

1 **JET Advisory Board Recommendation - FY 2022 JET Grant Awards**

2 **Discussion Paper**

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4 **Background**

5 The FY 2022 Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) request for applications (RFA) were issued on March 17,
6 2022, for grant awards to public junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state colleges; and on
7 April 20, 2022, for grant awards to Texas Independent School Districts, Open-Enrollment Charter
8 Schools, and the Windham School District. The JET Funding allocation for these RFAs were comprised of
9 \$7.52 million in general revenue funds (available only for public junior colleges, public technical
10 institutes, and public state colleges), and \$47.5 million in funding available through HB1525 (87R) and
11 the Texas Education Agency (available only for Texas Independent School Districts, Open-Enrollment
12 Charter Schools, and the Windham School District).

13 Two hundred fifty-five (255) total applications were received: 48 Institutions of Higher Education (IHE)
14 applications and 207 applications from Open-Enrollment Charter Schools and School Districts.

15 Texas Education Code, Chapter 134, Section 134.003, C, states: “The advisory board shall meet at least
16 once each quarter, or as needed, to review received applications and recommend awarding grants
17 under this chapter”.

18 On July 28, 2022, the JET Advisory Board made the following recommendation to the Commission
19 regarding the FY 2022 JET awards:

20 To recommend the Commission to direct staff to move forward with awarding grants, based on
21 the final evaluation score.

22 **Decision Point**

23 Staff seeks direction regarding JET awards for FY 2022, as recommended by the JET Advisory Board, and
24 allow staff the ability to move down the list (50 points and above) as funds become available during
25 contract negotiations.