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TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015

(9:00 a.m.)

(Digital recording)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

(Meeting called to order)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Whether to Assume Continuing Jurisdiction on Unemployment Compensation Cases, Wage Claim Cases, and/or Tax Liability Cases and Reconsideration of Unemployment Compensation Cases, Wage Claim Cases, and/or Tax Liability Cases, if Any.

No discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Tax Liability Cases Listed on the Texas Workforce Commission Dockets 53 and 1.

The Commission considered and took action on all Tax Liability Cases listed on Dockets 53 and 1.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Higher Level Appeals in Wage Claim Cases listed on the Texas Workforce Commission Dockets

1 53 and 1.

2 The Commission considered and took
3 action on all Wage Claim Cases listed on Dockets 53
4 and 1.

5 AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

6 Discussion, Consideration and Possible
7 Action Regarding Higher Level Appeals in Unemployment
8 Compensation Cases listed on the Texas Workforce
9 Commission Dockets 53 and 1.

10 The Commission considered and took
11 action on all Unemployment Compensation Cases listed
12 on Dockets 53 and 1.

13 (The Commission paused, then continued
14 with the remainder of the agenda.)

15 AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

16 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Is anyone signed up
17 for public comment?

18 MR. PAUL N. JONES: No public comment,
19 Mr. Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you, sir.

21 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

22 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 7: Discussion,
23 Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding
24 Acceptance of Pledges for Board Contract Year 2015.
25 We have no update.

1 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 8 is
3 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action
4 Regarding Texas Workforce Commission Appropriations
5 Request for FY 2016-17 biennium. Randy Townsend.

6 Good morning, Randy.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: Good morning, Chairman,
8 Commissioners. For the record, Randy Townsend, Chief
9 Financial Officer.

10 Commissioners, just a little background
11 about this agenda item. During each legislative
12 session -- or in past legislative sessions, we have
13 added an agenda item similar to this during the
14 session just in case there's something that comes up
15 that needs your attention, your guidance, direction
16 for staff to move forward on on budget related,
17 appropriation related items. In this case we have a
18 particular item this morning that we'll -- we'll go
19 over, but I did just -- did want to point out that we
20 will keep that on the future agendas. We probably
21 won't use it that many times, if at all possibly, but
22 just in case.

23 This morning -- and I've briefed your
24 offices, but I'll give you a little -- a little bit of
25 an overview what we want to talk about, is the capital

1 budget exceptional item for our UI/IT Improvement
2 Projects. We've got two particular projects within
3 that UI/IT Improvement category, in particular Tax
4 Modernization and Improve Benefits Interface -- User
5 Interface Projects. These are two projects that were
6 funded with our 2013 State Appropriation authority.
7 As you know, that 2013 of State Appropriation
8 Authority will actually end as of August of 2015
9 and -- which means that any payments have to be
10 completely processed and fully paid out by August.

11 What we're determining at this point is
12 that we've had some challenges with these projects.
13 The implementation has been delayed to some extent,
14 and we have some concerns at the staff level that the
15 life of the appropriation authority may not be long
16 enough to allow for the completion of these projects.
17 Just a little bit of a -- of background about each of
18 the projects we're talk about.

19 The Tax Modernization, just by way of
20 reminder, is a -- is a project that's going to replace
21 our outdated flat file database structure with a
22 little bit more modern relational database structure.
23 It's going to change the coding to accommodate new
24 data structures, and it's going to upgrade our screens
25 use by UI/IT staff. And then it's going to reduce the

1 complexity of our daily rates functionality. In
2 addition, it will allow us to add some development and
3 testing tools to allow for a more efficient future
4 updating of the system. The -- the Improve Benefits
5 User Interface Project is allowing us to upgrade the
6 user interface, of course, upgrade some system
7 decision support logic, and we're going to improve the
8 development efficiencies in this project and then the
9 overall efficiencies effectiveness of the benefits
10 system.

11 The other point just to make that's
12 relevant here is that we have already received
13 approval from the Department of Labor for the federal
14 grant authority to be extended through, I believe,
15 it's June of 2017. So, it has plenty of life on these
16 projects. The caveats on that is -- is that the
17 projects had to be under contract, encumbered, if you
18 will. We had to commit that we -- would not be
19 extending or expanding the scope of the projects,
20 which is -- at this point is not anticipated on those
21 projects with those particular grant funds. And so at
22 this point we have some concerns that we just don't
23 have a long enough life potentially to complete the
24 projects.

25 So, staff is recommending that we

1 consider requesting a 2016 exceptional item for \$6
2 million in capital budget authority for these
3 projects. How that number was arrived at, we looked
4 at these two projects, and as of November of 2014 and
5 determined what the outstanding balance on the
6 contracts were at that point. If we had a little
7 better sense of -- of exactly how much work we can get
8 complete and be approved by August, we could reduce
9 that number. At this point, I don't think anyone has
10 a comfort level that we can come up with a reasonable
11 estimate on that, and so we're suggesting a full 6
12 million amount.

13 Since I've included this in the
14 notebook, there's been one caveat. I've had a
15 conversation with our budget analyst at LBB just to
16 give her a head's up that we were having this
17 discussion this morning with the Commissioners and we
18 would be going over this, and she did confirm that we
19 would have an opportunity to review all of our
20 exceptional items and submit any changes as I think I
21 had -- we had had a conversation during budget
22 development process for the LAR. And so this will --
23 will fit in with that, of course, if this is the
24 Commission direction this morning.

25 But there is one other possibility I

1 just want to lay out on the table, is that Julie
2 Lindsey mentioned to me that we could -- we'd have
3 some possible consideration, and that would be in the
4 supplemental bill, which is a -- a bill that comes up
5 every session to include in the -- in the current
6 state fiscal year appropriation. So, in this case,
7 they'll be -- and there will be several agencies
8 potentially included in that.

9 And I know, Chairman, you're quite
10 familiar with that whole process of supplemental
11 appropriations.

12 The one advantage of that, it would work
13 and it will be a Fiscal Year '15 appropriation. So,
14 it would be a long enough life that -- that the
15 funding included in the '15 year state appropriation
16 would not end until August of 2017. The advantage to
17 that potentially could be is that this wouldn't go on
18 the list of exceptional items and be on the -- you
19 know, we have three other existing exceptional items
20 on the list at this point. So, I just want to put
21 that out there. It's kind of more of the mechanics of
22 it. I don't know that there's a right or wrong way to
23 do this, but I did just want to mention that there
24 might be another alternative as we move forward and
25 for some flexibility or if you have some particular

1 guidance on that, we certainly could take that
2 under -- under advisement as we move forward.

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. Thank you,
4 Randy, for the update. I'm certainly concerned that
5 we're in this situation. And while I am -- appreciate
6 that we have the flexibility given the funding
7 availability, this does impact other projects under
8 the -- under the five-year plan that we developed for
9 our upgrades, and it's going to have an impact on
10 other projects.

11 And so I'm concerned about that impact
12 to our other projects, Ed.

13 And I would ask that -- that we -- you
14 know, Larry, you and Ed and -- and the team examine
15 some approaches to better manage some of these
16 underperforming projects. It's one thing to get the
17 project backed on -- towards completing its goal, but
18 it's a whole other thing in terms of its impact on
19 these other projects that are waiting in line for this
20 to get done, so -- and the impact it has on our
21 staffing overall. So, if you could develop a -- sit
22 down in the team and develop some options for us to
23 consider in terms of how we better manage some of
24 these projects, some these contracts that are so
25 important to us and offer those -- some thoughts at

1 the upcoming work session at the end of the month
2 during the IT Work Session, that would be greatly
3 appreciated.

4 I'm going to support this
5 recommendation, because I think it needs to get done.
6 And in terms of what approach, I think we -- we're
7 open to working both approaches, from my perspective.
8 And so -- and I would just ask that the team work with
9 our -- with the LBB and others to -- for the most
10 appropriate vehicle.

11 Commissioner Congleton.

12 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: I move that we
13 submit the FY 2016 exception item request for 6
14 million in capital budget appropriation authority for
15 the UI/IT Improvement Projects as discussed by staff.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: And I second.

17 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's unanimous.

18 Thank you, Randy.

19 MR. TEMPLE: Would you want us to
20 explore the supplemental issue if it comes up?

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I would. I think
22 that's another vehicle. I -- I think given -- I don't
23 see it as an emergency. We are at the end of the day
24 just asking for authority to get this done next year.
25 I think amending the existing rider under the regular

1 process would probably be viewed as -- as effective.
2 So, I'm -- truth be told, just going the additional
3 minimum route for the existing rider is probably more
4 appropriate from my end, but I'd be open to both
5 approaches.

6 MR. TEMPLE: Okay.

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you.

8 MR. TOWNSEND: Thank you, Chairman,
9 Commissioners.

10 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

11 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 9: Discussion,
12 Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Workforce
13 Investment Act Adult and Dislocated Worker Funding
14 Reduction. Do we have an update on that? We do.

15 Laurie Biscoe, good morning.

16 MS. BISCOE: Actually, we do not. We
17 have not received any further guidance, so we are not
18 considering that this morning.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right.

20 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right. Item 10:
22 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action
23 Regarding Development of Funding for
24 Industry-Recognized Skills Certification Initiative.
25 Laurie Biscoe.

1 Good morning, Laurie.

2 MS. BISCOE: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
3 and Commissioners. Again, Laurie Biscoe, Workforce
4 Division.

5 A common request we have heard from
6 boards and employers is the need to determine whether
7 a job applicant has the skills necessary for available
8 jobs. One tool for assisting in the determination of
9 whether the skills a job seeker has are aligned with
10 the needs of a job is through the use of
11 industry-recognized certifications. These industry
12 certifications are also a key component of integrated
13 adult education and training programs, such as
14 Accelerate TEXAS.

15 Based on a -- a request from the
16 Chairman to research and develop an initiative
17 proposal, staff is presenting today's recommendation
18 for Commission's consideration that the Commission
19 consider establishing an industry-recognized Skills
20 Certification Initiative for the purpose of increasing
21 the number of workers with industry-recognized skills
22 certifications that support high-demand jobs and that
23 the Commission dedicate \$2.8 million in WIA statewide
24 funding to be available for two years. The
25 recommendation is that the funds be distributed to

1 boards based on a \$50,000 base amount for each board,
2 and that the remaining \$1.4 million be distributed to
3 boards based on their proportionate share of the total
4 WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker allocated funding.

5 Staff is also recommending requiring
6 that boards collaborate with local employers to
7 determine the industry-recognized certifications that
8 align with high-demand jobs in each workforce area
9 giving particular consideration to specific

10 industries, as noted in the discussion paper,
11 consideration to -- on whether or not the
12 certification is used for entry-, mid-, or high-level
13 skills occupations, and whether a certification is
14 portable or nationally or regionally recognized.

15 We're also recommending that boards use the funds to
16 support one or more of the following activities: For
17 contracting with entities to serve as new or to expand
18 existing skills certification centers, to pay for
19 identified certifications, or to pay for training to
20 prepare job seekers for identified skills
21 certifications.

22 And, finally, we recommend that boards
23 report on the certifications being supported in their
24 workforce area. The process for identifying
25 certifications and progress in increasing the number

1 of certifications awarded. The results of this
2 initiative, if approved and implemented, will identify
3 opportunities to -- whether opportunities exist to
4 improve upon the identification, support, and payment
5 for industry certifications in the future. And I'll
6 be glad to answer questions about the initiative.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: I have a
8 question.

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Please.

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: So, who is eligible
11 for this? Is -- is any individual that's either
12 already working or just unemployed, or does it have to
13 be WIA eligible?

14 MS. BISCOE: We have not established a
15 specific population that would be eligible. The --
16 the -- the base of the initiative was to -- to expand
17 and increase the number of certifications that may be
18 through capacity building, through use of funds to
19 either create new skills certification centers or
20 expanding existing skills certifications. It may also
21 be used to -- if a board determines that the -- the
22 capacity exists, that they could support
23 certifications as well. And so at this point we have
24 not specified a population for those certifications.

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: No, I -- I fully

1 support it. I was just curious to see if -- if
2 someone that was already working could apply for this,
3 or was it just a specific population that we were --

4 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I think it's going
5 to vary by board, Commissioner. There are -- as we
6 heard during the regional meetings, some boards have
7 existing partnerships where they are working with area
8 manufacturers on MSSC or some other manufacturing
9 credentials. Other boards have a focus on healthcare
10 where they're doing CNAs and so forth, and then we
11 have others that are looking at -- at NCCER and some
12 of the construction-related certifications.

13 Ideally, the -- the idea here is to
14 build the capacity of our local boards to -- to go out
15 there, and if they have an existing partnership, to
16 make it more robust and expand it. If they don't
17 currently have those partnerships, to focus on those
18 industries that they've prioritized and go about
19 working with an area high school, an area community
20 college --

21 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: I'm completely
22 supportive. I like what I'd like -- what I'm
23 hearing -- and -- and that I like is the fact that
24 we're giving the flexibility to the boards --

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: -- to meet the
2 needs of their community.

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And that's
4 exactly --

5 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: And flexibility
6 is always very important.

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I believe strongly
8 that these -- that our boards are committed to
9 building stronger, more vibrant partnerships. This
10 centers those partnerships around different industries
11 that they are prioritizing. It allows them to --
12 again, to pay for an assessment center.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Good.

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It allows them to
15 pay for scholarships for individuals. It allows them
16 to work with the area high school to make that program
17 that they were talking about a little more robust and
18 get it on place a little bit faster. So --

19 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Great. Thank you
20 for clarifying that.

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -- I appreciate
22 their hard work, the staff, on this. And they did
23 spend a lot of time. Ideally, this positions us
24 initially to more effectively do some of the things
25 that we want to do through the Accelerate TEXAS

1 proposal, and through that proposal we would focus
2 more specifically on the adult learners and the
3 literacy -- the adult education literacy population.
4 But this allows us to serve everything and begin
5 developing the -- a -- a stronger competency in this
6 space. And I think that's part of the thinking here.

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner
8 Congleton, any thoughts, any --

9 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: I'm going to
10 support this project, but I want us to monitor it
11 pretty closely because I don't want to be issuing
12 pieces of paper for low-wage jobs or minimum wage
13 jobs. I want us -- if we're going to do this, let's
14 try to do it with -- right and -- and do it with real
15 certifications for decent paying jobs.

16 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. A motion?

17 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: I move that we
18 allocate 2.8 million in WIA statewide funding to be
19 available for two years to establish an
20 industry-recognized skills certification initiative as
21 discussed and within the parameters set forth by the
22 staff.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: And I second.

24 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's unanimous.

25 Thank you, Laurie.

1 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 11:

3 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action
4 Regarding Funding Recommendations in Support of the
5 Adult Completion and Skills Initiative. Laurie
6 Biscoe.

7 MS. BISCOE: Earlier this year the
8 Commission approved funding for an initiative to
9 develop or expand projects to identify and assess
10 recent high school dropouts and guide and refer those
11 students to a program that coordinates a high school
12 credit recovery or adult education services, both of
13 which are to be integrated with college technical
14 training and high-demand career pathways. The
15 Commission approved funding to support two rounds of
16 requests for proposals for this adult completion and
17 skills initiative at \$1 million for each RFP using
18 both adult educations and literacy state leadership
19 and WIA statewide activity funds.

20 TWC published the first RFP associated
21 with this initiative and has received two high-quality
22 proposals that exceed the available funding for the
23 first round of RFPs. Staff is recommending that
24 additional funding be approved for the first round of
25 the adult completion and skills initiative in the

1 amount of \$25,000 -- \$25,000 in WIA statewide activity
2 funds. I'll be glad to answer questions.

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioners, any
4 questions?

5 (No response)

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner
7 Congleton.

8 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: Like I say, I'm
9 for anything that keeps a kid in school, and I move
10 that we add 25,000 to the WIA Title I statewide
11 activities funds in order to fund both proposals.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: And I second.

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's unanimous.

14 Thank you, Laurie.

15 MS. BISCOE: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 13:
17 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action
18 Regarding our Report to the Governor and the
19 Legislature from the Council on Children and Families
20 Pursuant to Government Code Section 531.804. Laurie.

21 MS. BISCOE: I believe we're on Item 13?

22 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Oh, I skipped one.
23 I'm sorry.

24 AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Let's go to Item 12.

1 I'm sorry. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible
2 Action Regarding Recommendations to the Governor and
3 Legislature by the Employment First Task Force. Laurie
4 Biscoe.

5 MS. BISCOE: Last session, the
6 Legislature created the interagency Employment First
7 Task Force through Senate Bill 1226. The Task Force
8 is charged with promoting competitive employment of
9 individuals with disabilities. TWC is an agency
10 member of the Task Force. One of the Task Force's
11 responsibilities is to report to the Governor,
12 Legislature, and the Health and Human Services
13 Executive Commissioner each even-numbered year with
14 findings and recommendations.

15 The Task Force submitted that report in
16 October of last year. The report included
17 recommendations for each of the member agencies,
18 including TWC. The Task Force recommendations to TWC
19 fall in the following areas: Data collection and
20 reporting and public awareness, identifying effective
21 practices at the local board level, and improving
22 education and coordination across agencies, enhancing
23 staff knowledge and skills and leveraging community
24 partnerships and deliver -- in the delivery of
25 services to individuals with disabilities and

1 enhancing coordination of services to employers. The
2 Task Force has asked each of the member agencies to
3 report at its next meeting later this month regarding
4 suggestions for any modifications to the
5 recommendations, updates on implementation efforts,
6 and any guidance needed from the Legislature, a
7 federal agency, or other entity before recommendations
8 can be implemented.

9 Staff has shared the report -- the
10 legislative report that was submitted and the TWC
11 recommendations with your offices and is recommending
12 that in TWC's update to the Task Force we explained
13 that at this time the recommendations do not require
14 further guidance or clarification from the Legislature
15 or otherwise and that we emphasize our work currently
16 underway to enhance service delivery to individuals
17 with disabilities, our current efforts to implement
18 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and its
19 focus on serving individuals with disabilities and our
20 coordination efforts with local boards, specifically
21 regarding the recommendations relating to board
22 committees and the designation of specific staff and
23 local workforce offices to assist persons with
24 disabilities. I'll be glad to answer any questions.

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner

1 Congleton.

2 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: Move that we
3 provide the update to Employment First Task Force as
4 recommended by staff.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's unanimous.

7 Thank you.

8 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 13 now:

10 Discussion, Consideration, Regarding -- and Possible
11 Action on the Council on Children and Families
12 Pursuant to Government Code Section 531.804. Laurie
13 Biscoe.

14 MR. TEMPLE: Mr. -- Mr. Chairman, before
15 we -- we're on several legislatively directed -- the
16 agency is on several of these task force and councils
17 and interagency groups, and the first -- the action
18 number that you just took action on is one of those
19 easy ones. It's one that lays out pretty much
20 everything that the Legislature set it to be a
21 priority. That's an easy one for one of our staffers
22 to be on and nod the heads yes and move and bring to
23 you.

24 Then we get the one like we're about to
25 take up, which has recommendations -- the membership

1 is made up not only of state agencies but advocates
2 and other -- and sometimes the advocates come up with
3 these and they outvote the others. And, obviously,
4 sometimes we're asked to approve something that's in
5 someone else's budget or possibly an exception item
6 or -- and so, it's -- there's a challenge. And -- and
7 we haven't really had a lot of these, and it looks
8 like we're going to have more and more because we've
9 become members of many of these.

10 So, we're going to bring these to you,
11 and our recommendations will be really narrowed to the
12 part that -- and we'll qualify if -- if you direct the
13 letter to come from me, we'll qualify our approval or
14 our acceptance of this. But they even go as far as
15 they want to put our logo on all of their documents,
16 on all -- the agency logo. So, it really gets -- kind
17 of paints us in a corner, and we're kind of unique
18 among the agencies because we need to bring these
19 things because they're considered policy direct --

20 (Simultaneous discussion)

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Sure.

22 MR. TEMPLE: So, we're going to kind of
23 feel our way in the dark on this one until we -- on
24 these and -- and get your guidance on them. But this
25 is a good example of how it's -- one is a very easy

1 one, and then this one isn't so easy. So --

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Well --

3 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: How many are
4 we -- excuse me.

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Go ahead, please.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: How many are we
7 on?

8 MR. TEMPLE: Oh, Child Care -- there's
9 two or three on Child Care --

10 MS. BISCOE: Probably 25 --

11 MR. TEMPLE: Yeah --

12 MS. BISCOE: -- or more.

13 MR. TEMPLE: -- we're on a bunch of
14 these all over the -- you name the area, so --

15 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Are we there to
16 give input, or are we there -- I mean, does -- does
17 our involvement or our presence there make a
18 difference and -- and what the outcome is and then is
19 it implemented or is it just a recommendation that
20 gets placed on someone's shelf and we never know --

21 MR. TEMPLE: Sometimes -- sometimes they
22 actually come out and there's -- whoever the bill
23 sponsor of this particular group will use this and
24 sponsor a bill to implement the things, and they'll
25 say, and the Workforce Commission is in favor of it

1 and -- so that's -- that's where they -- they come up.
2 And then we're called to testify as a resource, and
3 so, well, you're a member. Y'all have endorsed, and
4 we want to be able to qualify some of these things.

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I think to the
6 extent that something is within our mission,
7 specifically the current programs that we operate
8 and -- and advances our core mission, we can weigh in
9 on those. And while I find some of these other items
10 valuable and -- and I think they have value, we really
11 haven't researched all of the facts in terms of
12 understanding what's really required or what we would
13 recommend to the Legislature. I think those things
14 are more appropriate for the agencies and -- and --
15 and the boards that oversee those -- those missions
16 and those other programs who really study and focus on
17 those areas. So, that is I think the -- that
18 distinction, that worth that is noteworthy. And I
19 agree with, generally, I think what I'm hearing from
20 you, that we focus on those that are more specific
21 to -- to us. It's great for us to be at the table
22 and -- and offer the options that we have available in
23 terms of the overall issue and what our resources
24 might be. And -- and I think that's an important part
25 of those deliberations. So, it's great that we're a

1 part of that discussion endorsing some of these other
2 recommendations that are -- are more than likely in
3 somebody else's LAR. It's something that --

4 MR. TEMPLE: And there are -- there
5 are -- there are times when their timing of releasing
6 these documents relative to their due date to the
7 Legislature or to interim committee or whatnot don't
8 jive with us getting to you with a Commission --

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

10 MR. TEMPLE: -- so a lot of times we may
11 have to have a letter of support or a qualified letter
12 of support that would come after the date of
13 submissions because of our process. So, just -- that
14 could happen just --

15 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: I'd like to add
16 one more --

17 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Please do.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: I think the only
19 thing that I would be concerned about is that we
20 protect the agency's name, so if it's -- if it's used
21 and we've agreed or we've been involved in that
22 recommendation, I understand. But, you know, I think
23 that we should be protective of when our agency is
24 used on a recommendation.

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner

1 Congleton, any comments?

2 Do -- do you have any recommendation?

3 MR. TEMPLE: She -- yes, Laurie --
4 sorry, I --

5 (Simultaneous discussion)

6 MS. BISCOE: If I may, I'll give you
7 just a little bit of background specifically about
8 this legislative report.

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

10 MS. BISCOE: I think the discussion will
11 help inform many -- a number of these types of
12 recommendations coming forward.

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you, Laurie.

14 MS. BISCOE: So, by way of background
15 the Council on Children and Families was created under
16 Senate Bill 1646 during the 81st legislative session.
17 The council's purpose is to coordinate and promote the
18 sharing of information regarding the state's health
19 education and human service systems to ensure that
20 children and families have access to needed services.
21 Each biennium the council is required to report to the
22 Legislature on the request, plans, and recommendations
23 of the council including recommendations for any
24 legislation that is needed to further develop and
25 maintain a statewide system of quality, health,

1 education, and human services for children and
2 families and also report on information regarding the
3 implementation by members of the council on any
4 recommendations previously made by the council.

5 The council has drafted its report to
6 the Legislature for this coming legislative session,
7 which includes a number of recommendations for
8 legislative consideration. Many of the
9 recommendations relate to council member's legislative
10 appropriation request, including support for TWC's
11 Accelerate TEXAS's funding request.

12 Based on your discussion this morning,
13 staff has shared the -- staff is recommending that
14 TWC's designee on the council support the items
15 directly related to TWC. However, regarding
16 recommendations relating to other agency's legislative
17 appropriations exceptional items, we recommend
18 abstaining from consideration of those items noting
19 that the Legislature will work with the requesting
20 agencies and will make decisions on those funding
21 requests. If approved by the Legislature, TWC will
22 partner as needed with the other council members for
23 the implementation of those efforts.

24 I'll be glad to answer questions.

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner

1 Congleton.

2 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: I have no
3 questions. I have a motion. Is that what you want?

4 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Do you support
5 staff's recommendation?

6 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: I move that we
7 allow the TWC designee to support the submission of
8 this legislation report as drafted noting that we
9 abstain from supporting those legislative proposals
10 regarding other agencies as an exceptional item
11 request and understand that they work with -- directly
12 with the Legislature on those requests.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: I second.

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's unanimous.
15 Thank you, Laurie.

16 MS. BISCOE: Thank you.

17 AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 14:
19 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action
20 Regarding the Report to the Legislature Concerning
21 Effectiveness of the Subsidized Child Care Program.
22 Patricia Gonzales.

23 MS. GONZALES: Good morning --

24 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good morning.

25 MS. GONZALES: -- Commissioners,

1 Mr. Temple. Happy New Year, everyone.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Happy New Year to
3 you.

4 MS. GONZALES: For the record, Patricia
5 Gonzales, Workforce Development Division.

6 Today we're bringing forth for your
7 approval the report on the effectiveness of Child Care
8 report to the 84th Legislature. TWC is required to
9 submit a report to the Legislature by January the 15th
10 of each odd-numbered year on the effectiveness of
11 child care. Texas Labor Code 302.0043 charges that
12 TWC evaluate the effectiveness of the Commission's
13 Child Care Program in helping parents who receive
14 subsidized child care to maintain employment. This
15 statute also requires TWC to compile information
16 regarding the wage and employment status of each
17 parent receiving TWC-funded child care and measure its
18 Child Care Program in improving the training of child
19 care professionals and facilitating the collaboration
20 with other state agencies.

21 As reflected in the report, for parents
22 receiving both TANF and TWC subsidized child care for
23 2011-2012, 72 percent found employment, and 68 percent
24 maintained employment after one year. Subsidized
25 child care also provides a vital work support to

1 nonTANF parents that helps them remain in the Texas
2 workforce. For nonTANF parents receiving subsidized
3 child care, 85 percent maintained employment after one
4 year.

5 TWC continues to collaborate and work
6 closely with other state agencies. The report
7 includes updates on several initiatives. TWC has
8 already begun discussions to expand data collection
9 and analysis to explore opportunities to enhance
10 effectiveness reporting for both statewide and local
11 workforce areas, also taking into consideration
12 recommendations made by the Sunset Commission. In
13 conclusion, subsidized child care continues to be an
14 important work support service.

15 This concludes my presentation, and I'm
16 ready to ask -- answer questions, if any.

17 MR. TEMPLE: Commissioners, we -- we are
18 working with the boards on what information they think
19 they would need to help get -- get more information.
20 They have more in-depth information, and -- and next
21 year -- or our next report will reflect that. But we
22 won't wait until that next report to be getting things
23 to the local levels. We'll start trying to put some
24 reports that drill down to their level but way before
25 then.

1 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Any comments,
2 Commissioners?

3 (No response)

4 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner
5 Congleton.

6 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: I move that we
7 approve the report on effectiveness of subsidized
8 child care services for submission to the Texas
9 Legislature.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's unanimous.
12 Thank you, Patricia.

13 MS. GONZALES: Thank you.

14 AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 15:
16 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action
17 Regarding 2013-2014 Equal Employment Opportunity and
18 Minority Hiring Practices Report to the Governor, the
19 Legislative Budget Board, and the Legislature Pursuant
20 to Labor Code Chapter 21.

21 Lowell, good morning.

22 MR. KEIG: Good morning. Lowell Keig
23 Director of the Civil Rights Division.

24 This draft of the Equal Employment
25 Opportunity and Minority Hiring Practices Report for

1 Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 provides demographic
2 information relating to sex, national origin, and race
3 on the composition of the statewide civilian workforce
4 based on information compiled by the state
5 demographer's office from the U.S. Census Bureau and
6 new hires in the composition of state agencies and
7 institutions of higher education through information
8 compiled by the Office of the Comptroller.

9 In addition, the report presents
10 observations on the availability of African Americans,
11 Hispanic Americans, and females in the statewide
12 workforce as compared to the utilization rates for
13 specific job categories in state agencies. Staff
14 recommends approval of the report with one revision;
15 that is, deletion of the sentence on Page 14 that
16 reads: With the rapidly growing Hispanic population
17 in the state, there may be some time lag in Hispanic
18 Americans entering the state agency workforce, since
19 this supposition was not derived by specific data.

20 Are there any questions?

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Any questions,
22 Commissioners?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: So, read it
24 again.

25 MR. KEIG: It's on Page 14. It's in the

1 notes, the second paragraph.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Uh-huh. So,
3 you're just eliminating the second paragraph?

4 MR. KEIG: Just omitting that sentence,
5 yes.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: There may be some
7 time lag?

8 MR. KEIG: Right.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Okay. I agree.
10 Okay. Good.

11 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner
12 Congleton.

13 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: I would like to
14 thank the staff for all their hard work on this
15 report. I move that we approve and submit the EEO and
16 Minority Hiring Report to the Governor, the
17 Legislative Budget Board, and the Legislature as
18 presented by staff.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's unanimous.
21 Thank you, Lowell.

22 MR. KEIG: Thank you.

23 AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

24 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 16:
25 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action

1 Regarding Submission of the 2014 Texas Workforce
2 Commission Annual Report to the Governor and the
3 Legislature Pursuant to Texas Labor Code Section
4 301.065.

5 Lisa Givens, good morning.

6 MS. GIVENS: Good morning, Chairman,
7 Commissioners, and Mr. Temple. For the record, Lisa
8 Givens, Director of Communications.

9 You have before you the 2014 TWC Annual
10 Report for your consideration and approval. This
11 report highlights the successes of the Texas
12 workforce system for the Fiscal Year 2014 and reflects
13 the high level of service provided to employers and
14 job seekers across Texas. It highlights the
15 responsive solutions offered by TWC, workforce boards,
16 and other critical workforce partners during the
17 fiscal year that are helping to meet the needs of
18 employers and job seekers as our state continues
19 economic expansion.

20 I would like to thank each of you,
21 members of your staff and other team members from
22 across the agency that provided information and
23 feedback contributing to this report. With that, I am
24 requesting your approval of the 2014 TWC Annual Report
25 with your permission to make any technical corrections

1 if necessary prior to final submission to the
2 Legislature. And I'm happy to answer any questions.

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I appreciate the
4 really good work here, Lisa.

5 Commissioner Congleton?

6 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: Move that we
7 approve the TWC Annual Report for submission to the
8 Governor and the Legislature.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: And I second.

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's unanimous.
11 Thank you.

12 MS. GIVENS: Thank you.

13 AGENDA ITEM NO. 17

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 17:
15 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action
16 Regarding Approval of Local Board Nominees. John
17 Fuller.

18 Good morning, John.

19 MR. FULLER: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
20 Commissioners, Mr. Temple. For the record, John
21 Fuller, Workforce Development Division.

22 Commissioners, before you today you have
23 recommendations for your consideration and possible
24 approval for nominees from Brazos Valley, Capital
25 Area, Concho Valley, Lower Rio Grande, North Texas,

1 Panhandle, and South Plains.

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner
3 Congleton.

4 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: Move that we
5 approve the board nominees from Brazos Valley, Capital
6 Area, Concho Valley, Lower Rio Grande Valley, North
7 Texas, Panhandle, and South Plains.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's unanimous.
10 Thank you, John.

11 MR. FULLER: Thank you.

12 AGENDA ITEM NO. 18

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 18:
14 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action
15 Regarding TWC's Recommendations to the Legislature
16 Pursuant to HB 2478. Courtney.

17 Good morning, Courtney.

18 MS. WILLIAMSON: Good morning, Chairman,
19 Commissioners, Mr. Temple. For the record, Courtney
20 Williamson, Governmental Relations.

21 This morning you have before you the
22 proposed recommendations by each Commission office as
23 it relates to the Texas Growth Occupations Report
24 Pursuant to HB 2478 passed by the 83rd Texas
25 Legislature, which you approved at the December 23rd

1 Commission Meeting. I'll begin with Chairman
2 Alcantar's recommendations, allow for the discussion,
3 and then move to Commissioner Congleton's and close
4 with Commissioner Andrade's. Do you have any
5 questions?

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Any questions?

7 MS. WILLIAMSON: Chairman?

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Well, I guess --
9 what I was thinking, Commissioners, is -- just reading
10 each of your recommendations, I am supportive of every
11 one of the items that you've put forward. And,
12 certainly, I'm supportive of the items that I put, and
13 I think there's some repetition there in terms of some
14 of the things that you've highlighted, Commissioner
15 Andrade, and certainly the Apprenticeship is something
16 that I've captured, I think, Commissioner Congleton in
17 terms of what I've proposed and have -- and you have
18 in front of you. When -- when I look at Commissioner
19 Congleton's recommendation, I do think that there does
20 need to be a -- I agree that there needs to be a focus
21 on apprenticeship, and I think your -- additionally,
22 there needs to be an added focus on preapprenticeship
23 as you've highlighted here.

24 And so I would endorse in whatever
25 document we submit that we not only include

1 apprenticeship as indicated in our exceptional items
2 request but also have a separate sentence that
3 highlights the need to really incent and try to expand
4 the preapprenticeship opportunities available to our
5 students.

6 As it relates to Page 5 and Commissioner
7 Andrade's recommendations, I think the Item 1 clearly
8 is very complimentary and congruent with the -- my
9 proposed bullet on Page 2, the first bullet under the
10 Future Workforce where we talk about making that
11 information more available. So, I would agree to
12 modify the first bullet in any way possible to -- or
13 necessary to incorporate the points that are missing
14 from Commissioner Andrade's Page 5, Item No. 1.

15 For Item No. 2 where we talk about Rapid
16 Response potential to employers, I agree that that is
17 something that we need to include as a -- as a part of
18 the overall response to make sure that our employers
19 that are -- that are coming here have not only the
20 talent but some of the other things that they need in
21 order to launch their operations once they relocate to
22 Texas. And so if you're looking at something like the
23 proposed layout that I have, you could go to Page 3
24 right after -- or in the discussion where we talk
25 about the current workforce at -- right after the

1 Skills Development Fund add a bullet where we talk
2 about the need to -- to do this, or we could create a
3 whole separate Item No. 4 where we capture these other
4 items that are not necessarily limited to the current
5 workforce. So, we could have a -- if we're working
6 off of the proposed draft that I've submitted, we
7 would add an Item 4 that would -- that would encompass
8 Commissioner Andrade's Item No. 2, highlighting that.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: I would prefer
10 that we add Item No. 4, and I was going recommend that
11 we -- that we eliminate 3, 4, and 5, since that
12 language has already been addressed. So -- so, I
13 would -- I only was going to suggest to keep 1 and 2
14 anyway.

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. But before
16 we -- you eliminate Item No. 3 --

17 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Uh-huh?

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -- I do like the
19 fact that -- that you've highlighted it, and I think
20 if you -- if you would prefer rather than eliminating,
21 we could also add that as a part of No. 4.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: That's fine.

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Just to make sure
24 that we emphasize the need for some of these
25 certifications, and there are different options. The

1 item on Fast Start, Commissioner, would you like a
2 bullet that incorporates at least a mention of Fast
3 Start under Item No. 2 where we -- right after the
4 Skills Development Fund discussion, I believe your
5 No. 4, and have a sentence on Fast Start?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: That's fine.

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And we already
8 captured the Skills Development Fund bullet.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: So, if we do that,
11 your Item No. 4 is the second bullet right after
12 Skills Development Fund. Your industry
13 certifications, Item No. 3, and your Rapid Response,
14 Item No. 2, are -- make up the new Item No. 4 in the
15 draft.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: So, what you're
17 saying is, Item No. 2 becomes Item No. 4 in the draft,
18 and what did you do with Item No. 1?

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item No. 1 is
20 incorporated on Page 2 under the discussion of the
21 Future Workforce where we -- in the first bullet where
22 we're talking about working with TWC -- I mean with
23 TEA and the co-board --

24 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Okay.

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -- amend as

1 necessary to capture the -- the language that you've
2 included in your Item No. 1. So, we amend No. 1 or
3 Item 1 -- Bullet 1, Courtney, with Commissioner
4 Andrade's Item No. 1 --

5 MS. WILLIAMSON: Right.

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -- components that
7 are not --

8 MS. WILLIAMSON: Right.

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -- included.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And you would be
12 comfortable with that, Commissioner?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yes, and then
14 Item No. 2 becomes Item No. 4 and industry
15 certification --

16 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Becomes a part of
17 Item No. 4, the second bullet.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: That's fine.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Great.

20 Commissioner Congleton, as I've
21 indicated, we talk -- talk a little bit about
22 apprenticeships on -- on Page 2 of the draft that I've
23 provided, the second bullet at the bottom. We must
24 expand partnerships with employers to offer
25 apprenticeships, I would suggest that we add a second

1 or third sentence, however many you think are
2 necessary, to incorporate and really add a focus to
3 preapprenticeship as a part of that bullet,
4 emphasizing our intent to really try to promote
5 preapprenticeship opportunities as -- as a major
6 component of the recommendation that you've provided.
7 And I hope I'm not leaving anything else out. I
8 think --

9 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: I agree with
10 the pre -- preapprenticeship part of it. I'm not sure
11 about your language on apprenticeship here, but I'll
12 redo that --

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: You'll work with
14 staff on that? Perfect. All right.

15 And so I would move that we -- well, do
16 we have anything else to add, Commissioner Andrade?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: I'm good.

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner
19 Congleton, anything else to add --

20 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: I'm fine.

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -- amendments?

22 So, Courtney, I would move that you work
23 off of the proposed draft --

24 MS. WILLIAMSON: Right.

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -- that I've

1 offered, amend to incorporate the recommendations
2 offered by Commissioner Congleton and Item No. 1 under
3 the Future Workforce and that you amend the draft to
4 amend Item No. 1, No. 2 and add a No. 4 to incorporate
5 Commissioner Andrade's recommendations --

6 MS. WILLIAMSON: Yes, definitely.

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -- into that draft
8 and -- and then move it -- I guess you'll be bringing
9 that back for approval at the next -- at the next
10 meeting? What's the thinking there?

11 MS. WILLIAMSON: Perhaps, yes. I can
12 definitely work with Tom and see, perhaps, if we can
13 just -- need to bring a draft back to your offices and
14 see if it's workable or --

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Perfect.

16 MS. WILLIAMSON: -- if we need to bring
17 it back to a Commission Meeting.

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right. Do I
19 have a second.

20 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: Yeah, I'll
21 second.

22 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Unanimous?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right. We're
25 unanimous. Thank you.

1 MS. WILLIAMSON: Thank you.

2 AGENDA ITEM NO. 19

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 19:

4 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action
5 Regarding Legislative Proposals to the 84th
6 Legislature. Tom McCarty.

7 Good morning, Tom.

8 MR. McCARTY: Good morning,
9 Commissioners. This is going to be a standing item
10 during the legislative session. Currently, we have
11 nothing to report for this item.

12 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you, sir.

13 AGENDA ITEM NO. 20

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Agenda Item 21 -- or
15 Item 20: Discussion and Consideration Regarding
16 Possible Enacted, Proposed, or Considered Federal
17 Regulations or Federal or State Legislation. Tom
18 McCarty.

19 MR. McCARTY: Good morning, Chairman
20 Alcantar, Commissioner Congleton, Commissioner
21 Andrade. Tom McCarty, External Relations. I just
22 wanted to give you a quick update for the next two
23 weeks, what we can kind of expect.

24 Today, the U.S. House and Senate will
25 convene the 114th Congress. They'll take up some

1 procedural matters. On the House side they're going
2 to vote on a Speaker. You might have read that
3 Congressman Gohmert has expressed his interest in
4 that. So, we'll -- we'll keep an eye on that race and
5 let you know what happens with it.

6 Next week, on Tuesday, January the 13th,
7 the 84th Texas Legislature will convene at noon, as
8 well. And I believe on the 15th there will be a joint
9 session of the House and Senate where Governor Perry
10 will give a farewell speech. And then also on
11 Wednesday, January the 14th at 9:00 a.m. the Sunset
12 Commission will meet to consider final Commission
13 decisions on the agency and then also take a final
14 vote on recommendations for the 84th legislative
15 session.

16 That concludes my remarks, and I'm
17 available for any questions you may have.

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Do you have any
19 questions, Commissioners?

20 (No response)

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you, Tom.
22 Appreciate the update.

23 MR. McCARTY: Thank you.

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25 AGENDA ITEM NO. 21

1 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 21 -- I'm
2 sorry? Item 21: Report and Update by the Executive
3 Director.

4 Larry, what do you have for us?

5 MR. TEMPLE: Nothing, Commissioners,
6 just look forward to a very busy and productive year.

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Great.

8 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 (Continued)

9 MR. PAUL N. JONES: Good morning,
10 Commissioners, Mr. Chairman, not to be difficult, I
11 would -- can I refer y'all back to Section No. 8,
12 Randy Townsend's presentation?

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yes, sir.

14 MR. PAUL N. JONES: I just want to
15 ensure the record is clear with regard to that
16 particular vote. Some people heard it, and some
17 people did not. And I just want to make sure we have
18 the record clear on that vote on No. 8 Appropriation's
19 Request for FY 2016 to '17 biennium --

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yes, sir.

21 MR. PAUL N. JONES: -- and if y'all can
22 make the motion and -- and have the vote on the record
23 so we have that clear. It was a little unclear. Some
24 people heard it, and some people didn't so --

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner

1 Congleton?

2 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: What was it?

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item No. 8, if you
4 could do your recommendation again, your motion.

5 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: I'm not sure I
6 had one. Let me look.

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's on the
8 capital -- capital budget rider.

9 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: I've changed my
10 mind.

11 (Laughter)

12 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: I move that we
13 submit the FY '16 -- two thousand -- 2016 exceptional
14 item request for 6 million in capital budget
15 appropriation authority for the UI/IT Improvement
16 Projects as discussed by staff.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: And before I
18 second, I'd like to hear the presentation again.

19 (Laughter)

20 MR. PAUL N. JONES: You definitely don't
21 want to hear it from me. I can tell you that.

22 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's unanimous.
23 Thank you.

24 MR. TEMPLE: And, Mr. Chairman -- and
25 with the caveat that we can -- we could explore the

1 supplemental if it became --

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -- and to identify
3 the most appropriate vehicle? We're all in agreement
4 on that?

5 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: Yeah.

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are?

7 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yes.

8 MR. PAUL N. JONES: Thank y'all very
9 much. Happy New Year.

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you.
11 Anything else, Larry?

12 (No response)

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: That's it.

14 AGENDA ITEM NO. 24

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Is there a motion to
16 adjourn?

17 COMMISSIONER CONGLETON: So made.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We're adjourned.
20 Have a good day.

21 (Meeting adjourned)

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