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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
BEFORE THE  
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION  
AUSTIN, TEXAS

PUBLIC MEETING )  
FOR THE TEXAS )  
WORKFORCE COMMISSION )

COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT at 10:45 a.m. on  
Tuesday, the 21st day of June, 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; JULIAN  
ALVAREZ and RUTH R. HUGHS, Commissioners

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action  
Regarding Higher Level Appeals in Wage Claim Cases Listed on  
the Texas Workforce Commission Docket 25.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action  
Regarding Higher Level Appeals in Unemployment Compensation  
Cases Listed on the Texas Workforce Commission Docket 25.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Okay. We are now going  
into the rest of our agenda. Suzanne, has anyone signed up  
for public comment?

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: No, Chairman.

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We have no public  
comment.

AGENDA ITEMS NOS. 8, 9, 10 and 11

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We have no discussions on  
Items 8, 9, 10 or 11 this morning.

COMM. HUGHS: No Board nominee approvals.

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: And no Board nominees.

COMM. HUGHS: That's 11.

1 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Number 11.

2 AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

3 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are now to Item 12.

4 Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding

5 TWC's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2017-21, Tom McCarty.

6 Good morning, Tom.

7 MR. McCARTY: Good morning, Chairman

8 Alcantar, Commissioner Hughs, Commissioner Alvarez. Tom

9 McCarty with the External Relations Division. Today before

10 you is the agency's strategic plan for fiscal years 2017 to

11 fisc -- fiscal year 2021. This plan is a culmination of

12 several regional meetings, has received input from the

13 Boards and their local partners, LAR meetings and the work

14 session with you all.

15 This plan is a group effort that takes many

16 people from across the agency to pull together. I would to

17 thank everyone for their contributions to allow this plan to

18 be brought forward for consideration by the Commission. If

19 you do not have any questions, I would like to request

20 adoption of the plan with permission to make any corrections

21 or technical changes that may be needed between adoption and

22 submission of the report on Friday, June the 24th.

23 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs?

24 COMM. HUGHS: I -- I've shared the changes

25 that I believe we'd consider technical. I want to be clear

1 though on the Tri-Agency Initiative, I think it's important  
2 since one of the charges is specific to veterans that we  
3 include that language. If that's considered technical  
4 rather than a substantive increase, than we're set and I  
5 would agree to that. Does anyone else have anything that  
6 they want to add before moving or --

7 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: No, no, please move.

8 COMM. ALVAREZ: I have just one. On the --  
9 well, for yours, I'm -- I'm okay with that, Commissioner.  
10 On page 4 line 35 and 36, it says support careers in  
11 technical education, dual -- dual credit, youth career  
12 awareness, and STEM Initiatives, will ensure that our --  
13 then we go into the page, but I'd like to pre-apprenticeship  
14 if we could, and I'm not sure if that needs --

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: That's fine.

16 COMM. ALVAREZ: -- and that's the -- just the  
17 only correction. The other ones are just going to be  
18 technical.

19 COMM. HUGHS: Okay.

20 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: I'm fine with that.

21 Commissioner?

22 COMM. HUGHS: Did you say pre-apprenticeship?

23 COMM. ALVAREZ: That's correct, Commissioner.

24 So it would read somewhere and support the career in  
25 technology -- or technical education, in pre-apprenticeship,

1 dual credit, youth career awareness. Only because I've been  
2 picking that up from our tri-agency, that pre-apprenticeship  
3 seems to be --

4 COMM. HUGHS: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: That's fine. All right.  
6 Do we have a motion?

7 COMM. HUGHS: Okay. And, yeah, the other  
8 things are technical, like 1-800 number and things that we  
9 discussed, and I know the other offices will be briefed on  
10 any changes. So with that, I move that we make -- that we  
11 approve the TWC's Strategic Plan subject to these changes.  
12 Thank you.

13 COMM. ALVAREZ: I second that.

14 MR. McCARTY: And with permission for the --

15 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: It's unanimous.

16 MR. McCARTY: With permission to make any  
17 technical corrections or corrections to the plan?

18 COMM. HUGHS: Correct.

19 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Correct.

20 MR. McCARTY: Okay.

21 COMM. ALVAREZ: I second that.

22 COMM. HUGHS: Thank you, Tom.

23 MR. McCARTY: Yes, ma'am.

24 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: All right, thank you.

25 MR. McCARTY: Thank you.



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AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 13. Discussion,  
Consideration and Possible Action Regarding the Adult  
Education -- Education and Literacy Strategic Plan, Anson.  
Good morning, Anson.

MR. GREEN: Good morning, Chairman,  
Commissioners. For the record I'm Anson Green, State  
Director for Adult Education and Literacy. And I'm pleased  
to present the Adult Education and Literacy Strategic Plan  
for final approval. This plan will be included as part of  
the agency's strategic plan.

The AEL Strategic Plan is required under  
Rider 32 included in our appropriation bill last legislative  
session and as part of the rider the Commission's required  
to report on implementation of the plan to the legislature  
and the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board and Texas  
Workforce Investment Council in December of each even  
numbered year, so this this December we'll be able to report  
on progress of the plan to date.

As you'll recall, last year the Commission  
voted on November 25th, 2014, I guess two years ago now, to  
approve kind of an initial framework for the strategic plan.  
And we have worked very diligently with the advisory  
committee. This was a major work product for the advisory  
committee and Adult Education and Literacy this year so that

1 2014 draft that the Commission approved kind of established  
2 our foundation. There was a work session on November 3rd,  
3 2015, with the Commission to further flesh out the strategic  
4 plan and establish a milestone for Career Pathways of 20,000  
5 students by 2020. The final draft before you today aligns  
6 not -- these elements of the plan with the Coordinating  
7 Board's 60x30TX's plan.

8           So before you we have very detailed  
9 objectives and tactics outlined for our strategy in Adult  
10 Education and Literacy. The plan's been given sig --  
11 significant feedback from the adult education field advisory  
12 committee, Workforce Boards and TWIC. So with that, I'd  
13 move for your approval.

14           CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Commissioner Hughs?

15           COMM. HUGHS: Yes, thank you. I move that  
16 the Commissioners allow staff to make technical  
17 modifications, updates and changes to the Adult Education  
18 and Literacy Strategic Plan and, if approved, then I move  
19 that the Commissioners approve the Adult Education and  
20 Literacy Strategic Plan as amended or changed.

21           COMM. ALVAREZ: I agree with that. I'd also  
22 like to add that I'm happy to see that we have a clear  
23 alignment with the goals of 60x30 included, Anson. Thank  
24 you and your staff --

25           MR. GREEN: Okay.

1 COMM. ALVAREZ: -- for the great work.

2 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We are unanimous. Thank  
3 you.

4 AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

5 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We have no legislative  
6 update.

7 AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

8 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: Item 15. Ed, do you have  
9 any reports before we wrap up?

10 MR. SERNA: No, sir. We have nothing to  
11 report.

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

14 COMM. HUGHS: I move that we adjourn.

15 COMM. ALVAREZ: I second that.

16 CHAIRMAN ALCANTAR: We're adjourned. Thank  
17 you.

18 (Proceedings concluded at 11:18 a.m.)

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