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TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2008

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT at approximately 9:03 a.m., on Tuesday the 12th day of August 2008, the above-entitled matter came on for hearing at the Texas Workforce Commission, TWC Building, 101 East 15th Street, Room 244, Austin, Texas, before TOM PAUKEN, RONALD G. CONGLETON and ANDRES ALCANTAR, COMMISSIONERS, and LARRY TEMPLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, of the Texas Workforce Commission; and the following proceedings were reported by Annie Park, a Certified Shorthand Reporter of:

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2008

(9:03 a.m.)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: The meeting will now be called to order. And I'll now turn the meeting over to Commissioner Alcantar to preside over that portion of the meeting involving Agenda Items 2 through 5.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

COMM. ALCANTAR: We have no cases of continuing jurisdiction to consider or cases to reconsider under Agenda Item 2. Is that correct?

MR. DICKINSON: Yes, Chairman Alcantar. That is correct. No cases have been submitted.

AGENDA ITEM NOS. 3, 4 & 5

COMM. ALCANTAR: So that the offices may have adequate time to prepare for the tax liability, wage claim and unemployment compensation docket, I would ask that a motion be made to defer discussion, consideration and possible action on tax liability cases, wage claim cases and unemployment compensation cases for Dockets 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 until a later date.

COMM. CONGLETON: So made.

1 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: I agree.

2 COMM. ALCANTAR: It is unanimous. I  
3 will now turn the meeting back over to Chairman  
4 Pauken.

5 AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

6 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay. Mr. Moore, are  
7 there any comments?

8 MS. HOLT-CUTRONE: Chairman Pauken, no  
9 one is signed up for public comment.

10 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay. Mr. Moore, you  
11 have proved your --

12 (Laughter)

13 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: I won't say that on  
14 the record.

15 (Laughter)

16 AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

17 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: All right. No. 7.  
18 Discussion, consideration and possible action  
19 regarding the Fiscal Year 2009 operating budget and  
20 the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 legislative appropriations  
21 request, including funding priorities, staffing  
22 levels, performance measures, and other budget-related  
23 issues.

24 Is Mr. Townsend here today, or are you  
25 Mr. Townsend today?

1 MR. CRUMP: I'm Mr. Townsend, Chairman.

2 For the record, Gene Crump, Deputy  
3 Executive Director. Good morning, Commissioners.

4 I just want to make two quick comments  
5 for the record and solicit from you any additional  
6 direction that you-all may have regarding the FY '09  
7 operating budget for the FY '10-11 LAR since you've  
8 had an additional week to consider all the numbers.

9 First, as we briefed your offices  
10 individually, staff will be preparing an exhibit in  
11 the LAR to identify the Commission's preference for a  
12 general revenue reduction if the GR reduction is  
13 required during the session. Staff will be focused on  
14 GR that supports our two largest programs: Funding  
15 the general revenue, the Skills Development Program  
16 and the Child Care Program. Together they represent  
17 about 50 percent of the GR and GR dedicated funds,  
18 plus if we were to remove the TANF MOE from those  
19 numbers, that percentage increases to well over  
20 two-thirds.

21 Second, staff is preparing the  
22 administrator statement. We hope to share a draft  
23 later this week. The administrator statement will  
24 parallel the themes from the strategic plan and  
25 includes such comments as the reductions in WIA

1 federal funding and a list of our required exceptional  
2 items.

3 That concludes my brief comments. I'm  
4 available for questions or further directions to staff  
5 on the budget or LAR items.

6 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Commissioner Alcantar?

7 COMM. ALCANTAR: I have no comments at  
8 this point. Can we discuss some of these items during  
9 work session, Commissioner -- Chairman?

10 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Yes. We're going  
11 to -- I think after this is over, we'll break for an  
12 executive session under No. (c). If you'll defer  
13 until that time.

14 And then if you will be available,  
15 Mr. Crump, at that time as well.

16 COMM. ALCANTAR: Thank you, Chairman.

17 AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

18 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay. All right.  
19 Next item is discussion, consideration and possible  
20 action regarding the Fiscal Year 2009 allocations and  
21 performance targets for local workforce development  
22 board areas.

23 Again, Mr. Crump for Mr. Townsend?

24 MR. CRUMP: Yes, sir. Nothing for the  
25 record today unless there's any additional direction

1 from the Commission.

2 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay. Any questions,  
3 Commissioner Congleton?

4 COMM. CONGLETON: (No verbal response)

5 AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

6 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay. No. 9.  
7 Discussion, consideration and possible action  
8 regarding additional appropriations authority pursuant  
9 to the requirements of Article VII, Rider No. 19,  
10 General Appropriations Act, 80th Texas Legislature,  
11 regular session (2007), for expenditure of Workforce  
12 Investment Act National Emergency Grant Funds for  
13 Hurricane Dolly recovery in Starr, Willacy, Hidalgo  
14 and Cameron Counties.

15 Mr. Jones.

16 MR. JONES: Good morning, Commissioners.  
17 Larry Jones, for the record.

18 Sir, we have no response yet. We've  
19 been in daily contact with the Department of Labor  
20 regarding our request.

21 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: When do you anticipate  
22 a response?

23 MR. JONES: I would say in the next 48  
24 hours, sir.

25 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: And you expect a

1 positive response?

2 MR. JONES: Absolutely.

3 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: All right. Anything  
4 you want to add, Mr. Temple?

5 MR. TEMPLE: Sir, we've updated DOL with  
6 the increased number of UI claim to DUA claim, mainly  
7 UI claims --

8 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Right.

9 MR. TEMPLE: -- that are directly  
10 affected to the storm so it gives more credence to our  
11 request so --

12 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay.

13 MR. TEMPLE: -- they're aware that the  
14 situation is more severe than it was when we submitted  
15 the application.

16 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: All right. One of the  
17 issues -- and we've talked about it, but you might  
18 just make reference, a brief reference to it. I saw  
19 over the weekend some clips with regard to I guess a  
20 temporary staffing firm that had handled some jobs  
21 through FEMA. It had nothing to do with the public  
22 service jobs we're talking about, but this was an  
23 entity that had apparently not been paying their wages  
24 to the people that were doing some public service jobs  
25 in The Valley. Any update on that?

1                   MR. TEMPLE: One of the Padre Island --  
2 City of Padre Island had a contract, who had a  
3 subcontract with a temp service staff leasing company  
4 who had not paid. We have -- to date have not  
5 received a wage claim still, to this date, of roughly  
6 50. We've been in contact with elected officials in  
7 the area --

8                   CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay. Not to  
9 interrupt, but you informed me the other day we can't  
10 do anything, even if we wanted to, until such time as  
11 we had a wage claim --

12                  MR. TEMPLE: Yes, sir.

13                  CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: -- come into this  
14 agency.

15                  MR. TEMPLE: But we did make phone calls  
16 to TDLR who did not find a license for this entity, as  
17 well as a referral to the Attorney General's Office  
18 and our General Counsel, John Moore -- Acting General  
19 Counsel, John Moore --

20                  John just grabbed his heart and doesn't  
21 know why.

22                  (Laughter)

23                  MR. TEMPLE: He did, in fact, speak with  
24 the company owner in Kansas City and they are trying  
25 to -- their excuse du jour is that they pay on debit

1 cards and they were not set up for a paper process and  
2 that was their delay. But we have let our local  
3 workforce board EDs down there know, and they're aware  
4 of these entities' names to where we make sure that  
5 they know not, you know --

6 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: And they're supposed  
7 to get this taken care of, is my understanding.

8 MR. JONES: Yes, sir. We've already  
9 heard back from Frank Castellanos, whom you met --

10 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Right.

11 MR. JONES: -- last week. He said they  
12 do not have contracts with these people. They're not  
13 on any type of NEG.

14 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay.

15 MR. JONES: Bonnie Gonzalez is also  
16 aware --

17 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay. So we're not  
18 going to be using this thing.

19 MR. JONES: No, sir. No, sir.

20 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay.

21 MR. JONES: No, sir.

22 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: All right.

23 MR. JONES: We received an update.

24 You'll be getting a staff report from Ms. Miller at  
25 the end of this meeting on the update for our most

1 recent hurricane, as well as a close-out report of  
2 what we did, in total, for Katrina and Rita. So more  
3 information will follow later in this meeting, sir.

4 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay. All right.  
5 Thank you, Mr. Jones.

6 MR. JONES: Yes, sir.

7 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

8 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: The next report is  
9 discussion, consideration and possible action  
10 regarding a request for voluntary reduction and  
11 redistribution of State Fiscal Year 2008  
12 transportation funding to local workforce development  
13 boards.

14 Mr. Garcia.

15 MR. GARCIA: Good morning, Chairman  
16 Pauken.

17 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Good morning.

18 MR. GARCIA: Commissioners, Juan Garcia  
19 with Workforce Development.

20 This morning we're bringing forth for  
21 your consideration a staff recommendation to approve a  
22 voluntary reduction and redistribution of State Fiscal  
23 Year 2008 transportation funds.

24 The Dallas Workforce Development Board  
25 has notified us that it will not be able to fully

1 expend its transportation dollars and has offered to  
2 voluntarily reduce its funding by \$100,000.

3                   At the same time, we have four boards  
4 that have requested additional transportation funds,  
5 and we are making a recommendation also to  
6 redistribute the \$100,000 to the following boards:  
7 Rural Capital at \$36,000, Deep East at \$9,000, Cameron  
8 County at \$29,000 and Middle Rio Grande at \$26,000.  
9 These boards have indicated to us that they do have a  
10 need for the funds and that they will be able to  
11 expend them.

12                   CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay. Mr. Garcia, I'm  
13 a little baffled because at the July 8, 2008 meeting  
14 where you asked for Commission action, Dallas asked  
15 for and received an additional \$255,830. Now they're  
16 saying they can't use \$100,000 of that. What went  
17 wrong in this situation?

18                   MR. GARCIA: We discussed this situation  
19 with their executive director, Ms. Laurie Larrea. She  
20 has told us that staff simply overestimated their  
21 need. She was out of the office at that particular  
22 time. When she got back, they revisited their  
23 projections and discovered that they actually had  
24 asked for a little bit more than they could use, so it  
25 was just simply a matter of over-estimation on their

1 part.

2 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay.

3 Any questions, Commissioner Congleton?

4 COMM. CONGLETON: I have no questions.

5 And I move that we redistribute \$100,000 in  
6 transportation funding that Dallas has voluntarily  
7 released and redistribute it in the amounts of \$36,000  
8 to Rural Capital Area, \$9,000 to Deep East Texas,  
9 \$29,000 to Cameron County, \$26,000 to Middle Rio.

10 COMM. ALCANTAR: I second.

11 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay. It's unanimous.

12 MR. GARCIA: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Thank you, Mr. Garcia.

14 MR. GARCIA: Thank you.

15 AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

16 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Discussion,  
17 consideration and possible action regarding approval  
18 of local Workforce Development Board nominees.

19 Mr. Fuller.

20 MR. FULLER: Good morning, Chairman  
21 Pauken, Commissioner Congleton, Commissioner Alcantar,  
22 Mr. Temple. For the record, I'm John Fuller with the  
23 Workforce Development Division.

24 Commissioners, before I present --

25 MR. LEWIS: John, microphone.



1 I am glad to see that -- and my apologies last week.  
2 Again, I'm still new to the process -- mentioning a  
3 name with regard -- as opposed to numbers of these  
4 appointments.

5                   But I am particularly pleased to see  
6 that Coastal Bend has made a new appointment from the  
7 private sector individual who is recognized for his  
8 economic development interest and background. That's  
9 one of the concerns I've heard with regard --  
10 particularly from businesses in that area, the need to  
11 really beef up the private sector participation, and  
12 I'm encouraged to see that appointment. And I see  
13 one, at least one additional appointment of an  
14 individual involved in business development down there  
15 who also is well-regarded.

16                   I do continue to have concerns about one  
17 proposed appointment, not anything personal, but that  
18 it really doesn't -- and I guess it's been pulled back  
19 for the time being. It is not really suited for the  
20 business side. And I do think it's important for that  
21 particular board to beef up their private sector of  
22 business representation. But that's my only comment.

23                   You have a proposed resolution,  
24 Commissioner Congleton?

25                   COMM. CONGLETON: Yes. Move that we

1 approve the nominees from Coastal Bend, North Texas  
2 and Texoma Workforces presented by staff.

3 COMM. ALCANTAR: I second.

4 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: It's unanimous. Thank  
5 you, Mr. Fuller.

6 MR. FULLER: Yes sir. Just one note.  
7 The nominee No. 4, based on what we received from the  
8 Coastal Bend Board, possibly could be brought back  
9 next week for your consideration --

10 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Well, I have very  
11 serious concerns about that nominee. I don't think it  
12 fits the business category at all, even though the  
13 individual may have some separate business work. This  
14 person is an official of the county, and I just don't  
15 think it's appropriate. And I feel very strongly  
16 about that, and I hope that we will get a different  
17 name.

18 MR. FULLER: We'll pass that on to the  
19 board.

20 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Thank you.

21 MR. FULLER: Yes, sir.

22 AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

23 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay. No. 12.  
24 Discussion, consideration and possible action  
25 regarding enacted, proposed or considered federal

1 regulations, executive orders or federal or state  
2 enacted or proposed legislation.

3 Mr. Lewis.

4 MR. LEWIS: Nothing this morning.

5 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Got a smile on your  
6 face. Okay.

7 At this point we'll -- is there anything  
8 you want to add, Mr. Temple --

9 MR. TEMPLE: I do.

10 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: -- while everybody is  
11 here.

12 And I do want to make one comment about  
13 our veterans. You were down there earlier but -- you  
14 go ahead first.

15 AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

16 MR. TEMPLE: We do have two staff  
17 reports, wanted to give a recap. We have closed out  
18 the NEG grant, 86 plus million dollars that Katrina,  
19 Rita, wanted to give just a quick --

20 COMM. CONGLETON: Terrific.

21 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Yes --

22 MR. TEMPLE: -- overview of that.

23 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: -- go ahead. Yes.

24 Staff report is fine.

25 MR. TEMPLE: And then an update on

1 Dolly.

2 Reagan Miller and Ms. Warren.

3 MS. MILLER: Good morning,  
4 Commissioners.

5 We did just close out the NEG for  
6 Katrina, Rita. It's many years later, but the boards  
7 have been hard at work over the course of those years  
8 helping those hurricane victims get reemployed so just  
9 a little history there. We did get -- actually it was  
10 about 88. I found out there was a typo -- 88 million  
11 from that NEG to provide services to people impacted  
12 by Katrina or Rita. We provided services to over  
13 68,000 individuals and over 21,000 access services  
14 just in Work In Texas. So they really took advantage  
15 of the self-service Work In Texas services that we  
16 had.

17 I think another interesting point that  
18 shows how nimble Work In Texas can be was our ability  
19 to modify that and put in Louisiana jobs so that  
20 individuals impacted by Katrina could actually look in  
21 Work In Texas for jobs posted from their home state.  
22 So we had a lot of success using Work In Texas to help  
23 these individuals.

24 We placed almost 3,000 NEG participants  
25 in temporary jobs, those that are intended to assist

1 with hurricane cleanup. We trained over 2,800  
2 individuals and provided support services to almost  
3 14,500.

4                   In closing, I just wanted to talk about  
5 our reemployment outcomes. Almost 61 percent of  
6 Hurricane Katrina individuals we served were  
7 reemployed and 86 percent of Hurricane Rita  
8 individuals that we assisted were reemployed. So we  
9 did have a great deal of success with these funds in  
10 helping those individuals.

11                   MR. TEMPLE: In addition to this, we  
12 took probably --

13                   Do you have the UI numbers there --

14                   MS. MILLER: I do.

15                   MR. TEMPLE: -- just, Mr. Chairman, we  
16 took all of Louisiana's unemployment insurance calls.  
17 And then we had our own personal hurricane, and we  
18 were able to redirect those to about 14 other states.  
19 So that was a heck of an effort there.

20                   MS. MILLER: It was a massive  
21 undertaking. TWC telecenter staff handled 2.6 million  
22 calls --

23                   CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Wow!

24                   MS. MILLER: -- and routed almost  
25 1.4 million to other states. So the breadth of what

1 they did to assist with UI received for Louisiana was  
2 massive.

3 MR. TEMPLE: So it's closed out. I  
4 don't believe -- if we left any money on the table, it  
5 was -- I mean, it wasn't any at all.

6 We spent it all, didn't we?

7 MS. MILLER: I believe we spent every  
8 penny.

9 MR. TEMPLE: I want to -- contract  
10 management staff and the workforce staff did a great  
11 job in monitoring that money. The boards did a good  
12 job of voluntarily deobligating. We had evacuees  
13 scattered all over the state. And as those people  
14 returned home or became employed and they didn't need  
15 it, the boards were real good about letting us know  
16 that there was not a need for that money.

17 And, obviously, the majority of the  
18 expenditures were in the Gulf Coast area, Houston and  
19 Beaumont. And at the end it was Beaumont that needed  
20 the money there at the end.

21 So I want to thank the boards for  
22 working with us. I want to thank staff for really  
23 staying on top of that as well.

24 Thank you, Reagan.

25 MS. MILLER: You're welcome.

1 MS. WARREN: Morning, Commissioners,  
2 Chairman --

3 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Morning.

4 MS. WARREN: -- Mr. Temple. Terri  
5 Warren here with a brief report on Hurricane Dolly.

6 Total right now as of yesterday close of  
7 business, we have taken 1,495 disaster-related regular  
8 unemployment claims, and we have taken 21 actual  
9 disaster claims. The majority of those claims are  
10 coming from Cameron and Hidalgo Counties, about 95  
11 percent of those.

12 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: So that's not too bad  
13 then.

14 MS. WARREN: No. No, not compared to  
15 other disasters, yes.

16 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay.

17 MS. WARREN: The funds request has been  
18 reviewed and approved by the FEMA joint field office  
19 and the regional DOL office. And yesterday that was  
20 forwarded to FEMA headquarters. Once it's in their  
21 court, they have the opportunity to approve the entire  
22 request or to decrease and approve only a portion of  
23 that funds request.

24 Unfortunately, I don't have an estimate  
25 as to when that will happen. But even after they

1 approve it, it normally takes a week for all the  
2 signatures to go on and it to get down to us. So at  
3 this time we are not paying any disaster-related DUA  
4 claims.

5                   So far there are three fixed and three  
6 mobile disaster recovery centers set up in the three  
7 counties. All workforce centers are open and TWC is  
8 supporting those disaster recovery centers. No  
9 indication of any additional counties to be added for  
10 the individual assistance at this time. They,  
11 however, could come later.

12                   So far FEMA stats for the last two  
13 weeks, they've seen about 19,565 individuals and  
14 households have applied for disaster assistance.  
15 They've approved more than \$9 million to eligible  
16 individuals and households under its individual and  
17 household programs. Those are programs that pay for  
18 temporary housing, rental assistance, housing repairs,  
19 other type of personal needs like his property loss,  
20 medical types of losses that are not covered by  
21 insurance related to disaster.

22                   So far 2,250 people impacted by the  
23 disasters have actually met with recovery specialists  
24 at the disaster recovery centers. Local, state, FEMA,  
25 SBA and other federal representatives are present at

1 those disaster recovery assistance for help, and they  
2 have conducted 6,154 housing inspections to date.

3                   CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay. I just want to  
4 say -- of course, Mr. Temple and I and Mr. Jones and  
5 others were down in The Valley the other day on this  
6 national emergency grant, but we had the opportunity  
7 to get briefed by the local boards and see some of the  
8 damages, particularly TSTI and their campus, in excess  
9 of \$3 million and that's way in from where the  
10 hurricane hit.

11                   I would just like to add that I was  
12 impressed with what our local boards are doing down  
13 there to respond to this crisis and the leadership of  
14 our executive directors in the counties that have been  
15 adversely affected.

16                   You may want to add something,  
17 Mr. Temple.

18                   MR. TEMPLE: I'll tell you, all the  
19 planning and contingency plans that we've had for  
20 disaster preparedness has really worked. We did a  
21 good job in Katrina and Rita and we learned a lot from  
22 that. And so we were, I think, very well prepared as  
23 a system.

24                   And I really want to recognize those  
25 boards who have offered and provided mobile vans and

1 what not from other parts of the state. And thank God  
2 it wasn't as bad as it was. But we had a lot of  
3 people ready to head that way if they needed it,  
4 so we've got a good system that looks out for each  
5 other.

6                   CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Well, and I was  
7 impressed with the briefing -- it was sort of late in  
8 the day after a lengthy presentation on something else  
9 that wasn't necessarily related to this situation, but  
10 the county judge of Cameron County, I thought, gave us  
11 very good insights into the planning. He was most  
12 appreciative of the Governor's strong efforts and how  
13 quick the state responded. And, at the same time, he  
14 raised some issues in terms of future problems that  
15 ought to be -- you know, we ought to take into  
16 consideration. I thought his comments were very well  
17 stated, if you will.

18                   All right.

19                   MR. TEMPLE: That's all.

20                   CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Okay. Let me just  
21 make one final comment and we're going to break into  
22 executive session and return. I don't think there  
23 will be any additional business, but I would ask  
24 Mr. Crump to stay available since you're representing  
25 Mr. Townsend.

1                   For those of you -- for my fellow  
2 Commissioners our -- what? How many, 12 today or --  
3 12 of our new returning veterans leaders who will be  
4 dispatched throughout the state are down in 501 today.  
5 They're going through a training session. Again, an  
6 impressive group of people.

7                   And thanks to Larry, Reagan, Larry Jones  
8 and the entire staff for the great work y'all have  
9 done to facilitate this initiative but it's -- and to  
10 Jason Doran, our director, to be able to put this in  
11 place as quickly as possible.

12                   You know, the Governor said to me, "We  
13 need to get this up and running by September 1st,  
14 Tom." And having been through these things before, I  
15 know how tough it is, but I think we're going to make  
16 it.

17                   We've got a conference in the first week  
18 of September, but it seemed to be a fine group of  
19 young men and women downstairs who are committed to  
20 helping their fellow veterans from Iraq and  
21 Afghanistan. So I urge the staff as well as my fellow  
22 Commissioners to have an opportunity to visit and meet  
23 with them today as they're in for training.

24                   With that said, unless there's any --  
25 Mr. Congleton?

1                   COMM. CONGLETON: I do have one comment.  
2                   Those folks in South Texas who didn't  
3 get paid, I understand some of them have been paid  
4 now?

5                   MR. TEMPLE: There's partial payment to  
6 some. And they were supposed to get the other  
7 payments by Wednesday at the latest, but we'll double  
8 check and see.

9                   COMM. CONGLETON: Yes. I want to follow  
10 up on that, and I don't care if it's with FEMA or the  
11 czar of Russia. If they're operating in Texas, I want  
12 those people to get paid.

13                  CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Yes. Good point,  
14 Commissioner Congleton.

15                   AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

16                  CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: We're now going to go  
17 into Executive Session -- the Commissioners --  
18 pursuant to Government Code 551.074(a)(1) Section (3),  
19 the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment,  
20 duties, accomplishments, performance, goals, and  
21 responsibilities of the executive staff and other  
22 personnel.

23                   (Executive Session: 9:29 a.m. to  
24 10:03 a.m.)

25                  CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: It is now 10:03. We

1 have ended an executive session and gone back into  
2 general session.

3 AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

4 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: Is there a motion?

5 COMM. CONGLETON: Make a motion to  
6 adjourn.

7 COMM. ALCANTAR: I second.

8 CHAIRMAN PAUKEN: And it's unanimous.

9 Sorry to keep you waiting. Sorry Mr. Crump and  
10 Mr. Temple.

11 (Meeting adjourned: 10:03 a.m.)

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7 Reporter in and for the State of Texas, do hereby  
8 certify that the above-mentioned matter occurred as  
9 hereinbefore set out.

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12 later reduced to typewritten form under my supervision  
13 and control and that the foregoing pages are a full,  
14 true and correct transcription of the original notes.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set  
16 my hand and seal this 18th day of August 2008.

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