

Date of Board Meeting: September 16, 2025

Subject: Increase Dollar Threshold for Board Approval of Purchases and Contracts

Recommendation: Approve an increase in the dollar threshold amount for board approval of purchases and contracts from \$50,000 to \$100,000

Background and Rationale:

Current Wharton County Junior College procedures require Board approval for purchases and contracts exceeding \$50,000. However, with the passage of Senate Bill 1173, state law (Texas Education Code §44.031) now requires competitive bidding only for purchases of \$100,000 or more. Our current internal threshold creates additional administrative burden by requiring Board action on items that fall below the state-mandated bid limit.

Administration recommends increasing WCJC's Board-approval threshold from \$50,000 to \$100,000 to align with state requirement statute. This adjustment will:

- Streamline procurement processes and reduce unnecessary Board agenda items.
- Ensure continued compliance with Texas procurement law.
- Allow the College to operate more efficiently while still bringing all items above \$100,000 to the Board for approval.


Budgetary Implications: Not applicable

Strategic Priority Alignment:

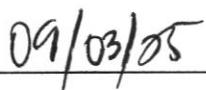
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Resource Personnel: Amanda A. Allen, Ed.D., President

Approval:



President



Date