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BEFORE THE
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION
AUSTIN, TEXAS

PUBLIC MEETING)
FOR THE TEXAS)
WORKFORCE COMMISSION)

COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT at 1:00 p.m. on
Tuesday, the 19th day of January, 2016, the above-entitled
matter came on for hearing at the Texas Workforce
Commission, TWC Building, 101 East 15th Street, Room 244,
Austin, Texas, before ANDRES ALCANTAR, Chairman; RUTH R.
HUGHS, Commissioner

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2015

(1:00 p.m.)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good afternoon. This meeting will now be called to order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We have no cases of continuing jurisdiction under Agenda Item 2.

AGENDA ITEM NOS. 3, 4, 5 and 6

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -Brings us to Agenda Items 3, 4, 5 and 6. I move to have Agenda Items 3, 4, 5 and 6 continued until the next scheduled Commission Meeting.

COMM. HUGHS: I second the motion.

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: That brings us to Agenda Item 7, Public Comment. Jewell, has anyone signed up for public comment?

MS. PATRICIO: No, sir.

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you. There is no public comment.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 8. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Child Care.

1 There -- there -- we're deferring on that item.

2 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 9. Discussion,
4 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Comments for
5 Submission in Response to the December 23, 2015 WIOA State
6 Plan Information Collection Request to the Office of
7 Information and Regulatory Affairs, Jason. Good afternoon,
8 Jason.

9 MR. VADEN: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
10 On December 23, 2015, the U.S. Departments of Labor and
11 Education through the Office of Management and Budget issued
12 an information planning request regarding required WIOA
13 planning elements for a 30-day public comment period.

14 Staff have identified a few issues in the
15 information collection request and have developed comments
16 for the response, including a request that States have the
17 latitude to organize and structure the layout in the format
18 of their plans within the major content areas described in
19 the plan guidance, disagreement with the proposed
20 requirement that States submit their plans through a web-
21 based portal, general support of the proposal to identify
22 some measures as baseline measures conditioned upon the
23 premise that pre-WIOA measures will not be extended into
24 Program Year 2016 and '17, and then finally disagreement
25 with the proposal that the credential attainment rate and

1 measurable skills gains measures not be treated as baseline
2 measures for Program Year 2016 and '17, specifically for the
3 Title IV Vocational Rehabilitation Program, due to the fact
4 that the departments have not provided information that
5 explains how States could use that -- that historical
6 vocational rehabilitation data to propose reasonable
7 targets.

8 This afternoon staff recommends approval of
9 the comments to be submitted to the Office of Information
10 and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and
11 Budget in response to the information planning request. And
12 I'll be happy to answer any questions.

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs?

14 COMM. HUGHS: For my own clarification, I'm
15 just trying to understand on the web-based portal if it's
16 the fact that you have to input information in rigid
17 sections that we're opposed to, or that you have to put
18 information together piecemeal as opposed to one plan and
19 then break it up into sections if required for the web
20 portal.

21 MR. VADEN: Sure.

22 COMM. HUGHS: That part's not clear to me.

23 MR. VADEN: I think it's really a combination
24 of both. We -- we don't want to be held to the -- the --
25 the rigid structure. We'll -- we'll -- we'll certainly be

1 able to ut -- utilize that -- that portal structure if
2 necessary.

3 Typically, the way that we've structured the
4 plans in the past, we've taken the planning guidance that's
5 been issued and we've worked to put together a -- a cohesive
6 document that -- that -- that anyone off the street could
7 pick up and -- and easily understand. Our concern is that
8 by chunking those -- those pieces out, we -- we wouldn't
9 have a plan that would be easy to follow for -- for someone
10 out -- out in the general public.

11 COMM. HUGHS: Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Does that answer your
13 questions, Commissioner?

14 COMM. HUGHS: It does.

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Do you have any other
16 questions or comments?

17 COMM. HUGHS: Well, I'm -- I'm wondering, it
18 does seem like more operational and I was -- wasn't sure
19 about who's signing the letter and --

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: This is a pretty --

21 COMM. HUGHS: -- I'm open by the way --

22 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: -- technical document.

23 Are you suggesting that staff be authorized to submit this?

24 COMM. HUGHS: Possibly.

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And to submit it under

1 the Executive Director's signature?

2 COMM. HUGHS: Right. Although I'm willing to
3 be persuaded if there's a reason we should do it otherwise
4 but --

5 MR. TEMPLE: No problem.

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: That -- that -- that
7 would be fine.

8 COMM. HUGHS: Okay.

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: So, you know, the -- the
10 vote is to go ahead and submit, make any necessary technical
11 revisions and send it out under your signature, Larry.

12 COMM. HUGHS: Okay.

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Is there a second?

14 MR. TEMPLE: Commissioner Hughs, a little
15 background? When we were first briefed by DOL about WIOA,
16 their instructions to us was now don't take all of these
17 separate plans and just staple them all together. We want a
18 one cohesive plan, comprehensive plan. And exactly what
19 they said we weren't going to do is what they're requiring
20 us to do.

21 COMM. HUGHS: Right.

22 MR. TEMPLE: So --

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay.

24 COMM. HUGHS: And I think to that end, we
25 might even play with the language a little bit in the

1 proposed letter if -- if you don't mind sharing before --

2 MR. TEMPLE: Sure.

3 COMM. HUGHS: -- we send it, just kind of
4 look at some final approval, not formally here but --

5 MR. TEMPLE: Sure

6 COMM. HUGHS: -- before sending it out.

7 MR. TEMPLE: Absolutely.

8 COMM. HUGHS: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And you second it?

10 COMM. HUGHS: And, oh, yes, I will second
11 your motion then that we approve submitting this.

12 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right. Great.

13 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 10. We're deferring
15 this item.

16 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

17 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We're deferring -- there
18 -- there is no update, Tom, or is there an update on Federal
19 State Legislation?

20 MR. McCarty: Just the one quick update for
21 you, sir.

22 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Great.

23 MR. McCarty: Good afternoon. Tom McCarty,
24 External Relations. Next Monday, the Health and Human
25 Services Transition Oversight Committee is meeting at 1:30.

1 It's going to be invited testimony. My understanding is
2 that it's going to be primarily the focus of the HHSC. We
3 will have staff there to monitor and be available should any
4 questions arise relating to TWC.

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Great. Thank you, Tom.

6 MR. McCarty: Thank you.

7 COMM. HUGHS: Thank you.

8 AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 12. Report and
10 Update by the Executive Director. Larry, what do you have
11 for us?

12 MR. TEMPLE: One, Doyle's going to introduce
13 a new staffer that we have who's going to be representing us
14 out in the field. Yeah, please, Doyle. First day, we
15 thought we'd embarrass her really good.

16 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: That's very nice.

17 COMM. HUGHS: Good.

18 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Very thoughtful of you.

19 MR. FUCHS: Yeah, Mr. Chairman and
20 Commissioner Hughs, it's my pleasure to introduce Karla
21 Jasen. Karla joined us last week as an education outreach
22 specialist. She'll be joining Lori Knight in -- in our
23 efforts to -- to do our career and education exploration
24 work out of the -- out of the Department so --

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Great. Welcome aboard.

1 MR. FUCHS: Welcome, Karla.

2 MS. JASEN: Thank you.

3 COMM. HUGHS: Welcome. And actually --

4 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Larry?

5 COMM. HUGHS: -- on the subject of
6 embarrassing new employees, if I could ask Lisa Reed to
7 stand. She's joined our office. So you'll --

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Welcome.

9 COMM. HUGHS: -- be seeing her in my
10 reception area and if you call my office.

11 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Great. Congratulations.

12 COMM. HUGHS: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Larry?

14 MR. TEMPLE: Just a couple reminders that
15 Reagan is in Dallas at the State child care stakeholder's
16 meeting today so we'll get a briefing when she gets back.
17 Next week, we'll have our team for the convening with the
18 Department of Labor in DC on WIOA. And then on Monday the
19 1st, we have an hour -- an hour with the EDC, the Executive
20 Director's Council, to go over a short agenda with them
21 so --

22 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good.

23 MR. TEMPLE: -- kind of all of our stuff
24 rolled into one there. Other than that, that's all.

25 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commission Hughs,

1 anything else?

2 COMM. HUGHS: No, I move that we adjourn.

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I second. Have a good
4 day.

5 (Proceedings concluded at 1:07 p.m.)

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