



# Wharton County Junior College

## Proposed Agenda Item Board of Trustees Meeting

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Date of Board Meeting: July 18, 2017      Date of This Proposal: July 6, 2017

### SUBJECT:

Approve the 5 year extension agreement with Blackboard, Inc. to provide a Managed Hosting Solution and course delivery for their on-line learning management software used by the College to support our on-line classes.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 5 year extension agreement with Blackboard, Inc. to provide a Managed Hosting Solution and course delivery for their on-line learning management software used by the College to support our on-line classes at a total cost of \$496,000.00 over the 5 year period.

### BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Blackboard, Inc. is currently hosting the College's critical online courses and programs in a redundant and secure cloud-based environment. Blackboard, Inc. also manages all aspects of server hardware, backups, and operating system administration. The current agreement will end 8-31-2017. This new agreement will start 9-1-17 and run through 8-31-2022. The cost of the initial year is \$145,000.00. Year 2019 is \$85,000.00, year 2020 is \$88,000.00, and years 2021 & 2022 are both \$89,000.00. This 5 year agreement represents a savings of \$101,000.00 to the College over a year by year agreement and is purchased under the Choice Partners cooperative. Purchases made under Choice Contract # 17/026KH-08 satisfy all State of Texas bid requirements.

**Estimated Cost & Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): \$145,000.00**

Current Unrestricted Operating Budget for 2017 - 2018

### RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:

Bryce D. Kocian, Vice President of Administrative Services  
Leigh Ann Collins, Vice President of Instruction  
Michele Betancourt, Director of Distance Learning  
Philip Wuthrich, Director of Purchasing

### SIGNATURES:

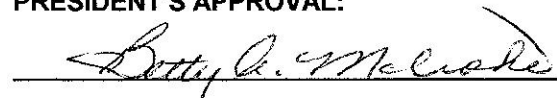
  
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### PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:

  
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