



**MEETING OF THE
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

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CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Good afternoon, everyone. This meeting is called to order. Mr. Trobman, has anyone signed up for public comment?

MR. TROBMAN: No, sir.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you very much. Good afternoon, Ms. Miller.

MS. MILLER: Good afternoon, sir.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. This brings us to the end of Agenda Item 8. Let's take a short recess.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right, this is Agenda Item 9, Texas Foster Youth Network Initiative funding.

JOEL MULLINS: Good morning, Chairman Daniel, Commissioner Treviño, Commissioner Esparza, and Mr. Townsend. For the record, I'm Joel Mullins with the Workforce Development Division. On September 11, 2023, the commission approved \$3,000,000 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds and \$1,000,000 in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds to create a Texas Foster Youth Network. These funds will support the development of a statewide network composed of organizations whose missions include providing services and support to foster youth and former foster youth. Staff believe the program will be better supported if solely funded through WIOA statewide funds. This morning staff recommends the addition of \$1,000,000 in WIOA statewide funds to the Texas Foster Youth

1 Network Initiative to replace the previously approved TANF
2 funds. That concludes my presentation. I'm happy to answer any
3 questions.

4 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

5 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: No questions.

6 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

7 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

8 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move we
9 approve the addition of \$1,000,000 in WIOA statewide funds to
10 the Texas Foster Youth Network Initiative to replace the
11 previously approved TANF funds to ensure the network is fully
12 funded at the level previously approved by the commission.

13 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second.

14 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
15 seconded, and the motion carries. This is Agenda Item 10,
16 proposed rule for 40 TAC Chapter 811, Choices.

17 JOEL MULLINS: For the record, I'm Joel
18 Mullins with Workforce Development. Commissioners, before you
19 today for your consideration for approval are proposed rule
20 amendments to Chapter 811, Choices. These proposed amendments
21 will amend Chapter 811 to align with current federal
22 requirements and will update rule language to conform with
23 present terminology. Staff recommends submitting the proposed
24 rule for publication in the Texas Register for a 30-day public
25 comment period. Staff also requests the ability to make minor

1 nonsubstantive changes to the document in order to comply with
2 the publication requirements of the Texas Register and the
3 Office of the Secretary of State. That's all I have, and I'm
4 happy to answer any questions.

5 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

6 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

7 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: No questions.

8 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

9 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move that
10 we approve the proposal of amendments to 40 Texas Administrative
11 Code, Chapter 811, Choices, for publication in the Texas
12 Register and public comment as recommended today by staff.

13 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second.

14 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: The motion carries. This
15 is Agenda Item 11, proposed rules for 40 TAC Chapter 843, Job
16 Matching Services.

17 SHIRLEY JONES: Good afternoon, Chairman
18 Daniel, Commissioner Treviño, Commissioner Esparza, and Mr.
19 Townsend. For the record, I'm Shirley Jones with the Workforce
20 Division. Commissioners, before you today for consideration for
21 approval are proposed rule amendments to Chapter 843, Job
22 Matching Services. These proposed amendments will amend
23 references to veteran preference for public employment to
24 military employment preference. In accordance with changes to
25 Texas Government Codes, Chapter 656 and 657 resulting from the

1 passage of Senate Bill 1376 by the 88th Texas Legislature,
2 Regular Session. Also, Texas Government Code, Section 2001.039
3 requires that every four years each state agency review and
4 consider for readoption, revision or repeal each rule adopted by
5 that agency. TWC reviewed the chapter as part of the proposed
6 rule in accordance with the statutory requirement. Staff
7 recommends submitting the proposed rule for publication in the
8 Texas Register for a 30-day public comment period. Staff also
9 requests the ability to make minor nonsubstantive changes to the
10 document in order to comply with the publication requirements of
11 the Texas Register and the Office of the Secretary of State.
12 This concludes my presentation, and I'm happy to answer any
13 questions you may have.

14 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Questions or comments?

15 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

16 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: No questions, sir.

17 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

18 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move we
19 approve the proposal of amendments to 40 Texas Administrative
20 Code, Chapter 843, Job Matching Services, for publication in the
21 Texas Register and public comment as recommended today by staff.

22 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second.

23 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
24 seconded, and the motion carries. Thank you. This is Agenda Item
25 12, Board Nominations.

1 SHUNTA WILLIAMS: Good afternoon, chairman,
2 commissioners, and Mr. Townsend. For the record, Shunta Williams
3 with the Workforce Development Division. Commissioners, today
4 for your consideration we have Workforce Board nominations for
5 Workforce Solutions Alamo, Deep East Texas, Golden Crescent,
6 Gulf Coast, North Texas, Coastal Bend, Rural Capital Area, and
7 Texoma. Staff recommends approval on the presented nominees and
8 I'm here to answer any questions you have.

9 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

10 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

11 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: No questions.

12 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

13 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move we
14 approve the local Workforce Development Board member nominees
15 presented today for the following: Workforce Solutions Alamo,
16 Deep East Texas, Golden Crescent, Gulf Coast, North Texas,
17 Coastal Bend, Rural Capital Area, and Texoma.

18 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second.

19 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
20 seconded, and the motion carries. Is there an executive
21 director's report today? Not today? This is your chance to get
22 some stuff off your chest. OK.

23 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: You usually have good
24 news when Ed's not here.

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1 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's one of those days, I
2 guess. Is there any other order of business to come before the
3 commission?

4 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: If I may add—I
5 apologize, if I may add, I'd like to formally open a period of
6 celebration for Kimberly Brown in our office. Her birthday is
7 today, up to one month or in her case, half a year for that
8 celebration purposes. I would also like to thank her for keeping
9 the office together and keeping me in line and moving in one
10 direction so appreciate you, Kimberly [inaudible]. I also have
11 some news on a new staff member or new to me, new to us.
12 Catherine McKee has replaced Bonnie. Bonnie followed former
13 commissioner, Aaron Demerson, over to his office so I also want
14 to express the gratitude of the agency for sharing resources of
15 such a talented press secretary for the agency. She's still
16 around. She just relocated over in our office for the duration
17 so thank you, guys.

18 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right, anything else?

19 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Happy birthday and
20 welcome aboard.

21 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Thank you.

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: Second.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: We're adjourned.