

**Date of Board Meeting:** October 24, 2025

**Subject:** Transfer of Unrestricted Funds to Plant Fund

**Recommendation:** Approve the transfer of \$2,000,000 of unrestricted funds to the plant fund to support future facility needs.

**Background and Rationale:**

As final FY25 accounting entries are completed, Wharton County Junior College administration has identified a budget surplus that exceeds earlier projections. This positive variance is primarily due to House Bill 8 performance funding covering a larger share of the College's annual operating costs. In addition, total local tax collections for FY25 were higher than anticipated. Both factors in turn allowed a greater portion of local tax revenue to be directed toward plant and capital needs.

To strategically position the College for future capital and infrastructure requirements, administration recommends transferring \$2 million from the unrestricted fund to the designated plant fund, specifically, \$750,000 to the Plant Unexpended Fund to initiate a reserve in support of construction for the Student Commons on the Wharton campus, a key investment in enhancing the student experience and campus engagement.


An additional \$1.25 million will be allocated toward the Repair and Replacement Fund. This action will strengthen the College's capacity to address upcoming facility maintenance priorities and support long-term campus sustainability, including the completion of a new Facilities Master Plan, dormitory roof replacements, and other large-scale, deferred maintenance projects across the College.

**Budgetary Implications:** \$2,000,000 transferred to the WCJC Plant Fund

**Strategic Priority Alignment:**  Student Success  Community Impact  
 Resource Optimization  Institutional Excellence

**Resource Personnel:** Cindy Ward, Associate VP and Controller

**Approval:**

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President