



Date of Board Meeting: March 24, 2026

Subject: Authorization for Implementation Expenditures – Bay City Trade School Program Expansion

Recommendation: Authorize the President, or designee, to approve and execute purchases necessary to implement the Bay City Trade School Program expansion using the special state appropriated funds.

Background and Rationale:

During the 89th Texas Legislative Session, Wharton County Junior College received a special state appropriation to expand the Bay City Trade School Program. These funds have been placed in a designated Plant Fund and will support facility improvements, equipment, instructional infrastructure, and other startup needs necessary to operationalize the program.

As implementation moves forward, the College will need to execute a variety of purchases, service agreements, and related contracts to prepare the Bay City facility for instructional use. Due to the timing and operational nature of these procurements, bringing each individual item to the Board for approval would delay project implementation.

This item seeks to authorize the President, or designee, to approve and execute purchases, contracts, and related agreements necessary to implement the Bay City Trade School Program expansion using the state appropriated funds, with expenditures exceeding established thresholds continuing to require Board approval. All expenditures will remain subject to applicable state purchasing laws and College procurement policies. Construction contracts exceeding \$50,000 and other purchases or agreements exceeding \$100,000 will continue to be presented to the Board for approval.

Budgetary Implications: Plant Fund – Special State Appropriations Bay City Trade School

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

Resource Personnel: Scott Cunningham; Vice President of Finance & Administration

Approval:



Cabinet-Level Member



President