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1 P R O C E E D I N G S
2 TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015
3 (10:30 a.m.)

4 AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good morning. This
6 meeting will now be called to order.

7 AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

8 Discussion, consideration and possible
9 action regarding whether to assume continuing
10 jurisdiction on unemployment compensation cases, wage
11 claim cases, and/or tax liability cases and
12 reconsideration of unemployment compensation cases, wage
13 claim cases, and/or tax liability cases, if any.

14 No discussion.

15 AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

16 Discussion, consideration and possible
17 action regarding tax liability cases listed on the Texas
18 Workforce Commission Docket 4.

19 The Commission considered and took action
20 on all tax liability cases listed on Docket 4.

21 AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

22 Discussion, consideration and possible
23 action regarding higher level appeals in wage claim
24 cases listed on the Texas Workforce Commission Docket 4.

25 The Commission considered and took action

1 on all wage claim cases listed on Docket 4.

2 AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

3 Discussion, consideration and possible
4 action regarding higher level appeals in unemployment
5 compensation cases listed on the Texas Workforce
6 Commission Docket 4.

7 The Commission considered and took action
8 on all unemployment compensation cases listed on Docket
9 4.

10 (The Commission paused, then continued
11 with the remainder of the agenda)

12 (Off the record: 10:30 a.m. to
13 10:57 a.m.)

14 AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Has anyone signed up
16 any public comment?

17 MR. JONES: No public comment,
18 Mr. Chairman.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you.

20 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 7. Discussion,
22 consideration and possible action regarding TWC's
23 appropriations request.

24 We have no update, Randy.

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1 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 8, discussion,
3 consideration and possible action regarding public
4 comments received on the discussion paper for child care
5 services and the Texas Rising Star Program.

6 Patricia, good morning.

7 MS. GONZALEZ: Good morning,
8 Commissioners, Mr. Temple. For the record, Patricia
9 Gonzalez, Workforce Development.

10 For your consideration today are final
11 recommendations on the Texas Rising Star program
12 guidelines. The Commission approved the proposed
13 guidelines based on recommendations of the HB 376 work
14 group on October 7, 2014.

15 The guidelines were posted for public
16 comment through November 25th of last year. All offices
17 were briefed on the comments received and minor
18 modifications made.

19 The Texas Rising Star guidelines address
20 the application, assessment and monitoring, assessment
21 and monitoring for nationally accredited facilities, TRS
22 minimum licensing requirements, Star level scoring and T
23 TRS measures.

24 The approved guidelines as well as the
25 child care rule revisions when finally adopted will be

1 used for the development of a comprehensive TRS guide
2 and TRS training for assessors and mentors.
3 Implementation of the new guidelines once approved will
4 begin in early March.

5 This concludes my presentation, and I'm
6 prepared to answer questions, if any.

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Appreciate all the
8 hard work.

9 Commissioner Congleton.

10 COMM. CONGLETON: Yeah, a tremendous
11 amount of hard work and thought had gone into this
12 project, and I want to send my thanks to the staff, the
13 advisory committee and all the folks who have
14 contributed and commented to make -- to help make this
15 happen.

16 I move that we approve the program
17 guidelines for the Texas Rising Star quality-based child
18 care rating system.

19 COMM. ANDRADE: And I echo Commissioner
20 Congleton's compliments and I second.

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

23 MS. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

24 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 9. Discussion,

1 consideration and possible action regarding adoption of
2 the rules relating to child care services previously
3 published for public comment in the Texas Register,
4 Patricia.

5 MS. GONZALEZ: Again, for the record,
6 Patricia Gonzalez, Workforce Development. For your
7 consideration today are final rules for Chapter 809
8 child care services.

9 Proposed rule changes to the Chapter 809
10 addressing structure and administration of the Texas
11 Rising Star program were approved by the Commission on
12 October 7th of 2014.

13 The approved proposed rules were published
14 in the Texas Register for a comment period ending on
15 November 24, 2014. Offices were briefed on the final
16 rules, including recommendations resulting from public
17 comment.

18 Proposed amendments to Chapter 809 include
19 incorporation of TRS requirements and certification
20 levels, qualifications of TRS assessors and mentors,
21 standards for assessing and monitoring TRS child care
22 facilities, eligibility and minimum licensing standards
23 for TRS providers, structure and adoption process for
24 TRS guidelines, reimbursement rates for TRS certified
25 providers, the process for reconsideration of facility

1 assessments.

2 If approved, final rules will be published
3 in the Texas Register on or about February 13th and
4 become effective February 16th.

5 That concludes my presentation.

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner
7 Congleton.

8 COMM. CONGLETON: I move that we approve
9 the amendments to Chapter 809 child care rules as
10 published with the discussed modifications and response
11 to public comment.

12 COMM. ANDRADE: And I second.

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's unanimous. Thank
14 you.

15 MS. GONZALEZ: Thank you, sir.

16 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

17 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 10. Discussion,
18 consideration and possible action regarding legislative
19 proposals to the 84th Legislature, Tom McCarty.

20 Do you have any updates on this one?

21 MR. McCARTY: Nothing on Item 10.

22 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 11. Discussion,
24 consideration and possible action regarding enacted,
25 proposed or considered federal or state legislation, Tom

1 McCarty.

2 MR. McCARTY: Good morning, Chairman
3 Alcantar, Commissioner Congleton and Commissioner
4 Andrade. Tom McCarty, External Relations.

5 We're watching three -- or four hearings
6 up at the congressional level this week. The first
7 one -- the first two are today. One started at 9:30
8 this morning, the U.S. House Budget Committee, which is
9 having a hearing on the Congressional Budget Office,
10 Budget and Economic Outlook, and then this afternoon --
11 this afternoon the U.S. Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on
12 Economic Opportunity will be reviewing the Transition
13 Assistance Program.

14 Then on Wednesday at 9:00 we have the
15 Senate Budget Committee will also have a hearing on the
16 Congressional Budget Office Economic Outlook, and then
17 on Thursday at 9:00 we'll have the U.S. Senate Health
18 Committee which will hold a hearing on employer wellness
19 programs and their effects on health and healthcare
20 costs.

21 Last week the Senate released their -- the
22 Lieutenant Governor released their Senate committee
23 appointments. So we have the Senate Committee on
24 Natural Resources and Economic Development which will be
25 chaired by Senator Fraser.

1 I did check with the committee this
2 morning and we have heard that that will most likely be
3 our oversight committee, and then we have the Senate
4 Committee on Business and Commerce which is chaired by
5 Senator Eltife.

6 The Senate Committee on Finance is chaired
7 by Senator Nelson. The Senate Committee on Nominations
8 is Senator Brian Birdwell. The Senate Committee on
9 Veterans Affairs and Military Installations is chaired
10 by Senator Donna Campbell.

11 The Senate Finance, we'll have a hearing
12 this week -- an organizational hearing -- to do some
13 housekeeping on that side of it. This morning I was
14 just checking, and we did find out that both the House
15 and Senate appropriation bills have been filed.

16 So I have Senate Bill 2 which is the
17 Senate version, and then we should see this week Speaker
18 Straus announce his committee assignments. That
19 concludes my remarks.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you for the
21 update, Tom.

22 MR. McCARTY: Thank you.

23 AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

24 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 12, report and
25 update by the Executive Director. Good morning, Larry.

1 What do you have for us?

2 MR. TEMPLE: (Mic off) Nothing,

3 Mr. Chairman.

4 AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Is there a motion to

6 adjourn this meeting?

7 COMM. CONGLETON: So made.

8 COMM. ANDRADE: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We're adjourned.

10 (Proceedings concluded at 11:03 a.m.)

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