Wharton County Junior College

Board of Trustees
Agenda Item

Date of Board Meeting: June 16, 2026

Subject: Revision of TASB Policy CM (LOCAL), Facilities Construction

Recommendation: Approve the revision of TASB Policy CM (LOCAL), Facilities Construction, to reflect a threshold change from $50,000 to $100,000 for contracts requiring Board approval.

Background and Rationale:

At the beginning of the current fiscal year, the Board approved revisions to the College's purchasing and contracting policies to increase the approval threshold to $100,000 in keeping with updates approved during the 89th Legislative Session. During a subsequent review, administration identified one policy that was inadvertently omitted from those updates. The proposed revision corrects that oversight by aligning this policy with the Board's previously approved threshold.

This amendment is administrative in nature and is intended to ensure consistency across the College's policies and procedures. Updating the threshold to $100,000 will bring this policy into conformity with the related provisions adopted earlier in the fiscal year and eliminate any conflicting requirements.

Budgetary Implications: $30 (FY26 current operating budget)

Strategic Priority Alignment:

- ☐ Student Success
- ☑ Resource Optimization
- ☐ Community Impact
- ☑ Institutional Excellence

Resource Personnel: Amanda Allen, Ed.D., President

Approval:

Amanda Allen 06/09/26
President

Compliance with Law

The College President or designee shall establish procedures ensuring that all facilities within the College District comply with applicable laws and local building codes.

Construction Contracts

Prior to advertising, the Board shall determine the project delivery/contract award method to be used for each construction contract valued at or above $100,000. To assist the Board, the College President shall recommend the project delivery/contract award method that the College President determines provides the best value to the College District. [See CM series]

For construction contracts valued at or above ~~$50,000~~$100,000, the College President shall also submit the resulting contract to the Board for approval. Lesser expenditures for construction and construction-related materials or services shall be at the discretion of the College President and consistent with law and policy. [See also CF]

Emergency Exception

In the event of a catastrophe, emergency, or natural disaster affecting the College District, the Board delegates to the College President the authority to contract for the replacement, construction, or repair of College District equipment or facilities in accordance with law if emergency replacement, construction, or repair is necessary for the health and safety of College District students and staff. The College President shall report to the Board at the next regular meeting any contract made under this authority.

Change Orders

Change orders permitted by law shall be approved by the Board or its designee prior to executing any changes in the approved plans or in the actual construction of the facility.

Project Administration

All construction projects shall be administered by the College President or designee.

The College President or designee shall keep the Board informed concerning construction projects and also shall provide information to the general public.

Final Payment

The College District shall not make final payments for the construction or the supervision of construction until the work has been completed, and the College District has accepted the work.