

1 **FY21 JET Advisory Board Recommendation**

2 **Discussion Paper**

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4 **Background**

5 The FY21 Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) request for applications (RFA) was issued on March 26,
6 2021. The JET Funding allocation for this RFA was comprised of \$8 million in general revenue funds, \$2
7 million in Perkins Funds (from the Texas Education Agency), and \$900,000 IKEA funds designated for
8 consumables, totaling \$10.9 million. 56 applications were received: 23 Institutions of Higher Education
9 (IHE) applications and 33 Independent School Districts (ISD) applications.

10 In 2015, House Bill 3062 (84R) states “The advisory board shall meet at least once each quarter, or as
11 needed, to review received applications and recommend awarding grants under this chapter”.

12 On July 8, 2021, the JET Advisory Board met to review Fiscal Year 2021 JET Applications (masked lists).
13 The Advisory Board made the following recommendation to the Commission:

14 To recommend the Commission to direct staff to move forward with awarding
15 grants, based on the final evaluation score, with ability to move down the list (50
16 points and above) as recaptured funds become available during the contracting
17 phase and to utilize remaining ISD funds to fund additional IHE grants.

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19 **Decision Point**

20 Staff seeks direction on Commission approval of the advisory board’s recommendation, as outlined
21 above, regarding awarding FY21 JET RFA applications.