



Date of Board Meeting: February 17, 2026

Subject: Informational item to seek competitive sealed proposals for the renovation and modernization of existing facilities at WCJC Bay City Campus.

Recommendation: Approve WCJC to seek competitive sealed proposals for the renovation and modernization of existing facilities at WCJC Bay City Campus.

Background and Rationale:

Wharton County Junior College is preparing to renovate and modernize existing facilities at the Bay City Campus to support the expansion of Nuclear Technology, Cybersecurity, and High-Voltage Electrical programs. These improvements are essential to meeting regional workforce demand, strengthening industry partnerships, and providing students with state-of-the-art instructional environments aligned with current safety and technical standards.

Given the scope and technical complexity of the project, and the need for early contractor collaboration on constructability, scheduling, and cost development, the administration recommends utilizing the Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) procurement method authorized under Texas Government Code Chapter 2269.151. The CSP process enables the College to evaluate proposers using best-value criteria, including demonstrated experience with comparable technical facilities, qualifications of the project team, project approach, safety record, and price.

This method also allows the College to engage in discussions and clarifications with proposers prior to final selection, ensuring a thorough understanding of project requirements and risks. Utilizing CSP will position WCJC to secure the most qualified contractor and the most advantageous proposal while maintaining transparency, fiscal responsibility, and compliance with state law.

Budgetary Implications: To be paid for using special state appropriations awarded during the 89th Legislative Session for the 2026-2027 Biennium

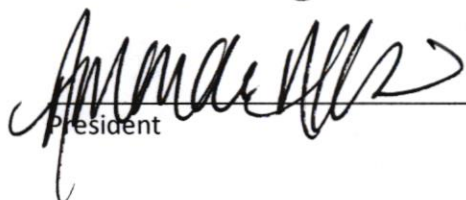
Strategic Priority Alignment:

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

Resource Personnel: Jason Novak, Executive Director of Facilities Management
Scott Cunningham, Vice President of Finance & Administration

Approval:

 02/09/26
Cabinet-Level Member

 02/09/26
President