

Date of Board Meeting: July 21, 2026

Subject: Wharton County Junior College Mission Statement

Recommendation: Approve the revised Mission Statement for Wharton County Junior College

Background and Rationale:

Over the past year, the College has undertaken a comprehensive listening and engagement process to inform the development of a new institutional strategic plan. Through campus listening sessions, presidential office hours, student surveys, faculty and staff feedback, community meetings, and discussions with the Board of Trustees, the College gathered input from stakeholders regarding WCJC's strengths, opportunities, and future direction.

A consistent theme emerged throughout this process: WCJC's primary purpose is to create opportunities for students to achieve upward economic mobility through education. The proposed mission statement reflects this collective vision and is intended to serve as the foundation for the College's next five-year strategic plan. It provides a clear statement of purpose that will guide institutional priorities, strategic initiatives, and decision-making while aligning with evolving state priorities and workforce needs.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed mission statement during the strategic planning retreat. The revised mission statement presented for approval incorporates feedback received during that discussion.

WCJC Mission Statement:

Wharton County Junior College transforms lives through accessible, high-quality education.

Budgetary Implications: N/A

Strategic Priority Alignment:

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

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

Approval:

 07/21/26

President