

1 **Appointment of Chairperson for the Advisory Committee of the**
2 **Purchasing from People with Disabilities Program**
3 **Discussion Paper**

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5 **Background**

6 Section 122.0057(a) of the Texas Human Resources Code authorizes the Texas Workforce
7 Commission’s (TWC) three-member Commission (Commission) to form an advisory committee
8 to help establish program performance goals and criteria for certifying community rehabilitation
9 programs (CRPs) for participation in the Purchasing from People with Disabilities (PPD)
10 program.

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12 Section 122.0057(b) states that the advisory committee must be composed of 13 members
13 appointed by the Commission, as follows:

- 14 • Four representatives from CRPs that participate in the PPD program
15 • Four representatives from organizations that advocate for individuals with disabilities
16 • Four individuals with disabilities, two of whom are employed by CRPs that participate in the
17 PPD program
18 • The executive commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission or his or
19 her designee

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21 Section 122.0057(d) requires the Commission to appoint an advisory committee chairperson
22 from among the members serving on the committee. When the role of chairperson is vacant, PPD
23 staff invites current PPD members to submit their interest in serving as chair. PPD staff members
24 then gather information about each interested member and consider factors such as the
25 opportunity for a member of each group represented on the committee to serve as chairperson
26 and the experience of each interested member in performing similar leadership roles.

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28 **Issue**

29 Following the completion of the former PPD Advisory Committee chair’s term, PPD staff
30 surveyed committee members to determine which members were interested in being considered
31 for appointment as chairperson. Two members, both of whom represent CRPs, expressed interest
32 in serving.

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34 **Decision Points**

35 Staff recommends the appointment of Mr. Platt Allen as chairperson of the PPD Advisory
36 Committee for the period beginning May 24, 2022 and ending February 1, 2025.