Wharton County Junior College

Board of Trustees
Agenda Item

Date of Board Meeting: November 17, 2026

Recommendation: Approve receipt of Federal funding from the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.

Background and Rationale:

Wharton County Junior College will allocate funds to strengthen the quality of Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and improve outcomes for CTE students, including those from special populations.

To enhance student achievement and expand equitable access to workforce education, funding will be allocated to the following strategies:

- Provide targeted support for CTE special population students, including underrepresented gender groups in nontraditional programs, to reduce financial barriers related to testing, licensure, transportation, or childcare.
- Support the purchase of equipment and instructional materials aligned with current industry standards to maintain program relevance and workforce readiness.
- Strengthen faculty professional development and industry engagement through specialized training and credentialing opportunities.
- Expand collaboration with local ISDs to align CTE dual credit offerings with labor market needs and increase early student awareness of high-skill, high-wage career pathways.

Budgetary Implications: $181,257; No cost to the College. Grant funds will be deposited for expenditure from the Current Restricted Fund.

Resource Personnel: Evett Hamlin, Coordinator - Vocational Support Services
Dr. Pam Millsap, VP of Academic Affairs and Provost

Approval:

Pamela Ann Millsap 11/9/26
Cabinet-Level Member

11/09/26
President