



**MEETING OF THE  
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

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2 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Good morning, all. This  
3 meeting is called to order. Mr. Trobman, has anyone signed up  
4 for public comment?

5 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you very much.

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Motion passes with the  
7 exceptions noted. That brings us to the end of Agenda Items 1  
8 through 8. We'll take a short recess.

9 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: This is Agenda Item 9,  
10 proposed rules for 40 TAC Chapter 804, Jobs and Education for  
11 Texans program.

12 COLLIN BRADLEY: Good morning, Chairman  
13 Daniel, Commissioner Treviño, Commissioner Esparza, and Mr.  
14 Serna. For the record, I'm Collin Bradley with the Workforce  
15 Development Division, it's very odd to say. Commissioners,  
16 before you today for your consideration for approval are  
17 proposed rule amendments to Chapter 804, Jobs and Education for  
18 Texans. These proposed amendments will ensure that this chapter  
19 aligns with terminology used in statute and reflects updated  
20 program practices. Changes made to the chapter were minor. For  
21 example, we changed every occurrence of the phrase "charter  
22 school" to "open-enrollment charter school" to better align with  
23 statute. The other change we made was to Section 804.22, Notice  
24 of Availability. Essentially the rules read that the agency  
25 would post an NOA, however, this was not required by statute nor

1 was it standard program practice so we changed that to reflect  
2 our standard program practice of publishing a request for  
3 applications. Also, Texas Government Code requires that every  
4 four years each state agency review and consider for readoption,  
5 revision or repeal each rule adopted by the agency. TWC reviewed  
6 the chapter as part of the proposed rule in accordance with the  
7 statutory requirement. Staff recommends submitting the proposed  
8 rule for publication in the Texas Register for a 30-day public  
9 comment period. Staff also requests the ability to make minor  
10 nonsubstantive changes to the document in order to comply with  
11 the publication requirements of the Texas Register and the  
12 Office of the Secretary of State. This concludes my  
13 presentation. I'm available to answer any questions.

14 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

15 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

16 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: No questions.

17 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

18 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move we  
19 approve the proposed proposal of amendments to 40 Texas  
20 Administrative Code Chapter 804, Jobs and Education for Texans  
21 grant program, for publication in the Texas Register and public  
22 comment as recommended today by staff.

23 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second.

24 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and  
25 seconded, and the motion carries.

1 COLLIN BRADLEY: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: This is Agenda Item 10,  
3 certification and recertification of community rehabilitation  
4 programs to participate in the Purchasing from People with  
5 Disabilities program.

6 JUAN GARCIA: Good morning, commissioners,  
7 Mr. Serna. Juan Garcia with the Voc Rehab Division. This morning  
8 for your consideration and possible approval, we have one new  
9 CRP that's applying to participate in the Purchasing from People  
10 with Disabilities program as well as seven CRPs that are  
11 applying for recertification. The new CRP is CleanArt Services  
12 in Lexington, Texas. The seven CRPs that are up for  
13 recertification are Beacon Lighthouse in Wichita Falls, Beaumont  
14 Product and Services in Beaumont, Burke Center in Lufkin, East  
15 Texas Lighthouse for the Blind in Tyler, Easter Seals in Austin,  
16 Gateway Community Partners in Jacksonville, and Redirection  
17 Opportunities in Longview. Staff recommends the approval of the  
18 certification of one new CRP and seven CRPs that are applying  
19 for recertification. With that I can answer any questions you  
20 might have.

21 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Any comments or questions?

22 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

23 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: No questions here.

24 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

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1 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move we  
2 approve the certification and recertification of the following  
3 community rehabilitation programs for participation in the  
4 Purchasing from People with Disabilities program as recommended  
5 today by staff: The certification of CleanArt Services  
6 Incorporated; and the recertification of Beacon Lighthouse;  
7 Beaumont Product and Services Incorporated; Burke Center; East  
8 Texas Lighthouse for the Blind; Easter Seals; Gateway Community  
9 Partners; and Redirection Opportunities.

10 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second.

11 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and  
12 seconded, and the motion carries. This is item 11, fiscal years  
13 2025 through 2027 Child Care and Development Fund state plan.

14 REAGAN MILLER: Good morning, chairman,  
15 commissioners. Reagan Miller with the Child Care & Early  
16 Learning Division. This morning we're bringing you the final  
17 Child Care and Development Fund state plan for fiscal years '25  
18 through '27. The federal office of child care provides states  
19 with the plan template which describes the policies and  
20 strategies for the state's CCDF program. As we developed the  
21 state plan, we've solicited a lot of stakeholder input. We did  
22 this through some initial surveys and then through five regional  
23 stakeholder meetings and one Zoom stakeholder meeting in  
24 February. Following the stakeholder meetings you approved the  
25 draft state plan which was published for formal public comment,

1 and we're now bringing you back the final CCDF state plan. One  
2 area that we received significant comments on was from  
3 stakeholders requesting additional funding to support the child  
4 care sector. During our stakeholder meetings we've clarified  
5 that the CCDF state plan is not a vehicle for requesting  
6 increases in funding. The CCDF state plan is developed based  
7 upon funding that's already been authorized, approved, and  
8 appropriated. There are 10 sections of the state plan. Your  
9 material highlights each of these sections along with some  
10 highlights of the information that's included, and we also have  
11 a copy of the full state plan in your materials. With your  
12 approval we will submit this to the federal office of child  
13 care. I'm happy to answer any questions.

14 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Any comments or questions?

15 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

16 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: No questions, chair.

17 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

18 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move we  
19 approve the fiscal years 2025 through 2027 Child Care and  
20 Development Fund state plan as recommended today by staff.

21 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second.

22 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and  
23 seconded, and the motion carries.

24 REAGAN MILLER: Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: This is Agenda Item 12,  
2 Texas Workforce Commission statewide initiatives as part of the  
3 fiscal year 2025 operating budget and fiscal years 2026 through  
4 2027 legislative appropriations requests. We did have some items  
5 tabled from last week. Is there any further discussion on any of  
6 those tabled items?

7 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I would just like to  
8 clarify my request for additional funding for Chapter 133,  
9 Apprenticeship, that I proposed staff look into uncommitted pre-  
10 apprenticeship funds that are first available and then recommend  
11 adding the \$2,088,527 from what's left over WIOA statewide funds  
12 for fiscal year '25 contracts just as a bridge to support the  
13 same number of contact hours while preserving the contact hour  
14 rate at four dollars. I will bring forward the exceptional item  
15 for consideration for fiscal year '26 and '27. In addition, I  
16 request \$200,000 from TANF funds to be added to the Foster Youth  
17 Network initiative to be spent on outreach efforts to promote  
18 the website and ensure foster youth are aware of this resource.  
19 That concludes my comments.

20 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: On the 133, can you just-  
21 if you don't mind, just read through that again so I can  
22 understand all the moving parts.

23 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: OK. So I'd like to  
24 clarify that for 133 I propose staff look into uncommitted pre-  
25 apprenticeship funds that are first available or available

1 first, then I recommend adding or whatever's left over to make  
2 it \$2,088,527 from WIOA statewide funds for fiscal year '25  
3 contracts just as a bridge to support the same number of contact  
4 hours while preserving the contact hour rate at four dollars.

5 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Just so I'm clear, so last  
6 week I think we advanced—we put the GR obviously—we had a  
7 million dollars from WIOA and then there's some additional  
8 dollars from TANF that are for Chapter 133. Is the 2,088,527, is  
9 that in addition to the million dollars from WIOA already?

10 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I believe it would be  
11 just so that it could bridge that gap to keep the contact hour  
12 rate at four dollars.

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: So the total available  
14 dollars in excess of the GR funds needs to be 2,088,527.

15 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Correct.

16 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: So there's already—we've  
17 already voted on a million so we're really kind of talking about  
18 a million and some change. Is that—am I right on that?

19 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: No, it would be the  
20 2,088,527 to make sure that we have that funds available to keep  
21 the contact hour rate at four dollars.

22 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: So really, we're saying we  
23 want to put three million more in.

24 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Correct.

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1 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: And this is for—but we  
2 don't even know who's applied for 2025 yet, right?

3 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Those numbers I  
4 believe were supposed to be in on Tuesday of next week but it's  
5 already over what was of last year.

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Are you saying staff's  
7 going to bring back a paper outlining where the money's going to  
8 come from specifically and we'll vote on it then?

9 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: If that's doable,  
10 yeah, I would recommend that just to keep that contact hour rate  
11 at four dollars so that we could have that discussion.

12 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I would just like to see  
13 it all in one place with staff, and it can come from multiple  
14 pots of money. I don't think [inaudible] care probably what the  
15 source is as long as it's an available source so unless you  
16 object, either one of you object, I would say have staff prepare  
17 a discussion paper doing what you've asked for, bring that back  
18 to us for a vote. I don't think it has to be done today but I  
19 think we need to—obviously we need to vote on it so if we bring  
20 it back like that, we can at least have all the facts in front  
21 of us.

22 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I agree with that.

23 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there no objection to  
24 that?

25 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I don't object.

1 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I don't object  
2 either.

3 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right. Mr. Serna,  
4 staff will bring back a discussion paper on that. I think  
5 Commissioner Treviño articulated it well.

6 MR. SERNA: Yes, sir.

7 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I just need to see it all  
8 in one place.

9 MR. SERNA: We'll have it at the next  
10 commission meeting.

11 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. 200,000 for the  
12 Foster Youth Network outreach, and you said from TANF?

13 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: That's correct.

14 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: So this is really probably  
15 just a one-time-only kind of effort.

16 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Correct.

17 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: [Inaudible] choice there.

18 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Yeah, it's going to  
19 be just so that it can kick off and they can have that outreach  
20 and promote it so that the children know where it's—that it's  
21 there for them.

22 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: So have you thought about  
23 what you want that outreach to look like? Is this like internal  
24 work? Is it bring somebody, a contractor in? I don't know to  
25 what extent you've probably thought through this.

1 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Yeah, it would  
2 probably be the external company that's on the RFA that was  
3 submitted so we didn't foresee that when we did the initial four  
4 million so they recommended that they have that outreach and  
5 promote the efforts of the website so that they know it's there.

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: And we're—are we procuring  
7 the network itself right now, that is we're in that process  
8 somewhere?

9 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: That's correct.

10 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right. Is there a  
11 second for setting aside 200,000 of TANF funds for the Foster  
12 Youth Network outreach effort.

13 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second it.

14 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and  
15 seconded. All right, we'll set that aside. All right, anything  
16 else to come up from the list of tabled items last week?

17 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Chairman, I have two  
18 proposals.

19 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Just to clarify the  
21 proposals that were tabled from last week, 1.5 in WIOA funds for  
22 supporting transitioning service members specialize or, excuse  
23 me, specifically focused on Central Texas board and Fort Cavazos  
24 and their dislocated worker program. I've got a discussion paper  
25 I could slide you through this one too. The additional proposal,

1 the second proposal, involves setting aside five million in  
2 child care funds for Texas small businesses and family support  
3 programs. Ideally, we want to see this focused on nontraditional  
4 eight to five, more shift work small business, restaurants and  
5 that service industry for service industry hospitality folks  
6 there too so I want to see this five million just kind of set  
7 our initiative to help bridge the critical infrastructure that  
8 we're seeing that takes our labor force out of the economy that  
9 we want to be able to provide this to the development boards to  
10 address. Again, this is a draft. Still open to see how this  
11 would work and how we would be able to work with the boards to  
12 push this money out statewide.

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Let's take up the Fort  
14 Cavazos issue first.

15 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: OK.

16 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I have some questions but  
17 certainly defer to you if you have something.

18 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: That's OK. No, I just  
19 wanted to say that the Central Texas Workforce Board dislocated  
20 worker service is a valuable program that has impact on  
21 individuals that it serves so I fully support using the 1.5  
22 million dollars for this program, and using the funding source  
23 that staff feels most appropriate.

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1 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: So on the Fort Cavazos  
2 question, this is the same thing we gave them \$750,000 for in  
3 December. Is that correct?

4 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: That's correct.

5 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: And so at that time they  
6 were waiting to hear back on a federal grant that they had  
7 applied for that they ultimately did not get.

8 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: That's correct.

9 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: And I have a lot of  
10 questions about this because it would appear they've been doing  
11 work on a federal grant for two years. They were operating on a  
12 federal grant for the two years prior to December when they were  
13 doing that. Were they doing these outreach efforts, these  
14 specific efforts, before that federal grant or is this as a  
15 result of that federal grant?

16 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: This is a--so the  
17 federal grant supported the services that they provided to what  
18 we're referring to as dislocated workers, service members  
19 transitioning out of the Fort Cavazos area. They had continued  
20 to apply and I guess through some recommendations by the DOL  
21 they were--I guess they amended their applications which  
22 therefore it was basically rejected so the services are no  
23 longer funded through attempts--I guess future attempts to bridge  
24 the--I guess the missing money or the money that they're--  
25 basically what they're going to be short by not getting this

1 grant, this is going to be money that serves as a bridge to  
2 continue services where they can in placing those dislocated  
3 workers.

4 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Do we know what those  
5 services are and how they're different from how they're dealing  
6 with other workers in their service area?

7 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I think it's general  
8 wraparound services they continue to provide general—the way I  
9 was explained was they take the same services that they apply if  
10 a company were to shut down and push out 200,400 workers, that  
11 they help those services in their Workforce Development Boards  
12 in their offices. This here is focused and working with the  
13 military bases to transition those service members before the  
14 EAS so before their end-of-active-service date hits. They're  
15 getting to those folks in the military bases so what this money  
16 does is support the staffing and programs that help not only  
17 service members but the families that are in that area too.

18 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is this board staff or  
19 contractor staff?

20 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I don't have that  
21 information as of yet. I think it sounded like it was a mix of  
22 both. I'm not sure who the Central Texas Board is contracting  
23 through so I haven't seen that contract name.

24 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I don't want to infer  
25 something here.

1 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Sure.

2 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It sounds like they can't  
3 use their regular WIOA allocation to do this type of work. They  
4 claim that they're not going to be able to do it with money that  
5 they've already received? Is that what I'm hearing?

6 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: That's correct.

7 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: So they couldn't—they  
8 can't provide these services to service members unless they have  
9 some dedicated pot of money to that?

10 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Yeah, the grant was  
11 providing that for the number of service members that leave on  
12 an annual basis.

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is that number increased?  
14 Is there an increased number at Fort Cavazos of soldiers leaving  
15 the service?

16 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I have a number of  
17 16,482 that's basically the number of transitioned that's in  
18 2030. I have to—I'll have to get a little bit more information  
19 on historical numbers that come out.

20 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Do we—I don't know, I'm  
21 asking. I see Bob back there. Do we not have other veterans'  
22 programs? Oh, come on up, Bob. Do we not have other veterans'  
23 programs here that provide a similar service? Here's what—he's  
24 coming to the mic. I'll let him settle his notes. Here's what  
25 I'm processing in my mind. We've got Skills Development Fund.

1 We've got Lone Star Workforce for the Future. We've got UpSkill  
2 Texas. We've got a lot of training dollars here that may or may  
3 not be applicable to the problem, and I'm wondering if there's  
4 other through our, I think, very good veterans programming here,  
5 is there a similar program as to what this board's trying to do  
6 statewide to help service members who are transitioning out of  
7 the military?

8                   BOB GEAR: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,  
9 Commissioner Treviño, Commissioner Esparza, Mr. Serna. For the  
10 record, Bob Gear, director of the Texas Veterans Leadership  
11 Program. So this is probably one of the most complicated stuff  
12 that's out there because of all the different things. To answer  
13 the first question about the funding, Mr. Chairman, central  
14 Texas does not get funding, formula funding, for WIOA, jobs for  
15 veterans state grant or Wagner-Peyser from the federal formula.  
16 It does not cover the close to 60,000 military and civilian  
17 workforce that is on Fort Cavazos. Fort Bliss doesn't get it,  
18 Borderplex doesn't get it for Fort Bliss. For Joint Base San  
19 Antonio, Alamo doesn't get it for Joint Base San Antonio so that  
20 is something that's part of federal formula funding  
21 historically. Between 12,000 and 16,000 separate from Fort  
22 Cavazos every year, total of 16,000. Fort Cavazos and Fort  
23 Bliss, the reason these numbers fluctuate obviously because of  
24 the number of active duty but Fort Bliss and Fort Cavazos are  
25 also transition points for the National Guard and reserve when



1 they're coming off Title 10 so they have to provide services,  
2 and depending on where they go, that will increase or decrease  
3 the numbers and also affect the UCX rate. This money  
4 specifically, what they use this grant for, there is two things.  
5 They have partnered with the army. The army has done a very good  
6 job on what they call career skills programs. For example,  
7 [inaudible] Technicians of Tomorrow, GM Shifting Gears and  
8 Airstreams. This money has paid for those service members to  
9 attend that training so that when they get out, they are  
10 certified technician for wind turbine or automobiles for Ford or  
11 GM, and they move straight into employment. The other piece that  
12 this funding supports is supportive services, and I can tell you  
13 we've watched them provide up from \$3,500 to \$4,000 toolboxes  
14 for automobile mechanics, millwrights and carpenters. These TSMS  
15 get that, they're immediately employable, and I can tell you  
16 they move straight into employment, especially anything close to  
17 any of the defense contractors. There's two major companies up  
18 there that hire them consistently. In the past, Mr. Chairman, we  
19 have used Skills Development Funding. We did have a program here  
20 that was called skills transition program. Central Texas and  
21 Fort Hood at the time, Fort Cavazos now, they did—they were  
22 doing certifications such as PMP, Lean Six Sigma, and pharmacy  
23 tech and IT certifications were the big ones. There was internal  
24 issues using the Skills Development Funds making sure that we  
25 connected the service members when they completed with the fund

1 to the employers for the employment piece but we have since I  
2 think, the job Central Texas did with the NDW connecting key  
3 employers, they got a very good grasp on that employment piece.

4 MR. SERNA: Mr. Chairman, I think Chris can  
5 answer your question concerning the use of other funding  
6 sources.

7 CHRIS NELSON: Good morning. For the record,  
8 Chris Nelson, chief financial officer. Chairman, to your  
9 question, I think which was can they use their normal allocation  
10 to provide these services, and the answer is yes. I think the  
11 case that Central Texas makes is that the commission had just  
12 approved the allocation I think last week. The data factors that  
13 are used to distribute WIOA dislocated worker funds does not  
14 take into account exiting service members, and Fort Cavazos  
15 being such a large base with so many exiting service members,  
16 there's this disparity between the amount of funding they get  
17 and the amount of exiting service members they're trying to  
18 provide services to, hence, I think that the request for  
19 additional WIOA funding.

20 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: So I think my issue lies  
21 in the fact that we're targeting funds on a one-off basis to one  
22 specific board.

23 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Yes, sir.

24 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: And on the basis of that,  
25 I would have to vote no. But let me talk more broadly about what

1 I think we have an opportunity to do here. So Fort Bliss  
2 probably slightly less but I would suspect Fort Bliss probably  
3 has as many soldiers moving out of active duty into the civilian  
4 ranks probably just proportionate to the number of personnel  
5 that are assigned at Fort Bliss.

6 BOB GEAR: Right, they get about 8,000 to  
7 9,000 a year, yes, sir.

8 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: You know, Bob's going to  
9 disagree with me. Chris is going to be with me. We've got two  
10 naval air stations here in much smaller numbers but the navy is  
11 putting people out too at some point, and we've got some  
12 opportunities there. I would venture to say Joint Base San  
13 Antonio which is by far and away the largest installation here,  
14 that's primarily basic training and some other things so they're  
15 not getting out, they're getting started. But I'm also thinking  
16 about in 2015 or 2016 when the Red River Army Depot closed, we  
17 had 800 displaced workers and it was actually over a year before  
18 we got a lot of workers sort of replaced. Most of those were  
19 civilians. There were a few active duty personnel there. Some  
20 got transferred to other duty stations, others simply left the  
21 military. My point is is that there's always activity in this  
22 space and rather than just give one board a second helping of  
23 money that they've already asked for, I mean without being too  
24 terribly preachy, they applied for a federal grant, they got it.

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1 They put no plan in place on what to do if they didn't get  
2 subsequent federal grants.

3 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Right.

4 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: And their solution seems  
5 to be to come to the commission and say, just keep giving us  
6 more money to do the thing that we want to do irrespective of  
7 things that you may or may not want to do, and I think that's  
8 probably not the best way for us to do business. What I'm  
9 wondering is is if you have any interest whatsoever in making  
10 this a true statewide program, letting boards—so Borderplex  
11 could apply, you know, anybody that has a military installation  
12 where we're seeing some kind of dislocated worker coming out of  
13 that situation. I saw a report last week from the governor's  
14 office where the governor was talking about the economic impact  
15 of different military installations, and the civilian jobs and  
16 spouse jobs sometimes equal the employment of the military  
17 personnel so I think you just—frankly, you've got a lot of  
18 moving parts. It was an impressive report in terms of what the  
19 U.S. military does not just in direct economic development but  
20 the indirect economic development. I fully comprehend the issue.  
21 I think for me it's the way this board has handled it, it's  
22 probably not the best way in my opinion.

23 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: OK.

24 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: And I'm wondering if we  
25 can quickly give this some good thought, stand up a statewide

1 program, a way for boards to apply for that money. Perhaps we  
2 can correct the formula issue. Perhaps there's a better way to  
3 do this.

4 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Chairman, I'll  
5 support that. Ideally this was—obviously it's a draft. It is an  
6 attempt to raise awareness of what happened in Central Texas  
7 because the third bloc of those military members that are  
8 leaving and their spouses are kind of in—in the way that I  
9 understand is there's a third that just get out of the military  
10 and they go back home. There's a third that love Texas so much,  
11 and we love them too, they stay and they're fine. There's a  
12 third that is in the balance. I would be open to withdraw this  
13 request even with the 1.5 million for directly that if there's a  
14 better opportunity to address this as a statewide. It was my—one  
15 factor I did—I was strongly considering the fact that this was  
16 specifically targeted for Fort Cavazos and mainly—in my opinion,  
17 it's mainly because it was a large population that hits a  
18 smaller community. I mean Killeen and the central Texas area is  
19 in no way a small town. It's not 6A football or six-man football  
20 or anything but again for that central Texas region to take on  
21 such a big mass exodus of workers—

22 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: So I would be willing  
24 to—if we're able to discuss something that we could better do as  
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1 a statewide effort, I'd be very interested in that as opposed to  
2 targeting 1.5 to central Texas.

3 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I appreciate that and I  
4 think if we—here's what I'm thinking. I live on the corner—you  
5 didn't really care about that but I live on the corner and the  
6 other three corners are all prior service at Fort Cavazos, you  
7 know? They all transitioned out at different times. They all had  
8 different needs. My point is I think Killeen probably bears the  
9 brunt of it. I think Temple-Belton probably get their fair share  
10 but Georgetown on 195, you can get to the PX pretty quick so  
11 they—Georgetown has plenty of former Fort Cavazos soldiers that  
12 are living there now, and so that's a different board area. I  
13 think it's the same issue that we're dealing with. I appreciate  
14 your idea to withdraw this. I think in light of that I would say  
15 let's just take this if you're willing, ask staff to very  
16 quickly bring this forward as a statewide proposal with a  
17 mechanism for boards to either apply for this money or a formula  
18 to distribute this money so that we don't delay and we might be  
19 able to get some assistance out there for veterans in doing  
20 that, and Commissioner Treviño, unless you just have an  
21 objection I would even suggest we don't need to think in terms  
22 of 1.5 million dollars. I think if it needs to be a larger  
23 dollar amount, staff should recommend that. We can debate that  
24 from here.

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1 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Right, I know that  
2 it's an important program. Appreciate you bringing that up,  
3 Commissioner Esparza, but I do also agree, hearing what the  
4 chairman said and then your willingness to pull it, I think  
5 there probably is maybe a better way that we could service them  
6 and the rest of the boards here in Texas so I agree with that  
7 too.

8 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: OK. I formally pull  
9 it back.

10 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: No, I think if there's no  
11 objection, Mr. Serna, we would ask staff to bring forward a  
12 discussion paper quickly on a statewide program to assist active  
13 duty personnel who are departing the military and their job  
14 needs in terms of training, etc. Let me add two more caveats to  
15 that. Let's don't forget military spouses while we're thinking  
16 about that if we want to make this a part of this program. And  
17 the third thing is I'd-to what extent this needs to be wrapped  
18 up in this, I don't know. I just don't want to lose sight of  
19 this. If there's a way to build into that continued work with  
20 TDLR to start solving some issues on why some military  
21 licensures don't carry over into civilian occupations, I'd like  
22 to make it part of that as well. That's an area I don't think  
23 we've probably completed our work in, and if it can get wrapped  
24 up in that as well, particularly where someone is-I'm thinking  
25 specifically of army medics and how that might translate to EMTs

1 and other things, firefighters and other assorted things. We  
2 just need to be thinking about that and whether or not that  
3 needs to be wrapped up in that effort but most important part is  
4 providing resources for service members who are transitioning  
5 out of active duty service, to provide them the resources they  
6 need to successfully enter the workforce here in Texas. Is that  
7 fair?

8 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: Yes, sir.  
9 [Inaudible].

10 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Everybody's OK?

11 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Yeah.

12 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right, let's move on  
13 then to the question of—thank you, Bob—child care funds for  
14 Texas small businesses.

15 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: So again, this is  
16 requesting five million in child care funds for Texas small  
17 business family support program that can aid small business  
18 owners, help them cover the cost of child care. The intent would  
19 be to enable small business owners to focus on growth and  
20 success of the businesses while ensuring their employees have  
21 access to affordable health care. Obviously, we all know that  
22 there is a—that we have a huge mountain to climb here with child  
23 care. My intent is to highlight and then to ensure that we  
24 still—that whatever the fix may be in the next coming  
25 legislative session, that we maintain that employers are again



1 the linchpin of—have that voice in the policies that bring about  
2 the accomplishment or the initiatives that are going to help  
3 with the situation in the state of Texas but focus mainly on  
4 what I want to do here with small businesses and again focus on  
5 kind of the—I don't want to say nontraditional, I don't want to  
6 say nontraditional but outside of eight to five, the normal  
7 regular workday. We have a lot of critical businesses, health  
8 care, hospitality, restaurants, that stuff. So I request staff  
9 to help develop the discussion paper for my fellow commissioners  
10 to consider a future policy or, excuse me, to consider at a  
11 future policy agenda meeting but I want to start the  
12 conversation to be able to fund and use five million for  
13 statewide funds that support child care.

14 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: I won't object to any  
15 commissioner asking for a discussion paper.

16 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Right, yeah. I  
17 wouldn't agree or wouldn't disagree either but there are some  
18 questions that probably would pop up that staff could answer.

19 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right, Mr. Serna. All  
20 right. Anything else on any of those items?

21 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: No, none here.

22 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Let's see. I think we  
23 voted on all of them or we disposed of all of them off the  
24 table. I think we're good. So we got a discussion paper coming  
25 back on—I just want to make sure we got all this done. We've got

1 a discussion paper coming back on Chapter 133. We've got a  
2 discussion paper coming on military career transition. We've got  
3 a discussion paper coming on child care, and did we vote—we  
4 voted on the 200,000 in TANF dollars for the outreach for the  
5 Foster Youth Network. That's what my notes here say. Yep, we  
6 did. All right. Very good. Moving forward. Let's see. I do not  
7 see—Lowell has a tie on and he's sitting in Michael Britt's  
8 seat. I think that doesn't mean we have a legislative report.  
9 How about an executive director's report? Is there any other  
10 order of business to come before the commission?

11 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

12 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: No, sir.

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion to  
14 adjourn?

15 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: Chairman, I move we  
16 adjourn.

17 COMMISSIONER ESPARZA: I second.

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

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