

Date of Board Meeting: September 15, 2026

Recommendation: Approve the use of First Class Transportation charter bus services for student travel in Fiscal Year 2027.

Background and Rationale:

Wharton County Junior College utilizes charter bus services to transport students for various College-related activities, including volleyball and baseball athletic competitions, fine arts competitions, and student organization trips. Reliable, safe, and timely transportation is essential to ensuring student athletes arrive at events as scheduled and return safely following competition.

The College has utilized First Class Transportation for the past year and a half and has been highly satisfied with the quality of service provided. The company has consistently demonstrated reliability, professionalism, and a strong commitment to safety. Based on this positive experience, the administration recommends continuing to utilize First Class Transportation for student travel during Fiscal Year 2027.

The College will utilize First Class Transportation, an awarded vendor under Choice Partners Cooperative, Contract #23/014MR-02, for these services. Use of this cooperative purchasing contract satisfies the competitive procurement requirements of Texas Education Code §44.031, which authorizes governmental entities, including community colleges, to procure goods and services through approved cooperative purchasing programs.

Budgetary Implications: Not to exceed \$120,000 (FY 2027 General Operating and Auxiliary Budgets)

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

Approval:


President