



**MEETING OF THE  
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

**DATE**

**AUGUST 10, 2021**

1 TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021

2 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Good morning, this meeting  
3 is called to order. Mr. Trobman, has anyone signed up for public  
4 comment? Thank you very much. Good morning, Ms. Miller.

5 MS. MILLER: Good morning, sir.

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you very much. All  
7 right, let's take just a quick break and we'll get ready for the  
8 rest of the agenda. All right, we're back in session. This is  
9 Agenda Item 8, childcare relief funds.

10 MS. WILSON: Good morning, Chairman,  
11 commissioners, and Mr. Serna. Today for your consideration we  
12 have a discussion paper on childcare relief funds for childcare  
13 providers that were impacted by the February 21 winter storm.  
14 Following the winter storm, many childcare providers were forced  
15 to close due to storm damage. To be eligible for childcare  
16 relief funds, the program had to reopen by June 18. TWC has  
17 received input from several childcare providers who were still  
18 closed in June due to delays in completing needed repairs.  
19 Extending childcare relief funds to these providers will help  
20 them reopen and will also help restore childcare--lost childcare  
21 supply. We seek direction on making CCRF available to childcare  
22 providers who meet the following conditions: One, they were open  
23 and serving children prior to the winter storm and were forced  
24 to close because of storm damage. Two, they responded to  
25 childcare regulation's winter weather emergency survey informing

1 childcare regulation that they were not operating because of  
2 storm damage. Three, they affirmed that they will reopen  
3 following the completion of all needed repairs. And four, they  
4 apply for the relief funding no later than October 10, 2021. And  
5 that concludes my remarks, and I'm happy to answer any questions  
6 you may have.

7 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

8 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: None here, Chairman.

9 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None.

10 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Do we have a motion?

11 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Chairman, I move that  
12 we [inaudible-audio echo] childcare providers impacted by the  
13 February 2021 storms, as described by staff.

14 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: I second.

15 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and  
16 seconded, we're unanimous.

17 MS. WILSON: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's like announcing a  
19 rodeo, you get the reverb off the back of the arena. That was  
20 nice. It brought me back to old times. This is Agenda Item 9, FY  
21 2022 allocations.

22 MR. NELSON: Good morning, Chairman and  
23 commissioners. For the record, Chris Nelson, chief financial  
24 officer. This morning I am requesting approval of the remaining  
25 FY 2022 program allocations in the amount of \$74,481,190 for

1 TANF Choices, \$14,301,691 for SNAP NT, \$24,578,423 for  
2 employment services, and 823,621 and \$585 for childcare  
3 consistent with TWC rules on allocations. Also included are  
4 distributions for 254,000 for migrant seasonal farm workers  
5 outreach services, and \$1,231,610 in small workforce area  
6 funding. Since 2007, TWC has utilized TWC rule 800.51 to  
7 distribute the small board funding and the funding for the  
8 distribution has come from TWC's statewide balance of WIOA, TANF  
9 Choices, SNAP, ENT, and ES programs. Since TWC has already  
10 approved its PY '21/FY '22 WIOA allocations, I am not  
11 recommending changing the source of the funding for this year.  
12 However, for TANF Choices, I am recommending to fund the FY '22  
13 TANF Choices allocation from the funds budgeted for the FY '22  
14 allocation. The employment services and snap ENT amounts for  
15 small board funding are relatively small; approximately 50,000  
16 each, and I'm not recommending a change for these programs. That  
17 concludes my remarks, and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

18 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Comments or questions?

19 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: None here, Chairman.

20 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None, thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Do we have a motion?

22 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Chairman, I move that  
23 we approve fiscal year 2022/PY 2021 allocations and funding  
24 distributions for TANF Choices, SNAP, ENT, excluding ABAWD  
25 employment services, childcare, and provided and small board

1 funding using the methodology laid out by staff, and instruct  
2 the executive director to administer these block grants  
3 allocations in the most feasible and economical manner, and  
4 within all guidelines presented by General Appropriations Act,  
5 legislature, and the Texas Labor code, and TWC rules.

6 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: I second.

7 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and  
8 seconded, motion carries. Nothing under Agenda Item 10. Agenda  
9 Item 11, do we have anything under that one today? Nothing under  
10 Agenda Item 12. Agenda Item 13, Mr. Serna, an executive  
11 director's report?

12 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: The time is 9:27. The  
13 Texas Workforce Commission is now going into executive session  
14 in room 242 to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation,  
15 reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the executive  
16 director, internal auditor, executive staff, or other personnel  
17 [inaudible] Texas government code section 551.074(a)(1).

18 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: The executive session is  
19 now concluded, and the time is 11:07. Is there any other order  
20 of business to come before the commission?

21 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Chairman, I move the  
22 following two regarding the executive director and the internal  
23 auditor. I move that we enhance the annual salary of the  
24 executive director by 9.86 percent of his current salary,  
25 effective August 1 of 2021. My second motion is to move that we

1 enhance the annual salary of the internal auditor director by  
2 9.86 percent of the current salary, effective August 1, 2021 as  
3 well.

4 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Gonna second both of  
5 those motions.

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and  
7 seconded, we're unanimous on both motions. Any other order of  
8 business?

9 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: None here, Chairman.

10 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Mr. Chairman, first  
11 I wanted to thank you guys for your future participation in our  
12 state agency and friends internship forum that's coming up on  
13 August the 12. We're gonna utilize that to pass the actual date.  
14 We'll be putting it out to interns throughout the year to share  
15 the words of encouragement that you guys are offering. But thank  
16 you for your participation in that event. That's it.

17 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. Do we have a  
18 motion to adjourn?

19 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Chairman, I move that  
20 we adjourn.

21 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and  
23 seconded to adjourn; we are adjourned, thank you.

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