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BEFORE THE  
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION  
AUSTIN, TEXAS

PUBLIC MEETING )  
FOR THE TEXAS )  
WORKFORCE COMMISSION )

COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT at 10:00 a.m. on  
Monday, the 25th day of January, 2016, the above-entitled  
matter came on for hearing at the Texas Workforce  
Commission, TWC Building, 101 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 244,  
Austin, Texas, before ANDRES ALCANTAR, Chairman; RUTH R.  
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## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016

3 (10:00 a.m.)

## 4 AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good morning, everyone.

6 This meeting will now be called to order.

## 7 AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

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

## 10 AGENDA ITEM NOS. 3, 4, 5 and 6

11 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: That brings us to Agenda  
12 Items 3, 4, 5 and 6. I move to have Agenda Items 3, 4, 5  
13 and 6 continued until the next scheduled Commission Meeting.

14 COMM. HUGHS: And I second the motion.

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you.

## 16 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

17 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: That brings us to Agenda  
18 Item 7. Mr. Jones, has anyone signed up for public comment?

19 MR. JONES: No public comment, Mr. Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We have no public  
21 comment.

## 22 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 8. Discussion on  
24 Purchasing for People With Disabilities is deferred to next  
25 agenda.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 9. Certified Community Rehab Program under Purchasing for People With Disabilities (indiscernible) Program is also deferred.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 10. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Child Care Match, this item is deferred, there is no update.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 11. The Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding the Combined State Plan for WIOA for Program Years 2016 and '19, Joel Mullins. Good morning, Joel.

MR. MULLINS: Good morning, Chairman, Commissioner Hughs, Mr. Temple. For the record --

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Turn on the microphone.

MR. MULLINS: -- I'm --

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Microphone.

MR. MULLINS: Oh, sorry, first one up here.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible).

MR. MULLINS: Sorry. Good morning, Chairman, Commissioner Hughs, Mr. Temple, for the record I'm Joel Mullins with the Workforce Division. For your consideration this morning we have the Combined State Plan for the Workforce and Innovation and Opportunity Act covering

1 program years 2016 to 2019. On November 3rd the Commission  
2 approved posting the plan for a 30-day public comment  
3 period, which closed on December 4th. We received six pub  
4 -- public comments. These were related to vocational  
5 rehabilitation, senior community service employment program,  
6 and financial literacy. The comments and our responses are  
7 included in Appendix X to the Plan. Minor, non-substantive  
8 changes and technical corrections were made of the Plan  
9 based on these comments.

10 In addition, on January 5th the Commission  
11 approved posting performance targets for a public comment  
12 period. That public comment period ended on January 19th  
13 and no comments were received. The performance targets are  
14 reflected in Appendix VIII.

15 Staff is seeking approval to submit the  
16 Combined State Plan to the Texas Workforce Investment  
17 Council for their consideration. I'll be happy to answer  
18 any questions you got.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs.

20 COMM. HUGHS: I don't have any questions. I  
21 want to thank the staff for all their hard work, it really  
22 shows our innovation with our workforce development system,  
23 and I would move that we move forward with the Workforce  
24 Innovation Opportunity Act Combined State Plan of 2014 for  
25 Program Years 2016 to 2019, and that it be approved and

1 submitted to the Texas Workforce Investment Council.

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I second. Thank you,  
3 Joel.

4 MR. MULLINS: Thank you.

5 AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

6 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 12. We have -- we  
7 have no update of Board nominees.

8 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

9 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 13. Discussion,  
10 Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Proposed or  
11 Enacted State of Federal Legislation, Michael. Good  
12 morning, Michael.

13 MR. BRITT: Good morning, Chairman Alcantar,  
14 Commissioner Hughs. For the record, Michael Britt,  
15 Governmental Relations.

16 This week we will be monitoring the U.S.  
17 Senate Budget Committees Hearing tomorrow, and they will be  
18 receiving the Congressional Budget Office's budget and  
19 economic outlook focusing on Fiscal Years 2016 to 2026. On  
20 the state legislative side of things this afternoon at 1:30  
21 the Health and Human Services Transition Legislative  
22 Oversight Committee will be holding their first meeting.  
23 TWC has not been asked to testify at this hearing, but we  
24 will have staff at the hearing in the event that the  
25 Committee has any questions for us.

1                   This concludes my remarks. I'll be happy to  
2 answer any questions.

3                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commission Hughs?

4                   COMM. HUGHS: I don't have any questions.

5 Thank you for the report.

6                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you, Michael.

7                                   AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

8                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 14, Report and  
9 Update by the Executive Director. Good morning, Larry, what  
10 do you have for us?

11                   MR. TEMPLE: Morning, Mr. Chairman,  
12 Commissioner Hughs, I would like to -- Ed is going to give  
13 an update of the meeting we had Friday of the Advisory  
14 Committee.

15                   MR. SERNA: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,  
16 Commissioner Hughs, and Larry.

17                   CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good morning, Ed.

18                   MR. SERNA: We did have our first advi --  
19 Advisory Committee on the Purchasing for Peoples With  
20 Disabilities, it was set up in the statute. We had two  
21 members that weren't able to attend, but everybody else was  
22 there. I thought the meeting went very well.

23                                   We had a presentation from TIBH on the  
24 program, an overview of the program, that at some point I  
25 would like to get them to -- to come and brief the



1 Commission on that same presentation. They did a very good  
2 job. There was good discussion about the certification  
3 process, the performance measures, staff has some  
4 information to provide to the Committee.

5           Next meeting -- they discussed the next  
6 meetings, so the next meeting is scheduled for the beginning  
7 of March. Because of work schedules of some of the  
8 participants, it looks like the meetings will be scheduled  
9 on Friday afternoons. It allows for travel and it minimizes  
10 the amount of time that some of the participants have to  
11 take off of work in order to participate. Primarily a  
12 couple of our individuals with disabilities who work for a  
13 CRP or Individuals With Disabilities. So the Committee was  
14 very accommodating.

15           The Committee also -- the Members also had  
16 some pretty good questions concerning some of the past  
17 performance measures that -- that are set up for the  
18 program, and TIBH provided some updated information there.  
19 We're going to get the information back out to the Committee  
20 in advance of the next meeting, plus some other information.  
21 We'll brief the offices and, of course, brief the Committee  
22 as a whole on the -- on the material that we're going to be  
23 presenting to them to make sure that the Commission  
24 understands that.

25           And one thing that -- that they did clarify

1 and we clarified is their role as an advisory group to our  
2 Commission and that our Commission is the driving and  
3 managing force of the program, and they -- they all  
4 understood that. So it was a very good meeting.

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Well, I -- I really  
6 appreciate all the work in getting to this point and their  
7 voluntarism is greatly appreciated. Really hope to build on  
8 the strengths of the existing program before it transferred  
9 over and finding ways to enhance the outcomes for -- in  
10 terms of what we're trying to do there. Commissioner?

11 COMM. HUGHS: Great. I -- I (indiscernible)  
12 those sentiments.

13 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Larry.

14 MR. TEMPLE: A couple of things. One, we had  
15 a -- a -- Karen Latta and Glenn Neal and I think Randy did  
16 briefing with the Legislative Oversight Committee staff on  
17 the 20th. It went real well. Speakers office did -- did  
18 attend. No real follow up on anything. But a few questions  
19 just, you know, some that we've heard but nothing -- nothing  
20 major.

21 Reagan, Glenn and I began last week, the  
22 first of -- I don't know how DARS Staff in the field. It  
23 went real well. We were in har -- in Harlingen. We had the  
24 Boards represented. We had the regional directors for DARS  
25 for VR and Blind Services. A lot of the same questions that

1 we heard during the stakeholder, you know, no privatization,  
2 this, that, but they apprec -- I think they appreciated, you  
3 know, the opportunity to ask questions and get some  
4 information. They have a good overview, so we'll be  
5 continuing those.

6 In that same vein, we have a meeting, like an  
7 hour, I think, with the DDC Council, right, with the -- on  
8 the 1st from 9:00 to 10:00. And one thing is on the agenda  
9 and that's the transition we have for the Boards, finalizing  
10 this now, by Board area, the number of offices, the number  
11 of FTEs, trying to separate them by Blind Services and  
12 general VR, the Counsellors, and the leases, and when those  
13 leases expire.

14 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Good.

15 MR. TEMPLE: So we'll have them for them on  
16 the 1st. And then, obviously, there's a lot of work after  
17 that, as well. So I think that's all. Anybody have  
18 anything? I think we're -- I think that's it.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner, any  
20 questions.

21 COMM. HUGHS: No.

22 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Thank you, Larry. Do we  
23 have a motion to adjourn this meeting?

24 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we adjourn this  
25 meeting.

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CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I second. Thank you.  
Have a good week.

(Proceedings concluded at 10:08 a.m.)

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