

TEXAS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL MEETING

**Mark Dunn, Chair
Monday, April 6, 2020
CONFERENCE CALL TRANSCRIPT**

The following is a transcript of the Monday, April 6, 2020, meeting of the Texas Workforce Investment Council.

9:33 a.m.

Mark Dunn, Chair

Good morning.

I'll ask members to please mute their phones if they are not speaking to avoid any unnecessary background noise. Please unmute if you make a motion and identify yourself when you make the motion.

I wanted to let you know that we will be recording this call. This is a requirement for government entities that are holding meeting by telephone during this period in which Governor Abbott has relaxed some of the open meeting requirements due to COVID-19.

For the record, I'll ask Lee to take a roll call of the members who are present on the phone. When she calls your name, please respond by stating "present."

Lee Rector: Mark Dunn

Mark Dunn: Present

Lee Rector: Gina Aguirre Adams

Lee Rector: Tom Halbouty

Tom Halbouty: Present

Lee Rector: Wayne Oswald

Wayne Oswald: Present

Lee Rector: Jerry Romero

Jerry Romero: Here

Lee Rector: Rick Rhodes

Rick Rhodes: Present

Lee Rector: Dr. Hinojosa

Michael Hinojosa: Present

Lee Rector: Dr. Rhodes

Richard Rhodes: Present

Lee Rector: Brandon Willis

Brandon Willis: Present

Lee Rector: Paul Puente

Paul Puente: Present

Lee Rector: Lindsey Geeslin

Lindsey Geeslin: Present

Lee Rector: Jesse Gatewood

Jesse Gatewood: Present

Lee Rector: John Martin

John Martin: Present

Lee Rector: Dr. Keller

Lee Rector: Ed Serna

Lee Rector: Gina Aguirre Adams

Lee Rector: Harrison Keller

Lee Rector: Ed Serna

Lee Rector

Are there any members of the public on the call who would like to provide public comment?
If yes, please state your name for the record.

Mr. Chairman, there are no members of the public wishing to provide comment. We have a quorum with 12 members present.

Mark Dunn

Welcome to you all. I call the meeting to order. We have one agenda item to consider today:

The Texas Combined State Plan under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for Program Years 2020–2023.

This is an action item. I'll ask Lee to introduce this item.

Lee Rector

Good morning, members. As a reminder, you received an action item memo in the meeting invitation that I emailed you. A link to the WIOA combined state plan was also included. Today you are being asked to consider the Texas WIOA combined state plan for program years 2020-2023 for approval and recommendation to the Governor.

As you may recall, the plan contains a strategic portion that outlines the Governor’s vision and stated goals for Texas’ workforce system. The operational portion of the plan includes a description of programs, participant groups, and the delivery of services.

The programs in the combined state plan include the:

- adult, dislocated worker, and youth programs under Title I of WIOA,
- Adult Education and Family Literacy Act program under Title II of WIOA,
- Wagner-Peyser Employment Service program under Title III of WIOA,
- vocational rehabilitation program under Title IV of WIOA,
- Senior Community Service Employment Program, and
- Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker program.

There is also an assurances section where states must affirm that specific requirements have been met.

Following the Council’s consideration of the combined state plan for approval, the plan will be transmitted to the Governor for his consideration for approval. The state plan is then subject to the approval of both the secretary of labor and the secretary of education, after approval of the commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

This is the same plan that members approved on February 28, 2020. Following approval, it was determined that there was a technical issue that had to be remedied and be approved again. The Texas Workforce Commission approved the full plan on March 31 and transmitted it to the Council for consideration.

Both state and federal law requires the Council to consider the WIOA combined state plan and recommend final action by the Governor. That concludes my remarks. I am happy to answer any questions. I recommend that members approve the combined state plan.

Mark Dunn

Are there any questions for Lee?

May I have a motion to approve the Texas combined state plan under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and to forward the plan to the Governor for consideration and approval?

Dr. Richard Rhodes

I move that the Texas combined state plan for WIOA program years 2020-2023 be approved.

Mark Dunn

Do I have a second to the motion?

Tom Halbouty

I second the motion.

Mark Dunn

The motion has been seconded by Tom Halbouty. Any discussion? All in favor? (voice vote)

Members: Aye

Mark Dunn

All opposed? (voice vote)

The motion is approved. Lee, do you have any additional comments?

Lee Rector

The Council is required by law to meet four times each year and at the call of the chair. You will receive an email from me tomorrow noting that Chair Dunn has canceled the June quarterly meeting due to the current situation, our next meeting will be in September, with the final annual meeting in December. As I noted, an email will be forthcoming soon.

Mark Dunn

Thank all of you for taking time to join this conference call. That concludes our business and I will now entertain a motion to adjourn. May I have a motion to adjourn?

John Martin

I move to adjourn.

Mark Dunn

Do I have a second to the motion?

Richard Rhodes

I second the motion.

Mark Dunn

The motion has been seconded. Any discussion? All in favor? (voice vote)

Members: Aye

Mark Dunn

All opposed? (voice vote)

The meeting is adjourned.

9:42 a.m.