

1 **Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on appointment of a representative for the Texas Workforce**
2 **Commission to Serve on the Educational Research Center Advisory Board**

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4 **Overview** – Texas Education Code 1.005 charges the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board with creating not more
5 than three Educational Research Centers in Texas to support evaluation and studies of education and workforce
6 preparation for the benefit of this state. The work can look at any program or service from preschool to post-secondary
7 education.

8 Texas Education Code 1.006 requires the Commissioner of Higher Education to create, chair, and maintain an advisory
9 board for the purpose of reviewing study or evaluation proposals and ensuring appropriate data use under Section
10 1.005, including compliance with applicable state and federal laws governing use of and access to the data. Section
11 1.006(c) specifies the members of the advisory board to include a representative of the Texas Workforce Commission
12 designated by the commission.

13 Adam Leonard, TWC’s Chief Analytics Officer has served as TWC’s representative for approximately 11 years. For the past
14 several years, Angie Stout, PhD who is a senior data analyst and researcher in Information Innovation & Insight, has
15 informally supported the Advisory Board by reviewing proposals, asking questions of and providing information to
16 researchers on their proposals, though she was not allowed to vote, even as a proxy or backup because The Higher
17 Education Coordinating Board’s rules governing the Advisory Board do not allow for backups or proxy voting.

18 **Request** – Staff request the Commission designate Angie Stout to serve as TWC’s representative on the Educational
19 Research Center’s Advisory Board as provided for in Texas Education Code 1.006.