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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015

3 (8:30 a.m.)

4 AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good afternoon,  
6 everyone. This 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 25.

19 The Commission considered and took action  
20 on all tax liability cases listed on Docket 25.

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  
25 25.

1                   The Commission considered and took action  
2 on all wage claim cases listed on Docket 25.

3                   AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

4                   Discussion, consideration and possible  
5 action regarding higher level appeals in unemployment  
6 compensation cases listed on the Texas Workforce  
7 Commission Docket 25.

8                   The Commission considered and took action  
9 on all unemployment compensation cases listed on Docket  
10 25.

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

13                   (Off the record: 8:30 a.m. to 8:54 a.m.)

14                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good morning,  
15 everyone.

16                   AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

17                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Mr. Jones, has anyone  
18 signed up for public comment?

19                   MR. JONES: Good morning. No public  
20 comment, Mr. Chairman.

21                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you, sir.

22                   AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

23                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 7. Discussion,  
24 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Fiscal Year  
25 2016 Itemized Operating Budget, Including Funding

1 Priorities and Performance Measures, Randy Townsend.

2 Good morning, Randy.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: Good morning, Chairman and  
4 Commissioners. For the record, Randy Townsend, Chief  
5 Financial Officer. Reagan Miller is also going to join  
6 us for this discussion.

7 We're presenting this morning the initial  
8 presentation of our 2016 itemized operating budget for  
9 the agency. A big part of that conversation or  
10 discussion would center around the statewide initiatives  
11 this morning.

12 So I thought it would be appropriate to  
13 have Reagan here joining me for that part of the  
14 conversation and discussion.

15 In your materials, Commissioners, I've  
16 laid out some summary schedules. I would just like to  
17 briefly present the highlights of that information.

18 We're still going to be working some on  
19 the 2016 budget. There's still a little work to do, but  
20 I think we have a good start. I wanted to highlight a  
21 few items for your consideration and a few observations  
22 this morning.

23 I've numbed the pages sequentially. I've  
24 got different schedule numbers for your reference, but  
25 I'll be starting with Page 1 of the document that's in

1 front of you.

2                   Schedule 1 is our method of finance  
3 summary. It breaks it down by the type of funding. As  
4 you know, Commissioners, it's pretty -- this is a pretty  
5 similar pattern for the agency.

6                   Out of the total of almost 1.2 billion for  
7 the agency's budget almost 143 million of that will be  
8 general revenue funding. That's a slight increase for  
9 the agency for 2016, mainly because we were fortunate to  
10 receive additional funding for our apprenticeship  
11 program to the tune of a million-and-a-half dollars.

12                   We also had a program transfer to the  
13 agency -- the JET program -- that will account for about  
14 five million in 2016, and then also the continuation of  
15 assistance with our -- for the salary increases for the  
16 agency staff, we have a rider that will cover a  
17 portion -- a pretty good-sized portion of that increase  
18 out of our general revenue funds.

19                   That will probably account for roughly two  
20 to two-and-a-half million dollars. So that will also be  
21 part of the explanation of the increase in general  
22 revenue funding.

23                   The budget largely, though, is still  
24 funded out of our federal funds -- almost a billion  
25 dollars honestly. About 988 million is what our

1 estimate is at this point. Of course a lot of that  
2 funding comes from child care, close to -- over 450  
3 million of that will come from child care.

4 Unemployment insurance is a big portion of  
5 our federal funds, to the tune of 125, 126 million. The  
6 TANF funds, the temporary assistance for needy families,  
7 93 million or so, and then our adult education,  
8 actually, is up there at 62 million.

9 Then we have a WIOA funding from  
10 employment services and then it will start dropping off  
11 from there. But all told, the federal funds account for  
12 almost 83 percent of the agency's overall budget, and  
13 that's a very similar pattern to the last couple of  
14 years.

15 What's also noteworthy, though, I thought,  
16 is that salaries are funded for 2016 at almost  
17 90 percent federal funds. That is down slightly from  
18 the 93 percent two years ago for 2014, and, again, a lot  
19 of that is the additional -- some of the additional  
20 funding we're receiving to cover some of the salary  
21 increases for the agency staff which is a good thing for  
22 the agency.

23 The grants represent -- are funded at  
24 almost 81 percent from federal funds, with general  
25 revenue at 13-and-a-half percent.

1                   So that's a quick overview of our method  
2 of finance, and then would point you to Page 2 that will  
3 give you a little bit of a breakdown in terms of our  
4 strategies for that \$1.2 billion budget for 2016.

5                   The noteworthy item on this page, I  
6 believe, is that on the 2016 FTEs at this point, where  
7 we are at this stage, we're looking at 2,929 full-time  
8 equivalents -- staffing.

9                   That would be -- at that number that would  
10 be over our FTE limit primarily because of two reasons.  
11 One is our claims load. I think you've heard this from  
12 me now for the last couple of three months in terms of  
13 our benefit payouts.

14                   Our unemployment insurance claims and then  
15 the corresponding appeals, the second item, we have not  
16 seen much of a decline or any decline in the last  
17 several months.

18                   In fact, that workload is continuing at  
19 similar levels the past couple of years. At this point,  
20 the recommendation would be to continue the staffing  
21 levels at what the levels are currently, which would put  
22 us about 45 or so FTEs over our current limit.

23                   There's a process that we -- actually,  
24 Mr. Temple would sign the letter and we can route it, of  
25 course, for your review, but we would notify the LBB,

1 the Governor's office and the State Auditor's office of  
2 that needed increase over the FTE limit.

3                   So there's a process that's laid out by  
4 the Legislature to address that situation, and that  
5 would be something we would do in the late August or  
6 early September time frame.

7                   Moving on to Schedule 3, which is on Page  
8 3, this is the last of the overall -- kind of the  
9 high-level schedules we have. This is a breakdown.  
10 It's a two-page document here, Page 3 and 4, that will  
11 show you the object of expense or the type of  
12 expenditures in this case, be it grants or salaries --  
13 that sort of thing.

14                   What's noteworthy on Page 3, I thought, is  
15 that grants continue to make up the vast majority of the  
16 agency's overall budget at roughly 82 percent for 2016.

17                   That compares to a very similar 82, 83  
18 percent level for the past two state fiscal years.  
19 Salaries are just under 11 percent of the agency's  
20 budget and then it drops off pretty significantly.

21                   Page 4 would give you additional details  
22 for the object of expense. For example, in professional  
23 fees, for that you would see the detail being made up of  
24 primarily of our data center for the information and  
25 technology portion of the support for the agency,

1 processing our claims, our appeals, our tax, running our  
2 WorkInTexas system and that sort of thing, and then  
3 there's still some information and technology related to  
4 our UI/IT improvement projects in there for '16 as well.

5                   Commissioners, unless you have any  
6 questions about those first three schedules I was ready  
7 to move into the statewide initiatives, and this is  
8 where Reagan will get a little bit more involved.

9                   The statewide initiative schedules are --

10                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioners, do you  
11 have any questions on that portion of the presentation?

12                   COMM. CONGLETON: I have no questions.

13                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right. Randy,  
14 keep going.

15                   MR. TOWNSEND: The last -- from Page 5 on  
16 through the last -- Page 11 is two different looks.  
17 There's a Schedule 4A that looks at our statewide  
18 initiative grants predominantly by funding.

19                   So on Page 5 you will see a Adult  
20 Education and the different -- and we use what some  
21 would refer to as TWC Track. It's just a way for our  
22 staff to keep up with the different initiatives that go  
23 on throughout the year and over the years as a way to  
24 try to keep that all accounted for properly and so you  
25 know where we stand at any point in time and our staff

1 knows where we stand at any point in time. We have  
2 child care, for example. In some cases, Commissioners,  
3 you approve an initiative that will actually be multiple  
4 funded.

5                   In those cases you can see that detail  
6 starting on Page 8. This is a look at the same  
7 information. It's just sorted a different way. It's  
8 sorted by what we -- you know, as I referenced the Track  
9 number. So each of those individual initiatives that  
10 you approve are given a number, and then we'll show the  
11 program funding in that case.

12                   In many cases you only have one funding  
13 source, but in a few it's multiple funded. Our Board  
14 awards would be an example of that. What we thought  
15 we'd do this morning -- and I believe your offices have  
16 all been briefed on this -- Reagan has a list of those  
17 initiatives where there's more of the changes from the  
18 past couple of years that we've been looking at and  
19 thought we'd go through that with you this morning.

20                   MS. MILLER: All right. Good morning,  
21 Commissioners. So each of these initiatives that we're  
22 proposing for next year has a one-pager, but we've  
23 pulled out the one-pagers, as Randy said, for those  
24 programs that have a change in funding amount from last  
25 year to the upcoming year, and so I wanted to walk

1 through those.

2                   You also have a two-page document that  
3 provides an overview of those that I'll be walking  
4 through. All of the other initiatives are included.  
5 And if you have questions we'd be happy to answer them  
6 about any of the initiatives.

7                   So let me start first with initiatives  
8 with modifications related to Adult Education and  
9 Literacy. The first one that we've highlighted is  
10 performance funding.

11                   These are funds that we award at the  
12 annual conference. You will see in this that we have a  
13 Fiscal Year '16 amount and a Fiscal Year '17 amount.  
14 This is the only initiative where we're actually noting  
15 an amount for '17; so two years away.

16                   For the upcoming year, for the conference  
17 this year, we're looking at 225,000 for the three  
18 categories that you previously approved. But going into  
19 '17 we're looking at adding two additional performance  
20 categories, one for high school equivalency test  
21 completion and one for meeting the federal core outcome  
22 measures.

23                   We're asking for your approval of this  
24 today of these funding amounts for the following year  
25 because we'd like to announce this to the AEL field so

1 they can begin working towards increasing their  
2 performance in these two new categories. Again, they  
3 would do this in the upcoming program year for  
4 announcement at the fall 2016 conference.

5 Do you have any questions about this?

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: On this one, this ties  
7 back to the adjustment from 4 percent to 2 percent on  
8 the performance-based funding.

9 MS. MILLER: That's correct. We did  
10 decrease the allocation amount, and as a result we've  
11 made recommendations to increase these performance  
12 incentive awards.

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: So we're still  
14 focusing on performance. We're just restructuring the  
15 way in which we award these bonuses --

16 MS. MILLER: That's correct. Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -- and more  
18 effectively get the money out to the local grantees?

19 MS. MILLER: Correct.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right.

21 Commissioner Congleton?

22 COMM. CONGLETON: Do we know what the  
23 total will be 2017?

24 MS. MILLER: In 2017 the total would be  
25 980,000.

1                   All right. The next initiative we wanted  
2 to highlight is a continuation of Workforce Integration  
3 Initiative.

4                   This year you approved \$240,000 to help  
5 support increased collaboration and coordination between  
6 the Adult Education System and our Workforce Boards.

7                   We've had regional meetings. In those  
8 meetings they're identifying strengths, weaknesses,  
9 opportunities, threats. They've got a strategic focus  
10 and an operational focus.

11                   We'd like to continue this going into next  
12 year by providing 30,000 to each workforce area to lead  
13 policy and procedural enhancement efforts to improve the  
14 integration of AEL and workforce.

15                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And, in essence, what  
16 we're doing there is -- what, Reagan -- we're funding a  
17 staff person's commitment to this effort at each of the  
18 Board's --

19                   MS. MILLER: That's correct. We'd be  
20 funding a staff person so they could devote their time  
21 to these efforts.

22                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right.

23                   MS. MILLER: The next project is  
24 Accelerate Texas. This is actually a continuation of a  
25 project that was multi-funded with a portion of AEL and

1 WIA.

2 We're suggesting that it be fully funded  
3 in the same amount with AEL given the new flexibility  
4 under the WIOA regulations, which now allow for AEL  
5 funds to be spent on career education types of  
6 activities.

7 So this would be the same total dollar  
8 amount; just 100 percent funded with AEL.

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Any questions? Okay.

10 MS. MILLER: Okay. The next one is a new  
11 initiative that we're proposing.

12 There's been recent federal guidance  
13 concerning Pell grant funding and a partial restoration  
14 of what's called "The Ability to Benefit Provision" for  
15 students to qualify for Pell grant funding.

16 Generally if an individual doesn't have a  
17 high school diploma they don't qualify to receive Pell  
18 grants. Under this guidance an individual without a  
19 high school diploma could qualify for Pell grant funding  
20 if they pass an approved Ability to Benefit test and as  
21 long as the program of study is linked to career  
22 enhancements.

23 So it has to be a blended program that's a  
24 career pathway program. What we'd like to do with this  
25 half a million dollars is help build the capacity of

1 community colleges to implement these new changes.

2 We think that there's a great deal of  
3 opportunity here particularly with our career pathway  
4 focus that we're doing with AEL.

5 This could lead to better opportunities to  
6 leverage Pell grant funding in AEL career pathway  
7 programs.

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yeah. This is a  
9 unique opportunity to really advance our efforts that  
10 involve the career pathway work, the recovery work with  
11 our high schools, the partnerships there, and even with  
12 Accelerate Texas. Great.

13 MS. MILLER: Okay. And finally our last  
14 new initiative for AEL is a proposal to develop a call  
15 center for students who are accessing distance learning  
16 types of AEL services and would allow them to, while  
17 they are receiving distance learning, actually talk to  
18 people on the phone when they need assistance, which we  
19 see primarily with mathematics instructions.

20 So it would be a support to those students  
21 who aren't necessarily in a classroom but need more  
22 one-on-one help with their studies.

23 We're proposing half a million dollars for  
24 this initiative.

25 COMM. ANDRADE: (Mic off) I have a

1 question. So, Reagan, so there will be trained  
2 instructors in mathematics that we'll be supporting?

3 MS. MILLER: Yes. We would need to find  
4 individuals who had the skills to be able to address  
5 particularly math questions.

6 COMM. ANDRADE: (Mic off) And they would  
7 have extended hours like for when they're using --

8 MS. MILLER: Precisely, yes.

9 COMM. ANDRADE: I'm excited about that.

10 MS. MILLER: Yeah, right. Okay. So  
11 moving on, the next initiative that has a modification  
12 is Professional Development for Early Childhood  
13 Education.

14 This is tied back to a rider that the  
15 Legislature has in our budget pattern. It's half a  
16 million dollars. Last year we split this funding and we  
17 used \$250,000 for an RFP for professional development  
18 scholarships and \$250,000 in partnership with DFPS to  
19 develop some online training.

20 At this point, DFPS is continuing to work  
21 on the development of that training. We don't believe  
22 that any additional funding is needed to support that.  
23 So we would propose that the full half a million dollars  
24 be dedicated to continue an RFP for professional  
25 development scholarships for early childhood

1 professionals.

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. Next one.

3 MS. MILLER: Okay. The next one that we  
4 have on here is the Red, White & You job fair. We're  
5 requesting a slight increase from 250,000 to 260,000 to  
6 support those local costs of that statewide job fair for  
7 Veterans.

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good.

9 MS. MILLER: All right. The following one  
10 is -- this is tied to what used to be labeled "Fast  
11 Start." Under the last legislative session there was a  
12 rider in Article IX that gave the Commission the  
13 flexibility to spend funds to support Fast Start.

14 This year we are proposing that the 1.275  
15 million from the ETIA fund again be dedicated to support  
16 Fast Start projects.

17 We would come back to you with specific  
18 recommendations on how these funds would be awarded, but  
19 we would recommend that this amount be dedicated in  
20 support of Fast Start initiatives.

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I would agree. I do  
22 want it -- clearly we need to restructure it in terms of  
23 the design and criteria, but I think we should move  
24 forward with this.

25 MS. MILLER: Thank you. The next one has

1 to do with the skills development funding that allows  
2 for up to 5 percent of skills development funds to  
3 support dual credit activities.

4 That amount is \$1,214,793. We're  
5 proposing that these funds do continue to be pulled out  
6 of skills development and support specifically of dual  
7 credit initiatives with the priority given to new career  
8 tech education early college high schools that include a  
9 paid internship component.

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Any questions?

11 COMM. ANDRADE: No.

12 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. Keep going.

13 MS. MILLER: All right. SNAP employment  
14 and training. This is our first ever SNAP employment  
15 and training statewide initiative.

16 We've been fortunate to draw down some  
17 additional funding, and we think looking at this we can  
18 dedicate \$250,000 of the SNAP E&T funding to provide a  
19 few Boards with an opportunity to create better linkages  
20 with food banks in their local regions to do some  
21 additional outreach to food banks to make sure that  
22 individuals accessing food banks are aware of the  
23 resources that are available at the workforce system and  
24 to the extent they can assist those people in becoming  
25 employed.

1                   We would need to come back to you on  
2 exactly how those funds could be distributed or  
3 competitively procured, but we're recommending that  
4 250,000 be set aside for an initiative like this.

5                   COMM. CONGLETON: So we're going to pay  
6 food banks to send the people to us.

7                   MS. MILLER: We're going to hire -- we're  
8 going to generally pay for the staff that would reach  
9 out to the food banks to educate -- they're customers --  
10 the people who are accessing food banks about the  
11 availability of workforce services and if they're  
12 eligible for SNAP we could certainly create the link to  
13 SNAP as well.

14                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: A number of these food  
15 banks, Commissioner, have been reaching out to our local  
16 Boards; in particular, the one in San Antonio has  
17 worked -- reached out and has been working and has  
18 expressed an interest while they have these individuals  
19 that they're serving to enhance their ability to provide  
20 them with -- with services that will result in  
21 self-sufficiency; in particular, they are focused and  
22 interested in doing what they can to create linkages to  
23 employment services.

24                   I think this is a unique opportunity for  
25 us to see how we can reinforce that interest and support

1 it in terms of what they're thinking of.

2 So I think staff will be working with  
3 representatives from these local food banks to see what  
4 sort of design makes sense and then make a  
5 recommendation in how we structure this investment.

6 COMM. ANDRADE: I agree. I think it's  
7 exciting. I certainly believe this is a good  
8 partnership and one that will enable us to make more  
9 people aware of our services.

10 So, you know, I'm always a firm believer  
11 in partnerships. So this is a good one. Thank you.

12 MS. MILLER: Thank you. The next  
13 initiative we have, we're now falling under the  
14 Workforce Investment Act initiatives.

15 The first is College Credit for Heroes.  
16 We're recommending an increase from 800,000 to 1.4  
17 million, and in that, to the extent possible, through a  
18 competitive RFP we're recommending that half of this 1.4  
19 million be dedicated to support universities who want to  
20 participate in College Credit for Heroes and half for  
21 community colleges who want to participate.

22 We've seen several university systems who  
23 have expressed an interest in this type of partnership  
24 and we believe that splitting these funds would allow  
25 for both of these universities and community colleges to

1 participate in the program.

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Any comments?

3 COMM. ANDRADE: No.

4 MS. MILLER: The next information is --

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Reagan, on that, if  
6 when we do the RFPs, if one overbids and the other one  
7 underbids -- in other words, of colleges -- the  
8 community colleges put in more than what the  
9 universities and the universities don't qualify for the  
10 full amount, then we can shift it back and forth.

11 MS. MILLER: That's correct.

12 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

13 MS. MILLER: The next initiative is the  
14 Teacher Externship program. Last year you initially  
15 dedicated half a million to this initiative. We came  
16 back and requested an additional 58,000 for proposals  
17 that we received.

18 Going into next year we'd like to suggest  
19 increasing this to 600,000, to support this at a higher  
20 level.

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Andrade.

22 COMM. ANDRADE: Thank you. I have to tell  
23 you that the feedback that I had been receiving is that  
24 the teachers were -- I mean, it was just a real eye  
25 opener, and they were quite excited about being in some

1 of these. Thank you so much.

2 MS. MILLER: And, finally, we have our  
3 youth career fairs. We're suggesting that the amount  
4 increase from 700,000 to 980,000, and that would be  
5 35,000 per workforce area.

6 With that, those are the changes. You  
7 have one-pagers that I don't need to necessarily go  
8 through, but they outline continuation funding for  
9 existing projects that would remain at the same level  
10 going into next year.

11 If you would like I can highlight those or  
12 if you've been briefed then we can skip that at the  
13 moment.

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yeah, let's skip it at  
15 the moment, and we can always come back to those if we  
16 need to.

17 Does that conclude your remarks, Randy?  
18 Is there any additional things you want to highlight?

19 MR. TOWNSEND: I have a few items to wrap  
20 up, just a --

21 COMM. ANDRADE: Mr. Chairman, are we still  
22 with statewide initiatives?

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yes.

24 COMM. ANDRADE: Okay. I've got a couple  
25 of recommendations, but go ahead.

1                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Let's go ahead and get  
2 to those.

3                   COMM. ANDRADE: All right. Well,  
4 Mr. Chairman and Commissioner Congleton, I respectfully  
5 request that you consider two additional initiatives to  
6 be included.

7                   In our statewide initiatives, the first  
8 one is the Texas Wide Open for Veterans that you  
9 consider a 2016 request of \$100,000. As you know in  
10 May of 2014 the Commission approved funding to develop  
11 an online platform for recruiting Veterans to the state  
12 by showcasing the jobs and educational opportunities  
13 available to our Veterans in Texas.

14                   In the upcoming year enhancements and  
15 additions need to be added to the website. So  
16 additional funding will help serve and outreach more  
17 employers seeking to hire Veterans and help Veterans  
18 learn where the high-demand jobs are in this great state  
19 of the Texas.

20                   So I've got a handout that I would like  
21 for you-all to consider for inclusion in the future.  
22 Staff, I've got some handouts for you-all, too.

23                   The second initiative --

24                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Let me just in -- I  
25 agree that the response has been positive for this. I'm

1 very supportive of this. Commissioner, do you have any  
2 questions on this?

3                   COMM. CONGLETON: I'll support it.

4                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

5                   COMM. ANDRADE: Thank you so much. The  
6 second initiative that I ask for your consideration is  
7 rapid response support services for employers.

8                   As you know passed in the 85th Legislature  
9 is House Bill 1, Rider 46 that allows up to \$5 million  
10 each fiscal year to provide grants to public junior  
11 colleges, public and technical colleges to develop  
12 customized training programs specific to business needs,  
13 training equipment that leads to certification  
14 employment, fast track curriculum development,  
15 instructor certification and rapid response workforce  
16 development service support for growing or recruiting  
17 businesses to a rural or urban community.

18                   So I hope that the Commission considers  
19 dedication of a portion of Rider 46 funds specifically  
20 to support rapid response services for growing or  
21 recruiting businesses, and I also have some handouts.

22                   As you know, this great state of Texas  
23 needs to remain competitive, our employers keep creating  
24 jobs, that we keep trying to recruit more businesses to  
25 create jobs in Texas so that we can make sure that every

1 Texan has an opportunity in our great state.

2                   So I hope that you consider one more tool  
3 in our workforce tool box to be available for  
4 communities, especially those in the rural and urban  
5 communities and to support, of course, as you know, the  
6 great job that our public junior colleges already do.  
7 Thank you.

8                   MR. TOWNSEND: Commissioner Andrade, could  
9 I just make sure I'm clear? As far as your request,  
10 these are annual amounts you're talking about, the  
11 100,000 and --

12                   COMM. ANDRADE: Yes. Uh-huh.

13                   MR. TOWNSEND: Thank you.

14                   COMM. ANDRADE: Thank you.

15                   MS. MILLER: All right. I guess, Randy,  
16 you'll highlight the next steps. We're not taking --

17                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Well, let's -- in  
18 terms of rapid response, do you have any comments,  
19 Commissioner?

20                   COMM. CONGLETON: I'm going to need time  
21 to look at that one.

22                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. Generally,  
23 Commissioner, I will be supportive of using the  
24 flexibility embedded in this rider to make sure that as  
25 you have so eloquently stated and highlighted the need

1 for us to continue to be innovative to respond in a way  
2 that allows us to give competitive edge to our different  
3 communities and different regions, and I will work to  
4 see what we can do there.

5 COMM. ANDRADE: Thank you very much.

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you.

7 MR. TOWNSEND: Commissioners, just to wrap  
8 up, I had a few final observations I just wanted to  
9 share with you.

10 In terms of the budget materials we put  
11 together so far, one of the items of course that's  
12 facing us in Fiscal '17 is the transition of the  
13 vocational rehabilitation program.

14 Of course, that transition from our  
15 standpoint will need to start before then. So in Fiscal  
16 '16 we anticipate we will have some costs associated  
17 with that transition. At this point it's not clear  
18 exactly how much that could add up to.

19 That is not reflected in the current  
20 budget materials. I just wanted to highlight that. I'm  
21 not sure honestly if we can get that firmed up in the  
22 next 30 days before we probably would need to have it  
23 adopted.

24 So it probably would be something we would  
25 need to amend in a later budget discussion. We think at

1 this point some of the eligible funding from our  
2 standpoint if we had to use some of our internal  
3 resources I think would be some of our WIOA transition  
4 funds of which we've had some flexibility provided from  
5 the Department of Labor in that regard, for example,  
6 allowing us to use some of our rapid response balances,  
7 using some of our -- I think they have an additional  
8 grant that will make available to states, and Texas will  
9 be in line for some of that funding -- not a great deal  
10 of money, but some.

11                   So there might be some additional  
12 flexibility there and we'll just have to look at some of  
13 the other options that we might have in terms of some of  
14 our state funds, general revenue funds. Of course,  
15 typically you'd be talking about skills if that's a  
16 possibility, but there's nothing been lined out in the  
17 budget materials this morning that would reflect any of  
18 that added cost.

19                   I just wanted to make sure that was --  
20 that you were aware of that fact.

21                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I appreciate it,  
22 Randy, you highlighting it. And you're right; let's  
23 wait till we get some better numbers and we'll respond  
24 accordingly then.

25                   MR. TOWNSEND: The other couple of items I

1 wanted to mention is -- and I didn't really get into the  
2 details of this part. In the statewide initiative  
3 documents you had, there was balances identified in  
4 there as far as what we refer to as Commission reserves.  
5 So those would reflect what Reagan went over.

6                   A lot of those were taken into account in  
7 terms of the draft documents, leaving the balance.  
8 We're still going through, taking a look at our final  
9 numbers from the past couple of years. Those involve  
10 some estimates still at this point, and, honestly, will  
11 continue to involve some estimates until the contracts  
12 are finally closed out.

13                   So we're trying to put to you the best  
14 estimate we have as far as the balances that you have to  
15 work with in, say, WIOA, child care, the TANF and that  
16 sort of thing. We'll continue to refine those as we  
17 bring those budget materials over the next few -- you  
18 know, couple of weeks or so for your consideration.

19                   The other item -- you know, we've talked  
20 about this in prior budget discussions with each of you,  
21 and that is, particularly our unemployment insurance  
22 grant and our employment services grant.

23                   We've been able to push off into the  
24 future working off of some balances that have built up  
25 over the last few years. We'll take a look and see

1 where we stand at this point. It looks like the way we  
2 are going to end the current fiscal year is with some  
3 balances coming back to us on the -- we didn't have to  
4 spend as much as we thought we would.

5                   For example, the unemployment insurance,  
6 we've done some funding adjustments where we could for  
7 employment services to put off as long as we could; you  
8 know, any reductions in staffing.

9                   For example, we've multi-funded where we  
10 could with our TANF grant for the noncustodial cost  
11 allocation that we use on that as an example. So we'll  
12 take a look at those balances as well.

13                   It looks like we've made some progress --  
14 not really progress, but we're able to push off a little  
15 bit longer, although unless something changes we would  
16 be looking at some pretty significant reductions.

17                   Just as an example, the unemployment  
18 insurance grant in the current budget we're spending  
19 roughly 150 million a year. The grant currently is 125.  
20 Obviously, without a change in something there, that  
21 would not be something we could continue into the future  
22 very long.

23                   But, fortunately, we have some sufficient  
24 balances that allow us to make the next couple of years  
25 possible, and then as the economy -- I mean, it's not

1 quite as strong as we would like it to be at this point,  
2 we think we might be in line for some above-based  
3 funding, but then that's always subject to calculations  
4 done by the Department of Labor.

5                   So to this point we haven't really built  
6 in any estimates for that. That's a possibility,  
7 although I don't think a great deal of money would be  
8 coming our way.

9                   The final thing I'll mention as we move  
10 into the next month of finalizing the budget -- and,  
11 Commissioner Andrade, I hate you won't be here to be a  
12 part of that, but we certainly appreciate you sitting  
13 through this with us this morning.

14                   We'll need to finalize allocations for the  
15 Boards. So hopefully having that done in July will give  
16 them at least 60 days before the child care, the TANF,  
17 the employment services, allocations start in October  
18 and so they know where they stand on the -- they have  
19 planning estimates, but to finalize those allocations.

20                   So those are the next steps. We'll be  
21 dealing with that in July. There's a couple of dates in  
22 there we'll be looking at, but hoping to wrap this  
23 process up at the end of July, and then we know as we  
24 already talked about need to possibly amend some --  
25 going forward some of the things facing us in the

1 future. That concludes my presentation. If you have  
2 questions or comments...

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner  
4 Congleton, any questions? Commissioner Andrade, any  
5 questions?

6 COMM. ANDRADE: No. Thank you, Randy, for  
7 the great job that you've done on this and certainly for  
8 spending time and helping me understand it.

9 I'd just ask that we not forget the  
10 employer. You know, when we look at our statewide  
11 initiatives, they provide great services and they make  
12 us all feel so good, but without the employer knowing  
13 that we're here to support them, that we want them to  
14 continue creating jobs, that we want them to continue  
15 investing in Texas, we must show that.

16 So, you know, if they don't -- we don't  
17 have the jobs, all the training in the training in the  
18 world is not going to help us, and they're the ones that  
19 contribute.

20 You know, Texas has been blessed to be the  
21 leader in the country. In order for us to do that, it's  
22 the private sector that creates the jobs. If we don't  
23 support the private sector and we don't support our  
24 employers, the job creation will stop.

25 So as I leave I hope my spirit remains

1 with that message --

2 (Laughter)

3 COMM. ANDRADE: -- for those of you is  
4 that, you know, every time that I delivered a skills  
5 fund grant, the reason that we were there in person was,  
6 of course, to always thank the employer for investing in  
7 Texas, for believing in Texas, for creating jobs in  
8 Texas and I'd always say, "You invest in Texas; we're  
9 here to invest with you."

10 And so thank you-all for the great job  
11 that you do. I believe that we're unique in the  
12 services that we offer. We're an amazing agency. I  
13 have to tell you, Larry, that you and your team should  
14 be very, very proud of the work that you do because we  
15 actually impact people's lives every day.

16 I truly believe that this is one of the  
17 most important services that we provide in the state of  
18 Texas, because, you know, on one hand our employers  
19 certainly help this economic stage in our state, but  
20 it's the people's lives that we affect on a daily basis,  
21 and all the performance measures in the world are not as  
22 important as the fact that we affect -- we improve  
23 people's quality of life and we give them opportunities  
24 that they haven't had before.

25 So thank you for the amazing job that you

1 and your team do, and I've been very, very proud to be  
2 part of this Texas Workforce family.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: Thank you, Commissioner.  
4 Thank you, Commissioners.

5 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 8, discussion,  
7 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Board  
8 Contract Year 2016 Local Board Targets.

9 Good morning.

10 MR. JOHNSON: Good morning, Commissioners,  
11 Mr. Temple. For the record, David Johnson with  
12 Operational Insight.

13 Tab 8 covers the BCY 2016 Board targets  
14 for the common measures. Later in the summer we'll be  
15 coming back to the Commission with the remainder of the  
16 targets for your review and approval.

17 Because BCY16 represents a somewhat  
18 transitional year, due to the work that will need to be  
19 done to implement changes in the performance  
20 accountability system for WIOA, staff developed target  
21 recommendations largely consistent with those from  
22 BCY15; the key change being in the development of the  
23 staff-guided entered employment rate targets.

24 Those targets were previously set using  
25 the ratio of REA, Reemployment Eligibility Assessment,

1 customers to non-REA customers because these long-term  
2 unemployed people tended to have lower entered  
3 employment rates.

4                   Since recent analysis has shown that REA  
5 customers are now entering employment at largely the  
6 same rate as non-REA customers, the REA to non-REA ratio  
7 is no longer relevant to target setting. So a new  
8 methodology was developed and reviewed with your  
9 offices.

10                   Concerning the educational achievement  
11 measure I'd like to reiterate that we're asking that you  
12 approve the methodology now and that we be given the  
13 authority to rebalance the targets based on the final  
14 youth to non-youth case mix once that data is available,  
15 just as we did last year.

16                   The last thing to note is that we've made  
17 one correction since the briefings last week. Northeast  
18 Texas' staff-guided entered employment rate incorrectly  
19 showed Dallas' peak performance instead of Northeast's  
20 which resulted in the wrong target being recommended in  
21 the original draft.

22                   The correct target for Northeast is  
23 80 percent, and we've notified them of the typo. We  
24 held a conference with Boards to discuss target setting  
25 and we've also reached out to the four Boards with

1 alternate youth targets. None of the Boards raised any  
2 concerns in either on the forums.

3 That concludes my remarks. I'm happy to  
4 answer any questions you have.

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you, David.  
6 Commissioner Congleton.

7 COMM. CONGLETON: I move that we approve  
8 the staff-recommended performance measures of Board  
9 Contract Year 2016; in addition, staff is authorized to  
10 rebalance the targets of educational achievement as  
11 discussed upon final analysis of the case mix.

12 COMM. ANDRADE: And I second.

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's unanimous.

14 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: David, do we have an  
16 update on No. 9, discussion, consideration and possible  
17 negotiation on DOL 2000 (sic) measures?

18 MR. JOHNSON: No, sir.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you.

20 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

21 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 10, discussion,  
22 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding  
23 Implementation of WIOA. We have no update or do we?  
24 No, we don't.

25

1 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 11. Discussion,  
3 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Local  
4 Innovation Partnership Grants to Support a Workforce  
5 Prepared for High-Demand Occupations, Laurie Biscoe.

6 Good morning, Laurie.

7 MS. BISCOE: Good morning, Mr. Chairman  
8 and Commissioners. Again, Laurie Biscoe, Workforce  
9 Division.

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Laurie, Laurie,  
11 Laurie.

12 (Laughter)

13 MS. BISCOE: We're here to work.

14 (Laughter)

15 MS. BISCOE: This morning staff is  
16 recommending a distribution of Workforce Innovation and  
17 Opportunity Act statewide funding the Boards to be used  
18 for the development of programs to support employer  
19 needs for a skilled workforce.

20 Boards are well positioned to understand  
21 local and regional workforce demands for skills and  
22 education. Through partnerships with educational  
23 entities employers and other stakeholders Boards can  
24 determine where skills gaps exist and can develop  
25 initiatives to meet those skills gaps.

1                   Staff is recommending that \$1.5 million be  
2 distributed to Boards, with 25 percent being distributed  
3 based on an equal base amount, and the remaining 75  
4 percent being distributed based on each board's  
5 proportionate share of the WIOA dislocated worker  
6 allocated funding for PY2015, FY2016.

7                   The funding, if approved, will be required  
8 to be used to collaborate with local employers,  
9 educators and other stakeholders to develop initiatives  
10 for training and education, including incumbent working  
11 training, and other initiatives that help to ensure  
12 individuals and local workforce areas have the right  
13 skills for occupations and high demand.

14                   I will be glad to answer any questions  
15 about this initiative and recommendation.

16                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Any questions,  
17 Commissioners? Commissioner Congleton.

18                   COMM. CONGLETON: I move we move forward  
19 with the "right skilling" initiative as described by  
20 staff and set aside 1.5 million in WIOA statewide funds  
21 for this purpose.

22                   COMM. ANDRADE: And I second it.

23                   MS. BISCOE: Thank you.

24                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's unanimous, and I  
25 know that our local Boards are deeply involved in

1 building these partnerships, and this really helps them  
2 leverage some of those projects that they're working on.

3 AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

4 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 12. Discussion,  
5 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Deob and  
6 Reallocation of Board-Allocated Child Care Funds,  
7 Courtney Arbour.

8 Good morning, Courtney.

9 MS. ARBOUR: Good morning, Chairman,  
10 Commissioners, Mr. Temple. Courtney Arbour, Workforce  
11 Division.

12 As discussed in our recent briefings, we  
13 are requesting today that the Commission accept the  
14 deobligation of BCY15 child care formula grant funds for  
15 Deep East Board totaling \$200,000, BCY15 child care  
16 quality grant funds totaling \$4,082 and also accept the  
17 decrease in the Board's performance measure target to  
18 1,549.

19 In addition, we request acceptance of the  
20 corresponding reallocation and target increase for Gulf  
21 Coast as noted under Tab 12 of your notebook.

22 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner  
23 Congleton.

24 COMM. CONGLETON: I move that we  
25 deobligate 200,000 in child care funds and 4,082 in

1 child care quality funds for Deep East Texas for Board  
2 Contract Year 2015 with the corresponding reduction in  
3 targets.

4 Furthermore, I move that we reallocate  
5 those funds to Gulf Coast with a corresponding increase  
6 in their targets as discussed by staff.

7 COMM. ANDRADE: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's unanimous. Thank  
9 you, Courtney.

10 We have no local Board nominees this  
11 morning.

12 AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 14, discussion,  
14 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Federal or  
15 State Proposed Legislation.

16 Michael, do we have an update on this?

17 MR. BRITT: Yes, sir.

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Great. Michael Britt.

19 MR. BRITT: Good morning, Chairman and  
20 Commissioners. Michael Britt, Governmental Relations.

21 I wanted to provide you with a quick  
22 update on legislation signed into law by Governor  
23 Abbott. As you know, this past Sunday was the deadline  
24 for him to sign to legislation. Included in the  
25 legislation that he signed into law was House Bill 1,

1 the General Appropriations Act which will become  
2 effective on September 1, 2015. Also the Governor  
3 signed Senate Bill 208, which is TWC's Sunset bill.

4 The bill itself becomes effective on  
5 September 1, 2015; however, certain -- as you know,  
6 certain provisions in the bill will become effective  
7 after that date as specified by the bill.

8 Also the Governor has signed into law  
9 three of TWC's legislative initiatives. The Governor  
10 signed House Bill 1657 by Representative Vo, which is  
11 TWC's legislative initiative related to the surplus  
12 credit rate.

13 That bill became effective on June 16,  
14 2015.

15 The Governor also signed House Bill 2732  
16 by Representative Metcalf which is TWC's legislative  
17 initiative related to the Treasury Offset program, and  
18 that bill will become effective on September 1st, and  
19 finally the Governor signed House Bill 3685 by  
20 Representative "Doc" Anderson, and that is TWC's  
21 legislative proposal related to the Rehabilitative  
22 Service Employment Exception.

23 That bill becomes effective on January 1  
24 of 2016. That concludes my remarks. I'll be happy to  
25 answer any questions.

1                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioners, any  
2 questions?

3                   Thank you for the update, Michael.

4                   AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

5                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 15, Report and  
6 Update by the Executive Director. Larry, what do you  
7 you have for us this morning?

8                   MR. TEMPLE: Clay Cole is going to give us  
9 an update on the DUA, the disaster areas, and Reagan can  
10 give an update on the NEGs.

11                  MR. COLE: Good morning, Commissioners.  
12 For the record, Clay Cole, Unemployment Insurance  
13 Support Services.

14                  As of 7:00 a.m. this morning we've taken a  
15 total of 745 disaster-related claims. 87 of those are  
16 actually disaster unemployment assistance claims. 658  
17 are the regular disaster impacted claims from all  
18 counties.

19                  FEMA ended the incident period for  
20 Disaster 4223 as of June 19, 2015 which will allow for  
21 the inclusion of any flooding associated with Tropical  
22 Storm Bill.

23                  June 17th there were seven additional  
24 counties that were added to include Cooke, Dallas,  
25 Fannin, Grayson, Liberty, Nueces and Walker Counties.

1 So right now there's 30 total counties that are eligible  
2 for individual assistance, which includes disaster  
3 unemployment assistance, and our UI field specialists  
4 continue to be very busy visiting all the declared  
5 counties, meeting with FEMA, county officials, local  
6 workforce solution officer managers and distributing DUA  
7 materials.

8 That concludes my report at this time. Do  
9 you-all have any questions?

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Do we have any  
11 questions?

12 COMM. CONGLETON: I have no questions.

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Clay, why don't you  
14 stay up there. LaSha, could you join us real quick?  
15 I'm sorry. I don't mean to make you --

16 MS. LENZY: Yes, sir.

17 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Back in December we  
18 visited on the trend in terms of cases and your  
19 processing of some of those.

20 Could you give me an update in terms of  
21 where we were and what's transpired since?

22 MS. LENZY: On our appeal cases?

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Yes, ma'am.

24 MS. LENZY: Yes, sir. Really it's kind of  
25 two-fold. So I'll include lower authority appeals as

1 well as higher authority appeals. It's good news.

2                   We've had struggles over the past year or  
3 so as staff has declined and, as Randy said earlier, the  
4 workload has not declined, and we had some struggles in  
5 appeals with getting our cases set.

6                   We were somewhere around -- it would take  
7 seven or eight weeks to get a hearing set. Currently  
8 we've been able to bring that down -- thank you, lower  
9 authority appeals -- down to around three to  
10 three-and-a-half weeks.

11                   What that means is, is when you can get a  
12 hearing set within that short of a time period it helps  
13 both parties. Obviously, it helps our claimant  
14 population, because those who are getting their  
15 decisions reversed are getting that money sooner rather  
16 than waiting six to eight weeks to even get the hearing.

17                   If you can have it done in three weeks,  
18 then we're going to get that money out to you sooner.  
19 In the reverse, of course, there are hearings that go  
20 the other way in favor of the employer.

21                   In that case, we're at least stopping the  
22 overpayment from continuing and getting larger so that  
23 we're not putting such a burden on the claimants or on  
24 the employer's account, whether they're reimbursing or  
25 experience rated.

1                   So we're stopping that bleeding, I guess,  
2 earlier. So if you can do that continuously over a  
3 year's time, the math says that you can have a savings  
4 of a little over \$10.2 million to our trust fund just by  
5 cutting off those unnecessary overpayments.

6                   And then, as you know, it flows on up to  
7 higher authority appeals. We've had this issue that  
8 we've brought to you-all previously about cases that we  
9 were holding for criminal holds or different things like  
10 that and you-all were very supportive in getting that  
11 eliminated from us, but we had had a lot of turnover in  
12 the department and we had been short staffed and a  
13 variety of things -- holidays and closures for weather  
14 and what have you.

15                   So we had done a rapid process improvement  
16 on that process of -- we call it "case aging." It's how  
17 long your cases sit there before they are touched, but  
18 case aging is the name of it. So we've been able to  
19 shrink that number.

20                   We were up close to a 60-day mark. Around  
21 58 days, I believe, is what it was. The DOL standard is  
22 40 days. Our internal standard, of course, is even  
23 better than that.

24                   We want to beat that all times. So coming  
25 down from that 58 days, we've currently been able to get

1 it down to 36 days, and I really want to thank you-all  
2 for your support of that area --

3 MR. TEMPLE: And that volume is still  
4 steady. So it's not --

5 MS. LENZY: The volume is still steady as  
6 you-all know. You-all get to see that intimately every  
7 week.

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Well, LaSha, I wanted  
9 you to share that because I merely wanted to say, "Thank  
10 you."

11 MS. LENZY: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you for -- and  
13 the team for all your hard work and finding ways to get  
14 it done, notwithstanding the issues in terms of staffing  
15 changes and workload.

16 It only goes to highlight what Randy was  
17 sharing with us earlier, our ability to manage  
18 effectively our programs and to push off the dislocation  
19 of some of our employees because we're able to find ways  
20 to sustain our levels of employment.

21 It really does make a big difference for  
22 the people that we serve. So keep up the great work.  
23 Thank you.

24 (Applause)

25 MS. LENZY: It does. Thank you very much.



1 million.

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you, Reagan.

3 Larry, you have one more?

4 MR. TEMPLE: Yes. Brad Ward received the  
5 UI Integrity award from UWC last week at their  
6 conference, and if we could I'd like to get him up and  
7 we could get a picture with Brad afterwards.

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: That would be great.

9 MR. TEMPLE: Okay. And Paul Carmona  
10 nominated him. Paul, can you step up?

11 That's all we have.

12 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Well, let's go ahead  
13 and do our picture before we go into Executive Session.

14 MR. TEMPLE: Okay.

15 (Applause)

16 (Photographs taken)

17 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you for the  
18 update, Larry.

19 AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Let's see here. The  
21 Commissioners will be going into Executive Session  
22 pursuant to Government Code 551.071(1) to discuss  
23 pending litigation regarding Wichita County, Texas  
24 versus TWC.

25 (Recess: 9:44 a.m. to 9:52 a.m.)

1 RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's 9:52 and we are  
3 back in session.

4 Commissioner Congleton, do you have a  
5 motion?

6 COMM. CONGLETON: In the case of Wichita  
7 County, Texas versus TWC and Julia White I move to  
8 appeal.

9 COMM. ANDRADE: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's unanimous.

11 AGENDA ITEM NO. 18

12 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Do we have a motion to  
13 adjourn?

14 COMM. CONGLETON: So made.

15 (Pause)

16 COMM. ANDRADE: I'm thinking about it.

17 (Laughter)

18 COMM. ANDRADE: I second that we adjourn  
19 my final Commission meeting.

20 (Laughter)

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

23 Have a good day.

24 (Applause)

25 (Proceedings concluded at 9:53 a.m.)

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