

GULF COAST WORKFORCE BOARD

AGENDA

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.
2nd Floor, A/B/C, 3555 Timmons Lane
Houston, Texas 77027**

This meeting will be in person only and open to the public.

- 1. Call to Order (Board Chair Mark Guthrie)**
- 2. Roll Call (Board Chair Mark Guthrie)**
- 3. Introduction of Newly Appointed Board Members (Board Chair Mark Guthrie)**
- 4. Adopt Agenda (Board Chair Mark Guthrie)**
- 5. Public Comment (Board Chair Mark Guthrie)**
- 6. Review of the April 2025 Meeting Minutes (Board Chair Mark Guthrie)**
- 7. Declare Conflicts of Interest (Board Chair Mark Guthrie)**
- 8. Reports:**
 - a. Board Chair's Remarks: (Board Chair Mark Guthrie)
 - i. Resolution Honoring Nick Natario as the Inaugural Recipient of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board's Community Champion Award,
 - b. Executive Director's Report: (Juliet Stipeche),
 - c. H-GAC Executive Director's Report: (Chuck Wemple),
 - d. Audit and Monitoring Committee Report: (Committee Chair Guy Jackson),
 - e. Budget Committee Report: (Committee Chair Carl Bowles),
 - f. Communications Committee Report: (Committee Chair Doug Karr)
 - i. Website Update by Phillippe Anchondo
 - g. Executive Committee Report: (Board Chair Mark Guthrie).



9. Action Items:

- a. Career Services Committee Report: Briefing of the Career Services Committee meeting from Chair Adrian Ozuna including discussion and possible action regarding the following:
 - i. Approval of the Gulf Coast Provider Network—Local Eligible Training Providers (ETPL) Policy, WFS Policy Number 405.
- b. Procurement Committee Report: Briefing of the Procurement Committee meeting from Chair Dr. Bobbie Henderson including discussion and possible action regarding the following:
 - i. Contract negotiations and approval with Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P.; Christine H. Nguyen CPA; and LaPorte, a Professional Accounting Corporation, in a combined amount not to exceed \$900,000.
 - ii. Contract negotiation and renewals with Houston Community College, Lone Star College, San Jacinto College, and Region 6 and contract extensions with Adult Education Center and BakerRipley for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, with the recommendation being contingent upon Texas Workforce Commission funding and approvals.

10. Presentations and Information:

- a. Performance and Production: Report on the system's performance and production (Philip Garcia),
- b. Expenditures: Report on the Board's budget and expenditures (Brandi Brown),
- c. Legislative Update: Update on the 89th Texas Legislative Session (Desmond Taylor),
- d. A Look at the Economy: Update on the Labor Market (Parker Harvey and Mohammad Ahmadizadeh), and
- e. Communications and Outreach Update: Report on relevant stories (Russell Tomlin).

11. Other Business

12. Adjourn



If you wish to make a public comment you may appear in person or do so by providing your comments in writing no later than 5:00 pm on **Monday, June 2, 2025**, to Dr. Maria Franco Cortes at maria.cortes@wrksolutions.net.

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