

Date of Board Meeting: June 16, 2026

Subject: Cooperative Purchasing Program

Recommendation: Acknowledge documented fees paid by Wharton County Junior College based on membership in various cooperative purchasing programs.

Background and Rationale:

Wharton County Junior College maintains memberships with several cooperative purchasing organizations as defined in Chapter 271 of the Texas Local Government Code. Participation in these cooperatives allows the College to utilize competitively procured contracts for goods and services when it is in the best interest of the College. Use of cooperative purchasing contracts satisfies applicable state procurement requirements. Texas Education Code §44.0331 requires that the Board of Trustees be provided with information regarding membership fees, contract fees, or management fees paid by the College on connection with cooperative purchasing programs on an annual basis.

The College pays the following cooperative purchasing program fees:

- Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA-SPD) = \$100/year
- Texas Association of School Boards = \$3,100/year
 - Auto, liability, and worker's compensation insurance policies
 - Also allows for purchases from BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program

In addition to these fees, WCJC has received \$1,653 in dividend payments during Fiscal Year 2026 from participation in these programs.

Budgetary Implications: \$3,200 (Unrestricted operating budget FY 2026)

Strategic Priority Alignment:

<input type="checkbox"/> Student Success	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Impact
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource Optimization	<input type="checkbox"/> Institutional Excellence

Resource Personnel: Clarissa Bueno, Director of Purchasing
Cynthia Ward, AVP of Financial Operations and Controller

Approval:


Cabinet-Level Member


President