

1 **Lone Star Workforce of the Future Fund**  
2 **Advisory Board Appointment**  
3 **Discussion Paper**  
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5 **Background**

6 House Bill (HB) 1755, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2023), requires the Texas  
7 Workforce Commission (TWC) to establish the Lone Star Workforce of the Future Fund  
8 (LSWF) Advisory Board consisting of education and workforce stakeholders to assist the  
9 commission in administering the program.

10 The Advisory Board is composed of six members who serve two-year terms.

- 11 • One member appointed by the Governor [Manny Salazar]
- 12 • One member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor [appointment pending]
- 13 • One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives [appointment  
14 pending]
- 15 • One member appointed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board [appointment  
16 pending]
- 17 • One member appointed by the Commission [appointment pending Commission approval]
- 18 • The Chair of the Commission, who serves as the presiding officer. [Chairman Bryan  
19 Daniel]

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21 **Issue**

22 Statute requires one member of the advisory board to be appointed by the commission.  
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24 **Decision Point**

25 Staff recommends the appointment Mr. Edward Crawford, Co-Founder and President of Coltala  
26 Holdings in Dallas as a Lone Star Workforce of the Future Advisory Board member appointed  
27 by the Texas Workforce Commission. Mr. Crawford, a U.S. Navy veteran, holds several  
28 advanced degrees in business, has a successful professional career, and has participated and led  
29 many boards, councils, and committees. Mr. Crawford has a desire to enhance workforce  
30 development efforts and brings experience in helping businesses locate diverse talent, including  
31 veterans.