



Date of Board Meeting: July 21, 2026

Subject: SACSCOC Level Change – Bachelor’s Degree

Recommendation: Authorize the submission of a Level Change application to the SACSCOC seeking approval to offer the baccalaureate degree

Background and Rationale:

Wharton County Junior College is seeking approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to transition from a Level I institution, authorized to award associate degrees, to a Level II institution, authorized to award bachelor's degrees.

Approval of this agenda item authorizes the College to submit a Level Change application to SACSCOC, the first required step in the accreditation process. If approval is granted, the College will proceed with development of a Bachelor of Applied Science in Business to serve as the College's initial baccalaureate offering and establish the foundation for future bachelor's degree opportunities that align with workforce and community needs.

A Level Change requires SACSCOC review and approval to ensure the College has the academic quality, governance structure, financial capacity, faculty qualifications, student support services, and institutional resources necessary to successfully deliver bachelor's-level education while maintaining compliance with accreditation standards.

Board approval authorizes the submission of the Level Change application only. The College must receive all required approvals from SACSCOC, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and any other applicable regulatory agencies before offering bachelor's degree programs.

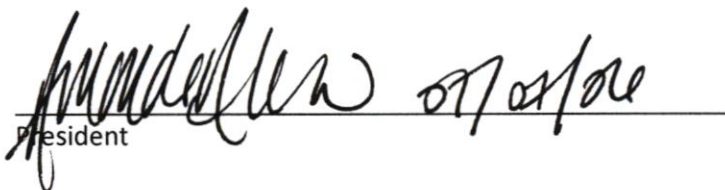
Budgetary Implications: Not applicable

Strategic Priority Alignment:

☒ Student Success	☐ Community Impact
☐ Resource Optimization	☒ Institutional Excellence

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

Approval:



President