



**MEETING OF THE
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

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Tuesday, April 11, 2023

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Good morning, everyone.

This meeting is called to order. Mr. Trobman, has anyone signed up for public comment?

MR. TROBMAN: No, sir.

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

MS. MILLER: Good morning, sir.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. This brings us to the end of Agenda Items 3 through 7. We'll take a short recess. This is Agenda Item 8, Texas Rising Star Centralized Assessor Statewide Initiative.

REAGAN MILLER: Good morning, chairman, commissioners. Reagan Miller with Child Care & Early Learning Division. This morning we're bringing forward a request to increase the fiscal year 23 Statewide Initiative's budget to support Texas Rising Star centralized assessors. We're requesting that the commission approve an additional 8.4 million dollars bringing the total to 9.9 million in fiscal year 23, and I'm happy to answer any questions.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Any comments or questions?

COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None here.

COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

1 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: I move that we
2 approve increasing the amount of the CCDF funds in the fiscal
3 year 2023 operating budget for the Texas Rising Star Centralized
4 Assessor Initiative by 8.4 million dollars bringing the fiscal
5 year 2023 initiative total to 9.9 million dollars as described
6 in the discussion paper and recommended today by staff.

7 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I second the motion.

8 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: The motion carries.

9 REAGAN MILLER: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: This is Agenda Item 9,
11 Child Care Matching Funds.

12 SANDRA WILLIAMS: Good morning, Chair
13 Daniel, commissioners, Mr. Serna. For the record, Sandra
14 Williams, Workforce Development Division. This morning we are
15 bringing forth the final board contract year 2023 child care
16 local match. Boards do submit these local match pledges to
17 secure federal child care funds. Supporting documentation
18 includes two board contract year 2023 match agreements from one
19 board, Capital Area. Including match agreements approved
20 previously, the boards have secured 109.01 percent of the
21 statewide local match target for BCY23 with 28 boards securing
22 100 percent of the target. Staff recommends accepting child care
23 pledges, donations, transfers, and certifications of expense for
24 BCY23 in the amount of 1,862,463. I'm happy to answer any
25 questions.

1 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

2 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Chairman, I'd like
3 to thank all those public and private entities and thank their
4 employees as well that have helped the boards with their ability
5 to match those targets.

6 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Thank you as well. I
7 have no comment.

8 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

9 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: I move that we
10 approve the acceptance of child care pledges for donations,
11 transfers, and certifications of expenses for board contract
12 year 2023 in the amount of \$1,862,463 as recommended today by
13 staff.

14 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I second the motion.

15 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: The motion carries. Thank
16 you.

17 SANDRA WILLIAMS: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: This is Agenda Item 11,
19 Board Nominations.

20 CHERI DUDLEY: Good morning, chairman,
21 commissioners, and Mr. Serna. For the record, Cheri Dudley with
22 Workforce Development. Today for your consideration we have
23 Workforce Board nominations for Cameron County and Southeast
24 Texas. Staff recommends approval on the presented nominees, and
25 I'm here to answer questions you may have.

1 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Any comments or questions?

2 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None here.

3 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

4 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

5 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Chairman, I move

6 that we approve the local Workforce Development Board member
7 nominees presented today for the following Workforce Solutions
8 areas: Workforce Solutions Cameron County and Southeast Texas.

9 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I second the motion.

10 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
11 seconded and the motion carries.

12 CHERI DUDLEY: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. Is there a
14 legislative report today?

15 MR. SERNA: Yes, sir. I believe Michael-

16 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: He does have a tie on so
17 there is a legislative report.

18 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: That's Mr. Britt.

19 MICHAEL BRITT: Good morning, Chairman
20 Daniel, Commissioner Demerson, Commissioner Treviño, and Mr.
21 Serna. For the record, Michael Britt, Governmental Relations.
22 Last Thursday the Texas House passed House Bill 1, the General
23 Appropriations Act, and Senate Bill 30, the supplemental
24 appropriations bill for the fiscal year 2022-2023 biennium. Both
25 bills will now go to the Texas Senate for their consideration,

1 and the timelines for these bills to be considered on the Senate
2 floor has not yet been announced. Tomorrow morning the Senate
3 Natural Resources and Economic Development Committee will be
4 considering Senate Bill 150 by Senator Springer which relates to
5 maximum amount of unemployment benefits payable to an individual
6 during a benefit year under the state unemployment insurance
7 program, and Chairman Daniel will be the resource witness on
8 that bill. Happy to answer any questions.

9 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Any comments or questions?

10 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None here.

11 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

12 MICHAEL BRITT: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. An executive
14 director's report.

15 MR. SERNA: One quick report. It's my honor
16 to introduce one of our groups out of Mary York's division. The
17 employer engagement and community outreach team is meeting in
18 person, by the way all in person, is meeting today, and I asked
19 them to come down so we could introduce them to the commission
20 so they can stand up, we can introduce them and recognize them.
21 Their experience ranges from four weeks with the agency to being
22 with the agency for several years now so welcome to the
23 commission meeting. I have nothing else to report, Mr. Chairman.

24 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you.

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1 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Ed, you said you
2 were going to have them introduce themselves. Who are they?

3 MR. SERNA: I'll just have them go down. You
4 all can stand up and then each of you introduce yourself and
5 which area.

6 [Inaudible]

7 MR. SERNA: These are the people that are
8 TWC's face out with employers and communities basically
9 marketing TWC's services to employers, job seekers, community
10 colleges, etc., etc., etc.

11 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Mr. Chairman, is
12 Kristie supposed to make a report?

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is she supposed to make a
14 report?

15 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: I thought so.

16 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: That's what's in my notes.

17 KRISTIE CAVINESS: [Inaudible].

18 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: That's what we're afraid
19 of. Who's been here four months? Four weeks?

20 UNIDENTIFIED: Yes, sir.

21 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: That's good. Is the staff
22 like everybody's hired and in place? Like just the staff is
23 complete? Yeah? That's a nice feeling. You all do really
24 critical care. I'm glad you're here. I'm supposed to talk to you
25 later so I'll save all my comments for then but really, really

1 important work. We're going to talk about that at I think 11 or
2 11:30, whenever I come in there. Commissioner Treviño, we have a
3 longstanding tradition of when someone makes a presentation to
4 the commission for the first time that we try to have a lot of
5 interesting and unique questions for them. Unfortunately, today
6 we didn't plan very well and have these folks come to the
7 podium.

8 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Right.

9 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: But it's certainly your
10 prerogative to ask hard questions if you would choose to do so.

11 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: No, I'll forego that
12 right now but thank you for the opportunity.

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Understood. Thank you,
14 commissioner. Is there any other order of business to come
15 before the commission?

16 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: I think Mary has
17 been to a few of these commission meetings, and they surprised
18 us and came in late. That's what it was.

19 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Wisdom often walks among
20 us, yes, it does.

21 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Mr. Chairman, a
22 couple of things real quick. Last week I had an opportunity to
23 do what we call the Texas Conference for Employers in Harlingen,
24 and we also had a check signing on South Texas College campus
25 and delighted to have Christie and Nestor and a few of those

1 guys in attendance with us at those events, and then I had an
2 opportunity to attend the McAllen Chamber of Commerce event
3 where they were recognizing Commissioner Treviño. Commissioner
4 Treviño also graced us with his presence and joined us at the
5 TCE and at the South Texas check signing so we appreciate you
6 being there. Well received and the like but those are well put
7 on events, and then this week had an opportunity, Ed, to do the
8 foster care conference. The agenda, you can tell it was well
9 thought out. That first day I was looking at the agenda, just
10 packed with good information from that standpoint so I wanted to
11 congratulate the team, I think Courtney and the Workforce
12 Division. Cheryl Fuller and her team were there, Melinda and the
13 like, and appreciate the work that was put into those efforts.
14 And then lastly, we're looking at hosting a Texas Interns Unite!
15 event on April 21st over at the capitol kind of recognizing
16 interns that work at the state capitol and in the public sector.
17 So stand by for details on that. Still discussing that with a
18 few other offices right now but that's—if it goes forward, I'll
19 be pushing getting that information to the respective offices as
20 well.

21 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's on a Friday.

22 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: On Friday.

23 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: [Inaudible].

24 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: That's it.

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COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Nothing further from
me.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion to
adjourn?

COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: So moved.

COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I second the motion
to adjourn.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
seconded to adjourn and we're adjourned. Thank you.