



**MEETING OF THE
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

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TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right, good morning.

COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Morning.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: This meeting is called to order.

COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Thank you.

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

MR. TROBMAN: No.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. Good morning, Ms. Miller.

MS. MILLER: Good morning, sir.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. Take about a three-minute break right here to get re-set-up for the rest of the meeting.

COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: I said "wage claim." I said wage claim versus "UI" on that last motion. Yeah, I think I said wage claim versus UI.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Okay. Let's reconvene.

COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Mr. Chairman, as we reconvene, I wanted to go back to the last item, in approving the short-form--or the list from the UI short-form dissent list, and I wanna restate the motion. I actually accepted those under wages, but I want to accept it under the UI claim [inaudible] make that motion. So, I wanna concur with the chairman's motion,

1 except for the cases on which I am dissenting, as reflected in
2 the UI short-form dissent for docket 29, versus the wages short-
3 form dissent list.

4 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right, thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Let's move to Agenda Item
7 8, JET advisory board recommendations.

8 MR. SNIADOCKI: Good morning, Chairman,
9 Commissioner Alvarez, Commissioner Demerson, and Director Serna.
10 Matt Sniadecki, with the Office of Employer Initiatives. Today
11 I'm here to present the FY '21 JET advisory board recommendation
12 before the commission for action. The FY '21 Jobs and Education
13 for Texans request for applications was issued on March 26,
14 2021. The JET funding allocation for this RFA was comprised of
15 \$8 million in general revenue funds, \$2 million in Perkins
16 funds, and \$900,000 in IKEA funds, designated for consumables,
17 totaling \$10.9 million. Fifty-six applications were received, 23
18 applications from institutions of higher education, and 33
19 applications from independent school districts. House bill 3062
20 from the 84 legislative session states the advisory board shall
21 meet at least once each quarter or as needed to review received
22 applications and recommend awarding grants under this chapter.
23 On July 8, 2021, the JET advisory board met to review fiscal
24 year 2021 JET applications. The advisory board made the
25 following recommendation to the commission. To recommend the

1 commission to direct staff to move forward with awarding grants
2 based on the final evaluation score, with the ability to move
3 down the list 50 points and above, as recaptured funds become
4 available during the contracting phase, and to utilize remaining
5 ISD funds to fund additional IHE grants. Staff seeks direction
6 on commission approval of the advisory board's recommendation as
7 outlined above regarding awarding FY '21 JET RFA applications.

8 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

9 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: None here, Chairman.

10 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None.

11 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Do we have a motion?

12 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Chairman, I move that
13 we direct staff to move forward with awarding grants based on
14 the final evaluation score, with ability to move down the list
15 50 points and above, as recaptured funds become available during
16 the contracting phase, and to utilize remaining ISD funds to
17 fund additional IHE grants.

18 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
20 seconded. We're unanimous. Thank you.

21 MR. SNIADOCKI: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: We don't have anything
23 under Agenda Item 9. Do we have anything under Agenda Item 10?
24 No? Board nominations, Agenda Item 11.

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1 MS. WILLIAMS: Good morning, Chairman,
2 commissioners, and Mr. Serna. For the record, Shunta Williams
3 with the workforce development division. Before you for
4 consideration today are workforce board nominations for
5 Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley, Capitol area, South Texas,
6 Gulf Coast, and Southeast Texas. Staff recommends that all
7 nominees be approved, and I'm here to answer any questions you
8 have.

9 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

10 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: None here, Chairman.

11 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None.

12 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Do we have a motion?

13 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Chairman, I move to
14 approve the board nominees for Brazos Valley, Capitol area,
15 South Texas, Gulf Coast, and Southeast Texas.

16 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
18 seconded. We're unanimous.

19 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. We have nothing
21 under Agenda Item 12. I think we do have a legislative report
22 today.

23 MR. MCCARTY: Morning, Mr. Chairman,
24 Commissioner Demerson, Commissioner Alvarez, Tom McCarty with
25 external relations. Last week, we sent to your offices the

1 actions from the U.S. House Appropriations Committee as it
2 relates to the fiscal year 2022 Labor, Health, and Human
3 Services and Education title. We do expect that that action will
4 be combined into a minibus appropriations bill soon, and when we
5 get the legislative text for the bill number we will update your
6 offices with that information. Also, there's four hearings that
7 we're monitoring at the congressional level. Today at 10:15, the
8 U.S. House, Education, and Labor Subcommittee on Health,
9 Employment, Labor, and Pension, Subcommittee on Higher Education
10 and Workforce Investment will hold a hearing on investigating in
11 the direct care workforce. On Wednesday at 10:15, the U.S.
12 House, Education, and Labor Subcommittee on Health, Employment,
13 Labor, ad Pensions will hold a hearing titled Phasing Out Sub-
14 Minimum Wage. On Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. the U.S. House
15 Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on H.R. 1936, which is
16 the Childcare Choices Act of 2021. And then on Thursday at 10:00
17 a.m. the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
18 Committee will hold a hearing titled The Right to Organize:
19 Empowering American Workers in a 21st Century Economy. We'll
20 provide summaries to your offices for the committee actions.
21 That concludes my remarks. I'm happy to answer any questions you
22 may have.

23 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

24 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: None here, Chairman.

25 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None.

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CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you.

MR. MCCARTY: All right, thank you.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Do we have an executive director's report today?

MR. SERNA: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to request that we be allowed to move the IT update. While we're prepared to do that, I think it would be better if Commissioner Alvarez were able to attend in person. So, we'll have staff prepare to do that at the next available meeting.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Absolutely.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Yeah, thank you.

MR. SERNA: I have nothing else to report.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right. Is there anything else to come before the commission?

COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: None here, Chairman.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Do we have a motion to adjourn?

COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Chairman, I move that we adjourn.

COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Second.

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