



**MEETING OF THE
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

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2 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Good morning, everyone.

3 This meeting is called to order. Ms. Patricio, has anyone signed
4 up for public comment?

5 MS. PATRICIO: Yes, sir. We have one person
6 signed up for public comment. They're online right now. It's
7 Ronke Aderemi, and Ms. Aderemi, if you'd please limit your
8 comments to a maximum of three minutes.

9 MS. PATRICIO: Ms. Aderemi, are you there?
10 Ms. Aderemi, we can't hear you yet. If you can hit the mute
11 button and then unmute it again, and let's see if that works.
12 It's showing that your mic is unmuted so please go ahead, just
13 get closer to the microphone and speak. Is your volume turned
14 up? Ma'am, we're still not able to hear you. Can you press the
15 mute button and then press unmute again?

16 MS. PATRICIO: At this point in time, it
17 seems like we're having some technical difficulties that it
18 appears that she should be able to speak where we would hear,
19 but we're unable to. Commissioners, if you'd like, we can have
20 her disconnect and if you would like to go forward with the
21 docket and then if she's able to reconnect we can have her at
22 the end of the docket, if that works.

23 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: This brings us to the end
25 of Agenda Items 1 through 8. We'll take a short recess.

1 MS. PATRICIO: Ma'am, can you please test
2 and see if we can hear your voice? Could you say something
3 please?

4 RONKE ADE: Yes, hello, hello.

5 MS. PATRICIO: OK, we can hear you now.

6 RONKE ADE: Can you hear me?

7 MS. PATRICIO: We can hear you now. We have
8 the [inaudible].

9 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you.

10 RONKE ADE: OK. So do you want me to start
11 talking now?

12 MS. PATRICIO: Yes, please go ahead.

13 RONKE ADE: All right. Greetings to
14 everyone. My name is Ronke Ade and I would like to read some
15 scriptures before I really go into what I want to talk about.
16 Heaven and earth will pass away but the word of the Lord will
17 never pass away. I do not fight against flesh and blood but I
18 fight against principalities, against rulers of darkness of this
19 world. And I'm commanding every injustice and every bribery and
20 every evil in my case to remove their hands from my case, and
21 I'm demanding justice. In the beginning God created the heavens
22 and the earth, and separated light from darkness, and every
23 darkness in my case I command you to lose your grip and your
24 hold, and everyone who is standing by this corruption, I'm
25 decreeing from above they will be removed from seat. Everyone

1 involved in bribery in my case and injustice will be removed.
2 Now I called and I had a meeting on July 25th reporting Myron J.
3 Lewis who came to cover up my brutal housing complaint by
4 forgery, one signing as a resident using my personal
5 information, identification, and address. He signed out the
6 resident [inaudible] key that had been denied me for one year
7 without my traditional permission. Now as we speak that key has
8 been deactivated again because guess what? TWC Civil Rights
9 Division is in support of all fraud that has happened. The thing
10 that was signed because I had again, I brought, I submitted a
11 video to where it said they've had a discussion. Myron Lewis as
12 a respondent saying I thought when I signed that thing that that
13 would be it. His response was, yes, yes, it is, it is. I see how
14 to do the paperwork. Now the paperwork he did was full of lies,
15 removing vital facts on everything. It cannot stand in my case.
16 I'm the daughter of the kingdom so I'm addressing every spirit.
17 I don't fight against flesh and blood, and I'm addressing the
18 spirit to lose their grip, and I'm asking for an extension of my
19 case. Now at this point I still don't have AC. You know why?
20 Because again they reversed it. What Myron Lewis came to do
21 because they closed the case, they reversed it. And it cannot
22 happen in my case. Now this case is between—let me call their
23 names. It's Vineyards Apartments located in Katy, managed by
24 Knightvest Residential, using their name as their business as
25 Mosonga [SP], KBB and LLC, and the owner is David Moore. I would

1 say by the kingdom, by the resurrection of God everything dead
2 in my case rise. Now and I'm talking again to the head of the
3 Department of Civil Rights Division. His name is Bryan Daniel
4 and I'm talking to him with every respect. God gives you that
5 position to make sure injustice is removed from—separated from
6 justice. So I'm speaking to you and I'm telling you that you
7 need by the action coming from above, I'm not speaking from this
8 kingdom, so go and [inaudible] that case and make sure that
9 every fraud or bribery that occurred in my case be removed. I am
10 [inaudible]. Now I still—nobody has told me what was signed
11 before they closed my case because it was investigated. Now
12 Snoddy Bryan, Patrick Williams, John Russell, every one of them
13 is involved. What was signed? I'm still waiting since July 25th.
14 I submitted this evidence and I've still not heard what was
15 signed that was [inaudible] time in the last couple of days. He
16 did not have time because they have signed it so I want to know
17 what was signed. And secondly, I've now released the video of
18 them talking about the check so you guys go—it's already in this
19 case. They were talking about a check. The respondent said they
20 didn't want her to show up with a check to the bank, and that
21 because of that she was mistreated. She was supposed to call and
22 verify a check. She had this discussion with Myron J. Lewis so
23 I'm still waiting to find out what was signed, and I'm demanding
24 a reinstatement of my case, a reinstatement of my housing
25 complaint because God is already in my case so please, I'm

1 speaking again by the authority vested upon me, justice and
2 injustice do not collide. They don't mix. They can't mix in this
3 one. They can't so what was signed is what I'm asking. No one
4 has [inaudible] for this case. It was set in 2021. Usually,
5 according to the law it takes 20 days for a case to get a
6 response. I did not get this for almost two years. That's a lot
7 of violation of the law, of the rules. The rule says any rights
8 that is granted, that is used cannot be taken by intimidation or
9 interference. When it's done that way according to Texas
10 Property Code, 301.171, it becomes an offense, and in this case
11 the law granted me the right to live in this premises and I have
12 that right, and it was taken away by force and intimidation that
13 is already a violation of the rule, and Myron Lewis [inaudible]
14 to cover up crime with a crime, and he still has his position.
15 No one, no one can stand against God's child because I am. They
16 say it's better for you to have your millstone, right, to be
17 hanged around your neck than for you to touch one of his own.
18 This is man's kingdom but there is a kingdom above so I am
19 demanding for a reinstatement of my housing complaint, and I am
20 demanding to know what was signed fraudulently, why this case
21 was not investigated, why it was covered because a crime
22 occurred. I feel like I said I still don't have AC in my
23 apartment. Do you know what they did? They reversed it. After
24 the quick fix, they reversed it. The [inaudible] key has been
25 turned off again, right? Because Myron Lewis came in here to

1 agree on a bribe, forgery, and close off my case without any
2 legal backing, and he still has his job there. He cannot be
3 there. He can't.

4 MS. PATRICIO: Excuse me, ma'am. You've
5 exceeded the time limit right now. Could you please wrap up your
6 final-go ahead and wrap up your final comment right now?

7 RONKE ADE: Thank you, ma'am, and I really
8 appreciate you telling me nicely. I will speak nicely that I am
9 asking and I am demanding for a revision of my case. It cannot
10 be closed by bribery or forgery, and I'm asking to know what was
11 signed between Myron J. Lewis and Staci Garza, the regional
12 manager of Knightvest Residential, what was signed is what I
13 want to know, and I am demanding it because it is written,
14 heaven and earth will pass. His judgment will never pass away.
15 It is written, if any right by the law is granted to you and you
16 use it as somebody intimidates you, that is an offense according
17 to Texas Property Code 301.171. A crime has occurred and it
18 cannot be covered with a crime. I cannot be here by the law who
19 granted me the right to stay here and I still currently don't
20 have AC. They turned it off and I still don't have the key that
21 he took from them without my permission. I still don't have it.
22 I'm just letting you guys know. Thank you so much for listening
23 and I hope that my case will be handled properly.

24 MS. PATRICIO: Thank you, ma'am.

25 RONKE ADE: Thank you so much.

1 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right. Let's move to
2 Agenda Item 9, Board Contract Year 2024 Child Care Allocations
3 and Performance Targets.

4 REAGAN MILLER: Good morning, chairman,
5 commissioners. For the record, Reagan Miller with the Child Care
6 & Early Learning Division. This morning we're bringing forward
7 recommendations for Board Contract Year 2024 Child Care
8 Allocations and Performance Targets. As we've been planning for
9 services over the next biennium both in our LAR and in the
10 General Appropriations Act, we've been working with a planned
11 assumption that we'd serve about 140,000 kids per day. The good
12 news is that today we are making a recommendation to serve
13 almost 145,000 kids per day. In order to serve this slightly
14 higher number, we are actually requesting that the commission
15 reduce the prior approved allocation. When we previously brought
16 forward the BCY24 allocations, we assumed that more money would
17 be needed and this is in large part due to the fact that we have
18 not seen our Texas Rising Star numbers increase as quickly as we
19 projected that they would so our average cost isn't as high as
20 we assumed it would be. As you're aware, we're currently in the
21 process of implementing mandatory Texas Rising Star, and during
22 BCY24 we'll be working with over 4,000 providers who must attain
23 at least a two-star Texas Rising Star certification level. When
24 these programs become certified, we will begin paying the
25 enhanced reimbursement rate of at least five percent, and at

1 that time we are going to see our average cost increase. Our
2 recommended reduction is almost 90,000,000 of the prior approved
3 allocation, and as we get more Texas Rising Star programs, we'll
4 need to tap into these funds in the future as our average cost
5 increases. But right now, based on the case mix that we have in
6 place, we're requesting that the commission approve an adjusted
7 child care allocation of \$1,191,167,812, and a BCY24 target of
8 144,807 average children per day. We'll also conduct a midyear
9 review of child care looking at updated case mix numbers as we
10 did last year and bring back any recommendations to you for
11 needed adjustments in early calendar year 2023 likely in
12 February. The details of these recommendations are outlined in
13 the discussion paper, and I'm happy to answer any questions that
14 you have.

15 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Any comments or questions?

16 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None here.

17 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None here.

18 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion?

19 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Mr. Chairman, I move
20 that we approve the Board Contract Year 2024 Child Care
21 Allocations and Performance Targets as set forth in the
22 discussion paper and presented today by staff.

23 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I second the motion.

24 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
25 seconded, and the vote is unanimous.

1 REAGAN MILLER: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Thank you. Is there an
3 executive director's report today?

4 MR. SERNA: Yes, sir. For the record, my
5 name is Ed Serna, executive director of the Texas Workforce
6 Commission.

7 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Well, I noticed that Mr.
8 Townsend who's normally there wasn't there and that we had a
9 substitute today.

10 MR. SERNA: Yes, sir. I thought I would sit
11 in for Mr. Townsend today.

12 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Just curious, yes.

13 MR. SERNA: We have two things actually. The
14 first is we received a proclamation from Governor Abbott
15 recognizing September 18th through the 25th as Adult Education and
16 Family Literacy Week. The governor's proclamation declares the
17 importance of literacy for the prosperity of the state's
18 citizens and we certainly support that through our AEL program.
19 Also, we have an AEL conference going on in North Austin later
20 this week and we'll share that proclamation with the attendees.
21 The second thing I want to mention is that September 26th marks
22 the 50th anniversary of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This was
23 a landmark federal legislation that mandated equal education as
24 a right for individuals with disabilities. It removed physical
25 barriers to mandating accessibility and infrastructure, and it

1 also set the standard for accessibility in technology, and it
2 set the groundwork for the 1990s Americans with Disabilities
3 Act. I would point individuals to our website, the Texas
4 HireAbility campaign, to learn more about the value of these
5 programs that we have that support individuals with disabilities
6 and help get them into the workforce. Those are the only two
7 comments that I have.

8 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Any comments or questions
9 for Mr. Serna?

10 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Three things not
11 exactly for Mr. Serna but this is also National Workforce
12 Development Month. Even before I say that the caller that called
13 in, Ed, we're on top of that more than likely?

14 MR. SERNA: Yes, sir.

15 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: We're working on
16 that, OK. All right, National Workforce Development Month, and
17 this is also Hispanic Heritage Month is kicking off as well so I
18 wanted to recognize those two as well.

19 MR. SERNA: Yes, sir. Hispanic Heritage
20 Month started yesterday.

21 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Yeah. Nothing else
22 here.

23 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: No comments, Ed.
24 Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right. The time is now
2 10:54. The Texas Workforce Commission will go into executive
3 session in Room 242 pursuant to Texas Government Code Section
4 551.071(1) concerning pending litigation titled Oak Creek
5 Country Club Incorporated versus Texas Workforce Commission and
6 Chad Mullins.

7 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: The executive session is
8 now concluded. The time is 11:04. Is there any other order of
9 business to come before the commission?

10 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: None from me.

11 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: None from me.

12 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Is there a motion to
13 adjourn?

14 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: So moved.

15 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I second the motion.

16 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
17 seconded to adjourn and we're adjourned.

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