



**MEETING OF THE
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right, good morning,
all. The meeting--

COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: On a sad note.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: --Mr. Trobman--there he
is.

MR. TROBMAN: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Has anybody signed up for
public comment?

MR. TROBMAN: We do not have anyone
registered for public comment this morning.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you very much, sir.
Good morning, Ms. Miller.

MS. MILLER: Good morning, sir.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. This brings
us to the end of Agenda Items 3 through 7, and I see Mr. Serna.
Mr. Serna, do we have an executive director's report today?

MR. SERNA: A very brief one. I wanna make
sure the commissioners are aware that we did have--I did conduct
an all-staff, all agency meeting last week using technology.
One of the up sides of the COVID pandemic is we've increased our
use of technology and was able to hold a staff meeting with all
of our staff. There were about 4,200 staff that signed on to
the live event, and so far about 700 have looked at the recorded
event. We had a few little technical glitches that we'll

1 continue to work through, but it is a good way for us to
2 communicate information to all of our staff at one time, and I
3 intend to repeat it, perhaps, at least once a year, maybe twice
4 a year, just to keep our staff informed about what's going on in
5 their agency. So, that's all I had to report to y'all.

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you, Ed. Actually,
7 I think that's a phenomenal exercise, and one that I'm glad you
8 undertook. I know there were many staff very interested in what
9 you had to say, and that's the ultimate open-door policy, when
10 we can use technology to [inaudible] executive director agency-
11 wide. I really appreciate what you've done there, and
12 appreciate all you guys are doing to keep everybody abreast of
13 the pace that we're keeping here at TWC, both with regard to the
14 pandemic and all the other work that we're doing as well. So,
15 much appreciated.

16 MR. SERNA: Yes, sir.

17 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: I agree with you,
18 Chairman.

19 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: And--

20 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: And while I've got you, I
21 had a couple requests. I'd like to make those now.

22 MR. SERNA: Yes, sir.

23 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: One is at the next
24 commission meeting, could we have our staff update us on all the
25 different measures we've taken with regard to COVID, all the

1 pandemic-related measures that we've taken. Just give us a
2 general update on where we are with those. Some have completed,
3 some are in progress, like our skills enhancement efforts. I
4 would just like a picture of sort of what we've done and where
5 we are, and what things are continuing into the future. I think
6 it's useful for us to revisit that from time to time.

7 MR. SERNA: Yes, sir, we'll do that.

8 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Yes, sir, thank you. And
9 then the second request I have is could you ask staff to provide
10 a briefing to my office on where we are with both WIOA and TANF
11 funds that have been encumbered, obligated, or otherwise
12 promised, but not yet expended, so I can get a picture of some
13 fund balances and what projects will be occurring over the
14 remainder of this fiscal year, based on those encumbrances and
15 obligations?

16 MR. SERNA: Yes, sir, we can do that.

17 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you.

18 MR. SERNA: Probably won't take us more
19 than a week or two to be able to do that, and then we can share-

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21 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Perfect.

22 MR. SERNA: --the same information with the
23 other offices.

24 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Absolutely.

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1 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Thank you, Ed. And
2 we would appreciate the same.

3 MR. SERNA: Yes, sir, we will do that.

4 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: If we could have a
5 briefing on that as well.

6 MR. SERNA: Yes, sir, absolutely.

7 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Good idea. Great
8 idea.

9 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Great. Well, thank you.
10 Thank you, Mr. Serna. Is there anything else for Mr. Serna?

11 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: None here, Chairman.

12 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: [Inaudible]
13 Chairman, I just wanted to say, Ed, the Ask Ed went over very
14 well in terms of the questions, and so you mentioned doing it
15 once a year or twice a year, it might be--it was [inaudible]
16 hot, hot item, so I know a lot of the members really appreciated
17 you for reporting out, so.

18 MR. SERNA: Yes, sir, we got 80 questions
19 or comments. I'm looking at all of them, and we're gonna
20 provide responses to all of them. Because we were only able to
21 do about eight of them in the event. I didn't want the meeting
22 to take that long. But we will get answers to all of our staff,
23 so thank you, sir.

24 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: That's [inaudible].

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1 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: With that kind of
2 response, we may see Ask Ed on YouTube soon.

3 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Yeah, Ask Ed.

4 MR. SERNA: That will not be the case.

5 [laughter] Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there any other item
7 of business that should come before this commission?

8 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: None here, Chairman,
9 except for all of us to have a great weekend.

10 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Absolutely [inaudible].

11 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Or a great week, I
12 should say, great week.

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Do we have a--I wish it
14 were the weekend, Commissioner Alvarez, I really do. But we've
15 got--we got what, four and a half more days of this work. Do we
16 have a motion to adjourn?

17 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Chairman, I move
18 that we adjourn.

19 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: And I second his
20 illustrious motion.

21 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
22 seconded to adjourn, and we are adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

23 COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ: Have a good weekend--
24 -a good week.

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COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: [Inaudible] the

weekend.