists over at the Higher Education Coordinating Board? It's the
15 TXWORKS program.

16 DAWN CRONIN: We can definitely explore
17 opportunities to partner. I do want to point out that the TEA
18 program focuses primarily on universities.

19 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: TEA or higher ed?

20 DAWN CRONIN: I'm sorry, higher ed. They're
21 looking at individuals that are in a four-year program, four-
22 year degree program.

23 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Oh, OK.

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1 DAWN CRONIN: And we're looking at providing
2 internship opportunities and some of our candidates may not be
3 pursuing a four-year degree.

4 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I understand. I see
5 there's a difference in that. That answered my question. OK,
6 thank you for that.

7 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: So I like the framework. I
8 still don't think there's enough money in at two million and
9 some change. I think we're running tight on money and we've got
10 some other things that we want to do. I would—I hope we pass
11 this today. I think you should be on the lookout for some more
12 money based on demand, and when that money, probably WIOA,
13 becomes available I'd ask you to alert to commission so we can
14 bring this back up for discussion to see if we want to enhance
15 funding for this proposal. I think we've undersold it. I think
16 we're trying to grow it. I think we're being prudent on the
17 growth side. I think you have an excellent framework. I think
18 you'll get it done but I feel like we hamstring our own programs
19 sometimes because we don't fund them in a way that lets them
20 grow strategically so please keep your eye on that. If more
21 money gets returned to WIOA from other unspent grants that come
22 back in, I'd ask you to get back on the agenda and bring that
23 forward and see where our blood pressure is that day on
24 increasing funding to this.

25 DAWN CRONIN: Absolutely.

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CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: One more thing, I'm sorry. On the website and not to sound petty, I want this website to be a place that has the resources that we want to put into it. I'm excited to see use of AI, résumé builders, career coaching, mock interview stuff [inaudible] that is. Is anybody married to using challenge—I think we've talked about this, the Texas Intern Challenge. I know that before I was here it was more of a challenge to employers to create opportunities for that. I wanted to see—test the waters and if we could replace challenge with something more like not challenging to get an internship in Texas kind of a thing that doesn't have that, you know.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I don't actually remember but I suspect that the commission voted to call it that at some point which means the commission can probably vote to call it something else if we want to, and for whatever it's worth I agree with you.

DAWN CRONIN: Yes, sir. I think we could call it whatever the commission directed us to call it.

COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Great.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Like bam.com.

COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Bam?

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Just bam and it's done.

1 DAWN CRONIN: I think that one might be
2 taken.

3 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Oh, well, then we should
4 probably go back to the drawing board. Good point.

5 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: We could do energy
6 drinks on that.

7 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: So do this. Can we pass
8 this today?

9 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Yes, please.

10 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: And then bring back if
11 there's some suggestions for rebranding the website, bring those
12 back as soon as you can bring those back. Is there a motion?

13 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move that
14 we approve the following allocations of WIOA statewide funds to
15 expand the agency's internship initiatives as described in the
16 discussion paper and recommended today by staff: \$250,000 to
17 fund the career exploration internship RFA; \$250,000 to fund the
18 foster youth internship RFA; \$2,000,000 to support the expansion
19 of the Texas Internship Initiative; and \$160,000 to support the
20 enhancements to the Texas Internship Challenge website.

21 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second.

22 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
23 seconded, and the motion carries. This is Agenda Item 12,
24 selection decision for AEL math assistance call center.

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1 JOEL MULLINS: Good afternoon. Joel Mullins
2 with Workforce Development. Today we will be presenting the
3 selection decision for the AEL math assistance call center RFA.
4 Briefly, the purpose of this RFA is to assist eligible AEL
5 students with preparation for the mathematics portion of the
6 Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency exam. Assistance
7 shall also be available to AEL students who lack sufficient
8 skills in mathematics to participate effectively in society. The
9 RFA evaluation team reviewed two eligible applicants and
10 selected one for the maximum available award of \$500,000. The
11 grant is anticipated to begin in March of 2025. That's all I
12 have and I'll be happy to answer any questions.

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

14 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

15 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: No questions.

16 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

17 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move that
18 we approve the grant award for the Adult Education and Family
19 Literacy math assistance call center totaling \$500,000 as
20 described in the discussion paper and recommended today by
21 staff.

22 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second.

23 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: The motion carries.

24 JOEL MULLINS: Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: This is Agenda Item 13,
2 Chapter 133 Apprenticeship Training Program for FY2025.

3 KERRY BALLAST: Good afternoon, Chairman
4 Daniel, Commissioner Treviño, Commissioner Esparza, Mr. Serna.
5 For the record, Kerry Ballast, Workforce Development Division.
6 At the July 2 and 16, 2024, commission meetings staff brought
7 forward discussion papers requesting supplemental funding to
8 achieve a consistent contact hour rate for the Texas Education
9 Code Chapter 133, Apprenticeship Training Program. During these
10 meetings applications for fiscal year 2025 were being accepted.
11 After receipt and processing of the applications, the requests
12 submitted confirmed that the program continues to grow at a rate
13 that exceeds previous trends, and the supplemental funding
14 approved in July needs to be further supplemented if the
15 commission wishes to maintain a consistent contact hour rate. In
16 light of the program's continued growth, staff recommend use of
17 pre-apprenticeship funding as described in your notebook
18 materials to supplement the Chapter 133 program for fiscal year
19 2025. That concludes my remarks. I'm happy to answer any
20 questions.

21 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

22 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

23 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: So this was money
24 that was already put towards pre-apprenticeship and we're
25 utilizing it for [inaudible].

1 KERRY BALLAST: Yes, sir.

2 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Appreciate that.

3 Thank you. No further questions. No further comments.

4 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I am very pleased with the
5 growth in our traditional apprenticeship programs. I think we're
6 seeing tremendously good growth in apprenticeship Texas across
7 the board. I am getting very, very concerned that legislative
8 intent works both ways. The legislature funded this at a certain
9 amount and we seem to be very concerned about running an open-
10 ended program and then sticking to this sort of arbitrarily
11 selected contract hour rate or whatever they call that.

12 KERRY BALLAST: Yes, sir.

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: And this is the second
14 time we've had to supplement this year's awards so on the one
15 hand growth is good. On the other hand the legislature set a
16 dollar amount for this, and no one said that they think this
17 commission has been wrong for supplementing that which we did
18 several months ago. I mean there's not been any direct criticism
19 of us. I just think at some point we really do have to be
20 cognizant of the fact that the legislature took an action that
21 is a law and there is some legislative intent read into that.
22 Maybe that's the dollar amount that they wanted but again, I
23 don't think that we've received any complaints from legislators
24 or anybody else about what we're doing here. I think that we
25 find ourselves in a unique situation where I think that your

1 work, Desi's work, a lot of people's work has finally come to
2 fruition and something that I've been trying to get off the
3 ground in a meaningful way since 2015. It's now going to get off
4 the ground so that's a good thing. It's a catch-22 for me. I'm
5 going to vote today for the proposal. I think the pre-apprentice
6 funds was a good idea. We've used some for that. I don't think
7 we're going to spend all of that money that we thought we might
8 spend on pre-apprentice and it is, as I understand it,
9 apprenticeship money is apprenticeship money. It's all in the
10 same account in the budget. We're the ones that kind of
11 demarcate it for what we want to do so it's apprenticeship
12 money, it's eligible to be used for that. I think all of our
13 other costs are covered. Here's what I would ask you to do
14 though. It doesn't have to be the next meeting because I want
15 you to take your time and do this right but I'd like you to
16 bring this commission an alternative structure for the
17 apprenticeship program where we may—I just want to see what a
18 scoring mechanism would look like. It's not an open-ended
19 program that the best applications each year get funded and then
20 others will continue to work to improve their applications so
21 they can get funded. I don't even know if I want to vote for
22 that. What I do want to do though is give it the due diligence
23 that it deserves. We have a finite amount of funds for this. We
24 have a program that we want to run. We have an exceptional item
25 request before the legislature right now to increase the

1 funding. I think we need to cover all of our bases and I don't
2 actually know where I would end up on that. I think we need to
3 have the discussion and decide if we want to keep doing what
4 we've been doing, do it different or do something entirely new
5 but I don't want to starve the success because I think we've
6 seen good success I think for all the right reasons and it has
7 come together well, and we just can't keep chasing this
8 arbitrary sort of training hour rate because we decided that
9 that was a good rate or somebody has decided it was a good rate.
10 I think we need to bring a little more due diligence to this and
11 I know you guys are capable of doing that. Anything else on
12 today's proposal? We do need a motion if there is one.

13 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move that
14 we approve the allocation of up to \$1,530,000 in pre-
15 apprenticeship funding to supplement the Texas Education Code
16 Chapter 133 fiscal year 2025 apprenticeship training program
17 contact hour rate as described in the discussion paper and
18 recommended today by staff.

19 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Second. Are you voting no?

20 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I'm going to vote no.

21 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: OK. How do you vote?

22 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I vote yes.

23 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Voting aye, voting aye.

24 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Voting no.

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1 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Voting no. The motion
2 carries.

3 KERRY BALLAST: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Got it. This is Agenda
5 Item 14, training to build workforce readiness skills
6 initiative.

7 KERRY BALLAST: For the record, Kerry
8 Ballast, Workforce Development Division. At its November 20,
9 2024, work session the commission cited employers' challenges in
10 the hiring and retention of workers who demonstrate strong
11 workforce readiness skills also known as soft skills.
12 Development of these skills begins within our K-12 classrooms as
13 students learn critical skills such as teamwork, problem
14 solving, and communication. In recognition of the challenges
15 shared by these employers staff recommend use of eight million
16 in WIOA statewide funding awarded through a request for
17 applications process. Successful applicants will be responsible
18 for building partnerships across local education agencies,
19 employers, and other community stakeholders for the development
20 and support of training designed to build high school students'
21 workforce readiness skills to meet the needs of their local
22 employers. This concludes my remarks. I'm happy to answer any
23 questions.

24 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

25 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

1 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I've got a few
2 questions but I support this initiative. I will support it but
3 just for my education, how did we get to the eight million mark?
4 Is it an estimate on how many students that we can serve or did
5 we get these cost estimates from the [inaudible]?

6 KERRY BALLAST: Yes, sir. As we are
7 imagining it now, we would like to make multiple grants. The
8 first number that we thought was possibly four grants of up to
9 \$2,000,000 each. We see these as multiyear grants. The
10 partnership building across the community will most likely take
11 some time and likewise those who receive these grants will need
12 to be sure that they are in sync with school calendars which
13 also sometimes takes time so we wanted to give ample time and
14 ample funding for these to take root and grow.

15 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Wonderful. Thank you,
16 Kerry.

17 KERRY BALLAST: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Almost every time I talk
19 to a chamber group in the last six months which would be two
20 today, the employers in the group generally talk to me after the
21 thing which happened both times today, and they bring up the
22 notion of there are plenty of people to work, there's not enough
23 people that have the skills necessary to go to work. That's an
24 interesting conversation so I ask questions. I like to ask
25 questions, and generally what they tell me is that it's this

1 very thing that you are proposing to do in this proposal. It's
2 these very basic skills that I think a lot of us take for
3 granted. I hope you guys will be innovative with this and I hope
4 you'll find a way to get good regional coverage. I have not been
5 anywhere in the state that they don't tell me that this is the
6 problem. I mean when I say basic things like don't eat other
7 people's lunch out of the refrigerator, like you have to be
8 there at the same time every day, and it's the time the employer
9 told you you needed to be there, you know. Get off your phone
10 during work hours, I mean it's things that we presume that
11 people would know but apparently that's a bad presumption. So I
12 hope that's the kind of things we're solving plus other types of
13 necessary job skills. I think there's a lot of both hard skills
14 and soft skills here. I think what we end up with is just some
15 necessary skills that people need to go to work, and while they
16 tend to get labeled, I think a lot of times soft skills, it is
17 significantly more than that and I hope they get packaged
18 together accordingly. These are absolutely necessary skills
19 people have. Any other comments or questions? Is there a motion?

20 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move that
21 we approve the development of a grant application utilizing
22 \$8,000,000 in WIOA statewide funds for the development,
23 implementation and support of workforce development training for
24 high school students enrolled in CTE programs as described in
25 the discussion paper and recommended today by staff.

1 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second.

2 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
3 seconded, and the motion carries. This is Agenda Item 15,
4 Upskill Texas program.

5 KERRY BALLAST: For the record, Kerry
6 Ballast, Workforce Development Division. Rounding the bases,
7 coming home, last one for me. At its November 20, 2024, work
8 session the commission noted previous success of the Upskill
9 Texas initiative. The Upskill Texas pilot program was developed
10 in fiscal year 2023 and based on the number of applicants was
11 well received by Texas employers. While five million in WIOA
12 statewide funds were set aside for the pilot, TWC received
13 almost 20 million in funding requests. Of the 52 applications
14 received, 16 grants were awarded. In light of the interest shown
15 during the first round of Upskill Texas, staff recommends five
16 million in WIOA statewide funds be allocated for a second round
17 of Upskill Texas applications. Funds will be used to upskill
18 employees in response to Texas's continuously growing and
19 evolving workforce and to ensure employers have the skilled
20 workforce they need. This concludes my remarks. I'm happy to
21 answer any questions.

22 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

23 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

24 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Are there any money
25 that are carried over from the last program [inaudible]?

1 KERRY BALLAST: No, sir.

2 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: It was all used?

3 KERRY BALLAST: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Great. Let's get
5 more.

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

7 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move that
8 we approve the allocation of \$5,000,000 in WIOA statewide funds
9 to the Upskill Texas program as described in the discussion
10 paper and recommended today by staff.

11 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second.

12 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
13 seconded, and the motion carries. Thank you. This is Agenda Item
14 16, board nominations.

15 DAWN CRONIN: Good afternoon, chairman,
16 commissioners, Mr. Serna. For the record, my name is Dawn Cronin
17 with the Workforce Development Division. Today for your
18 consideration we have Workforce Board nominations for Workforce
19 Solutions Concho Valley, Deep East Texas, Gulf Coast, and North
20 Texas. Staff recommends approval of these nominations, and I'm
21 here to answer any questions you might have.

22 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Any comments or questions?

23 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

24 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: No questions.

25 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

1 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move that
2 we approve the local Workforce Development Board member nominees
3 presented today for the following: Workforce Solutions Concho
4 Valley; Deep East Texas; Gulf Coast; and North Texas.

5 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second.

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
7 seconded, and the motion carries.

8 DAWN CRONIN: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there an executive
10 director's report?

11 MR. SERNA: No, sir. No executive director's
12 report and no legislative reports. Since it's afternoon, it
13 throws him off, I think.

14 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: They couldn't find their
15 way to the meeting room is what you're saying? Something like
16 that? They're probably busy over at the capitol or something
17 maybe. Is there any other order of business to come before the
18 commission?

19 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Nothing here.

20 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: No?

21 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: None.

22 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion to
23 adjourn?

24 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move to
25 adjourn.

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COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
seconded to adjourn, and we're adjourned.