

**Date of Board Meeting:** August 19, 2025

**Subject:** Charter Bus Services for Fall 2025 Athletic Travel

**Recommendation:** Approve the use of First Class Transportation charter bus services for athletic program travel in Fall 2025.

**Background and Rationale:**

Wharton County Junior College currently utilizes charter bus services for its volleyball and baseball athletics programs. Reliable, safe, and timely transportation is essential for ensuring that athletes arrive on time for their events and can return safely after the competitions.

Following a review of potential vendors, the College has elected to partner with First Class Transportation for charter bus services in Fall 2025. First Class Transportation, an experienced and reputable charter service provider, offers safe, professional, and cost-effective transportation solutions for college athletics. The vendor has a proven track record of working with educational institutions and providing dependable, professional service.

To ensure a competitive procurement process and compliance with state purchasing requirements, WCJC will utilize an existing cooperative purchasing contract. First Class Transportation is an approved vendor under Choice Partners Cooperative Contract #23/014MR-02. Use of the Choice Partners contract allows WCJC to obtain competitive pricing without conducting an individual bid process.

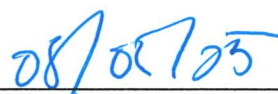
**Cost and Budgetary Support:** Not to exceed \$65,000 included in the FY2026 auxiliary budget.

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

**Resource Person(s):** Dr. Amanda Allen, Executive Vice President

**Signatures:**

  
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**President's Approval:**

  
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**2025 Fall Baseball Bus Schedule**

Departure		Return		Destination	Amount
Date	Time	Date	Time		
9/5/2025	9am	9/5/2025	11:30pm	TX State University	2,531.07
9/13/2025	9:15am	9/13/2025	8pm	Rice University	1,712.00
9/27/2025	7:30am	9/28/2025	1pm	Globe Life Field	4,547.10
10/2/2025	9am	10/2/2025	8pm	San Jacinto College	1,712.00
10/11/2025	8am	10/11/2025	11pm	Stephen F. Austin University	3,226.53
10/24/2025	8:30am	10/24/2025	8pm	University of Incarnate Word	2,878.22
11/1/2025	9:15am	11/1/2025	8pm	Houston Christian University	2,712.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>19,318.92</b>

**Fall 2025 VB Bus Schedule**

Departure		Return		Destination	AMOUNT
Date	Time	Date	Time		
9/4/2025	3pm	9/6/2025	10pm	North Central Texas College	4,887.00
9/16/2025	10am	9/16/2025	11pm	Navarro College	3,700.46
9/18/2025	9am	9/18/2025	1am	Trinity Valley Comm College	3,826.08
9/18/2025	3pm	9/20/2025	10pm	Blinn College Tournament	4,887.00
9/23/2025	1:15pm	9/23/2025	10pm	Blinn College	1,712.00
10/3/2025	10am	10/3/2025	10pm	Our Lady of the Lakes Univ.	2,726.06
10/14/2025	10am	10/14/2025	12am	Tyler Junior College	3,878.63
10/16/2025	10am	10/16/2025	12am	Panola College	3,787.27
10/21/2025	1:15pm	10/21/2025	11pm	Coastal Bend College	2,235.00
10/30/2025	1:15pm	10/30/2025	10:30pm	Lee College	1,715.39
11/7/2025	TBD	11/9/2025	TBD	Blinn College	5,136.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>38,490.89</b>