

Date of Board Meeting: April 21, 2026

Subject: Historical Marker Application – Wharton County Junior College

Recommendation: Authorize the President to execute and submit an application for historical designation on behalf of Wharton County Junior College.

Background and Rationale:

Wharton County Junior College was established in 1946 following a community-wide vote and a coordinated effort by local leaders to expand access to higher education. The College's early development, including the use of county fairgrounds facilities for initial instruction and the community-driven acquisition of land for a permanent campus, reflects a strong foundation of local investment and support.

Over time, WCJC has grown into a multi-campus institution serving a broad region, with expanded academic and workforce offerings aligned to community and industry needs. Pursuing historical designation recognizes the College's longstanding impact on educational access and regional development, while preserving its legacy for future generations.

In recognition of the College's 80th Anniversary, administration seeks authorization for the President to prepare, execute, and submit an application to the Texas Historical Commission for an Official Texas Historical Marker which commemorates Wharton County Junior College. This authorization includes the ability to compile and submit all required documentation, narratives, and supporting materials; coordinate with external partners or consultants as needed; and execute any associated agreements or certifications required as part of the application process.

Budgetary Implications: \$3,000 (current operating budget)

Strategic Priority Alignment:

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

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

Approval:



President 03/31/26