LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

For Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029

Submitted to the
Office of the Governor, Budget Division,
and the Legislative Budget Board

by

Weatherford College of the Parker County
Junior College District

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Date of Submission: October 16, 2026

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Weatherford College, established in 1869, is the oldest continuing two-year college west of the Mississippi River. Located in Weatherford, Texas, the college also has a branch campus in Wise County. The college, a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, is a fully accredited two-year institution of higher education with state approval to offer bachelor degrees. The college is governed by an eight-member board of trustees of which seven members are elected at large for a term of six years and one member is appointed for a two-year term. Members of the board of trustees' names and terms are as follows:

Dan Carney, Chairman, 2021-2027, Weatherford, Texas
G.B. Bailey, 2023-2029, Weatherford, Texas
Mary Beth Dennie, 2024-2029, Weatherford, Texas
Dr. Trev Dixon, 2021-2027, Weatherford, Texas
Doug Dowd, 2023-2027, Weatherford, Texas
Lela Morris, 2023-2029, Weatherford, Texas
Vacant, 2025-2029, Weatherford, Texas
Dr. William Robert Marlett, 2025-2027, Bridgeport, Texas

The administration, under the direction of this eight-member board of trustees, is dedicated to an adopted mission of embracing a culture of excellence, fostering the success of all its students and enriching the communities it serves through innovative, affordable, and accessible learning and cultural opportunities.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN POLICY:
As a publicly supported, comprehensive community college, Weatherford College primarily serves the needs of the citizens of its five-county service area through teaching, public service, learning and cultural experiences. Weatherford College offers courses pursuant to a spectrum of educational goals including:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science in Early Childhood Education and Teaching
- Bachelor of Applied Technology in Medical and Health Services Management
- Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science in Organizational Leadership
- Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science in Computer Science
- Associate of Arts degree
- Associate of Science degree
- Associate of Applied Science degree
- Field of Study transfer majors Core curriculum transfer
- Workforce training
- Adult literacy and other basic skills
- Personal enrichment

Weatherford College has continued to expand programs to meet the workforce needs of our community and provide the opportunity for students to receive a college education via dual credit and expansion of high-demand occupations. Weatherford College also continues to meet the needs of all students through student services enhanced and expanded student orientations, improved student information systems, and expanded student life opportunities. The college has significantly expanded and modernized its educational services in response to record enrollment growth and changing workforce needs by stronger dual-credit and P-TECH partnerships, workforce program growth, additional housing, and increased online learning opportunities. To improve efficiency and student success, Weatherford College has streamlined

operations by centralizing student services in a one-stop Student Union Building, integrating information systems, expanding cloud-based technologies, automating workflows, and using data analytics to support decision-making. Technology investments have strengthened service delivery through upgraded fiber infrastructure, expanded Wi-Fi, modern classrooms and computer labs, enhanced cybersecurity, cloud-based systems, emergency communication upgrades, and expanded online and hybrid instruction. The college has also broadened student support services by investing in workforce training facilities, student housing, advising, financial aid, veterans' services, wellness resources, and centralized student services. Overall, these initiatives demonstrate Weatherford College's commitment to increasing access, supporting student success, improving operational efficiency, and meeting the evolving educational and workforce needs of its growing service region.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN PROVISION OF SERVICE:
Weatherford College is committed to advancing student success across Texas, recognizing that the success of today's students is essential to the future strength of the state's workforce and economy. Consistent with this commitment, and in response to the passage of House Bill 8 by the 88th Texas Legislature, the college transitioned from the historical contact-hour funding model to the state-mandated performance-based funding model. This new funding framework also established a tuition cap for dual credit courses across the college's service area, limiting the institution's ability to increase tuition and fees for dual credit students. Weatherford College elected to participate in the Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) program. As a result, dual credit enrollment has grown substantially and is expected to continue increasing due to lower overall tuition costs and expanded access for economically disadvantaged students.

SIGNIFICANT EXTERNALITIES:
Parker County has been recognized as one of the ten fastest-growing counties in Texas. This rapid population growth continues to create significant opportunities and challenges for Weatherford College as it works to meet the increasing educational and workforce development needs of the students, residents, and employers throughout its service area and the surrounding region. Additionally, in November 2024, Governor Greg Abbott directed all Texas public institutions of higher education to freeze undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees for the 2025–2026 and 2026–2027 academic years. This directive further limited the college's ability to generate additional revenue through tuition increases. Despite these funding and tuition constraints, Weatherford College has continued to expand academic and workforce programs to meet the evolving needs of the region. The college remains focused on increasing access to higher education through dual credit opportunities while developing programs that prepare students for high-demand, high-wage careers that support the economic growth of the communities it serves.

PURPOSE FOR ANY NEW FUNDING REQUESTED:
Weatherford College fully supports the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) Formula Funding and Supplemental Request, per letter dated August 14, 2026. In order to build momentum on the community college sector's achievement of substantial performance improvement and preserve the dynamic incentives of the funding model, Weatherford College respectfully requests the Texas Legislature fully fund a supplemental amount equal to the gap between current state appropriations and the performance funding amounts earned by colleges during Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 according to the rules, rates and weights set by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). The combination of sustained growth in student performance outcomes and the goal-oriented funding rates established under the Community College Finance Program has resulted in a level of performance funding that exceeds current Fiscal Year 2026-27 appropriations. This funding shortfall may continue to grow if current performance trends hold through the close of the biennium. THECB will determine the definitive supplemental amount as colleges finalize data submissions and report FY26 outcomes. Additionally, Weatherford College respectfully requests that the Legislature fully fund the community college formula for Fiscal Year 2028 and Fiscal Year 2029 based on THECB's performance forecast, which will be developed in collaboration with the Standing Advisory Committee for Public Junior Colleges. Funding at these levels will provide additional certainty for colleges investing in student achievement of credentials of value, including short-term workforce credentials, dual credit attainment, and transfer. State funding supports colleges' focus on providing the most affordable paths to workforce-aligned credentials, transfer opportunities, and early momentum via dual credit that the state has requested in House Bill 8 (88R) and subsequent legislation.

CERTIFICATE

Agency Name Weatherford College

This is to certify that the information contained in the agency Legislative Appropriations Request filed with the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor's Office Budget Division (Governor's Office) is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the electronic submission to the LBB via the Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) and the PDF file submitted via the LBB Document Submission application are identical.

Additionally, should it become likely at any time that unexpended balances will accrue for any account, the LBB and the Governor's Office will be notified in writing in accordance with Article IX, Section 7.01 (2022–23 GAA).

Chief Executive Office or Presiding Judge

Tod Allen Farmer
Signature

Tod Allen Farmer
Printed Name

President
Title

10-13-2026
Date

Board or Commission Chair

Dan Carney
Signature

Dan Carney
Printed Name

Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Title

10-13-2026
Date

Chief Financial Officer

Lisa Simons
Signature

Lisa Simons
Printed Name

Interim Executive Vice President
Title

10-13-2026
Date

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Goal / *Objective* / STRATEGY	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
1 Provide Instruction					
1 *Provide Administration and Instructional Services*					
4 BASE TIER	0	0	0	0	0
5 PERFORMANCE TIER	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL, GOAL 1	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST*				**$0**	**$0**
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
METHOD OF FINANCING:					
General Revenue Funds:					
1 General Revenue Fund	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

*Rider appropriations for the historical years are included in the strategy amounts.

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Goal / *Objective* / STRATEGY	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029

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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
GENERAL REVENUE					
1 General Revenue Fund					
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL, General Revenue Fund	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
TOTAL, ALL GENERAL REVENUE	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
GRAND TOTAL	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS					
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES					

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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2025	Est 2026	Bud 2027	Req 2028	Req 2029
NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FTEs					

2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy
90th Regular Session, Agency Submission, Version 1
Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

DATE : **10/13/2026**
TIME : **11:30:54AM**

Agency code: **987** Agency name: **Weatherford College**

Goal/*Objective*/STRATEGY	Base 2028	Base 2029	Exceptional 2028	Exceptional 2029	Total Request 2028	Total Request 2029
1 Provide Instruction						
1 *Provide Administration and Instructional Services*						
4 BASE TIER	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
5 PERFORMANCE TIER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL, GOAL 1	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST						
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

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Goal/*Objective*/STRATEGY	Base 2028	Base 2029	Exceptional 2028	Exceptional 2029	Total Request 2028	Total Request 2029
General Revenue Funds:						
1 General Revenue Fund	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
	$0	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS						

Higher Education Schedule 3C: Group Insurance Data Elements (Community Colleges)
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Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

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	Total I & A Enrollment	Local Non I & A	Total Enrollment
FULL TIME ACTIVES			
1a Employee Only	114	25	139
2a Employee and Children	49	8	57
3a Employee and Spouse	27	2	29
4a Employee and Family	39	2	41
5a Eligible, Opt Out	6	0	6
6a Eligible, Not Enrolled	11	0	11
Total for this Section	**246**	**37**	**283**
PART TIME ACTIVES			
1b Employee Only	0	0	0
2b Employee and Children	0	0	0
3b Employee and Spouse	0	0	0
4b Employee and Family	1	0	1
5b Eligble, Opt Out	0	0	0
6b Eligible, Not Enrolled	0	0	0
Total for this Section	**1**	**0**	**1**
Total Active Enrollment	**247**	**37**	**284**

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	Total I & A Enrollment	Local Non I & A	Total Enrollment
FULL TIME RETIREES by ERS			
1c Employee Only	91	1	92
2c Employee and Children	3	0	3
3c Employee and Spouse	44	2	46
4c Employee and Family	1	0	1
5c Eligble, Opt Out	0	0	0
6c Eligible, Not Enrolled	0	0	0
Total for this Section	**139**	**3**	**142**
PART TIME RETIREES by ERS			
1d Employee Only	0	0	0
2d Employee and Children	0	0	0
3d Employee and Spouse	0	0	0
4d Employee and Family	0	0	0
5d Eligble, Opt Out	0	0	0
6d Eligible, Not Enrolled	0	0	0
Total for this Section	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total Retirees Enrollment	**139**	**3**	**142**
TOTAL FULL TIME ENROLLMENT			
1e Employee Only	205	26	231
2e Employee and Children	52	8	60
3e Employee and Spouse	71	4	75
4e Employee and Family	40	2	42
5e Eligble, Opt Out	6	0	6
6e Eligible, Not Enrolled	11	0	11
Total for this Section	**385**	**40**	**425**

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	Total I & A Enrollment	Local Non I & A	Total Enrollment
TOTAL ENROLLMENT			
1f Employee Only	205	26	231
2f Employee and Children	52	8	60
3f Employee and Spouse	71	4	75
4f Employee and Family	41	2	43
5f Eligble, Opt Out	6	0	6
6f Eligible, Not Enrolled	11	0	11
Total for this Section	**386**	**40**	**426**