FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND RETALIATION OTHER PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS

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Note:

This policy addresses complaints of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation based on race, color, national origin, religion, or disability targeting students. For legally referenced material relating to this subject matter tion against anyone involved in the complaint process is a violation of College District policy and is prohibited.

Discrimination against a student is defined as conduct directed at a student on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, or on any other basis prohibited by law, that adversely affects the student.

Prohibited harassment of a student is defined as physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct based on the student's race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, or any other basis prohibited by law that is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that the conduct limits or denies a student's ability to participate in or benefit from the College District's educational program.

Examples of prohibited harassment may include offensive or derogatory language directed at another person's religious beliefs or practices, accent, skin color, or need for accommodation; threatening, intimidating, or humiliating conduct; offensive jokes, name-calling, slurs, or rumors; physical aggression or assault; display of

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discrimination or harassment or another student who, in good faithhNON

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For the purposes of this policy, College District officials are the ADA/Section 504 Coordinator and the College President.

Reports of discrimination based on disability may be directed to the ADA/Section 504 Coordinator. The College District designates the following person to coordinate its efforts to comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, which incorporates and expands the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended:

Name: Teena Marie Wilson

Position: Director of Human Resources and Risk Management

Address: 4015 Avenue Q, Galveston, TX 77550

Telephone: 409.944.1281

The College President

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If appropriate and regardless of whether a criminal or regulatory investigation regarding the alleged conduct is pending, the College District shall promptly take interim action calculated to address prohibited conduct prior to the completion of the College District's investigation.

The investigation may be conducted by the College District official or a designee or by a third party designated by the College District, such as an attorney. The investigator shall have received appropriate training regarding the issues related to the complaint and the relevant College District's policy and procedures.

The investigation may consist of personal interviews with the person making the report, the person against whom the report is filed, and others with knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the allegations. The investigation may also include analysis of other information or documents related to the allegations.

If a law enforcement or regulatory agency notifies the College District that a criminal or regulatory investigation has been initiated,

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