

Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees

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AGENDA ITEM:

Approval of Board (Local) Policies:

- CHF(Local) Site Management - Weapons
- DH(Local) Employee Standards of Conduct
- FLB(Local) Student Conduct
- FLBF(Local) Student Conduct - Weapons
- GFA(Local) Conduct on College District Premises

PROPOSED CHANGES:

In the last legislative session, [Senate Bill 11](#) was passed that requires the state's public colleges and universities to allow handguns on campus for those with a license to carry (LTC). This law takes effect for community colleges on August 1, 2017. One of the requirements is that we add a college policy that describes the rules that Collin College will use in implementing this new requirement.

Over the last year, meetings were held at each campus to get input from students, faculty, and staff regarding specific safety considerations and any unique characteristics of our programs, campuses, and student populations that might impact the drafting of Collin College's policy recommendation. In addition, a Faculty Council committee reviewed over 30 different university and college policies in Texas.

Since our meeting in April, we have received the proposed local policy language from the Texas Association of School Boards and additional input from college faculty and staff. After consideration of all of the feedback, we have made several modifications that strengthen the policy.

As you will see in the policies being presented for your consideration, TASB has combined all of the weapons policies into CHF(Local) and is discontinuing policy codes FLBF(Local) and GFA(Local). The new proposed policy, **CHF(Local) - Site Management - Weapons**, includes global language about prohibiting weapons.

Other key changes being recommended in CHF(Local) include:

- Expanding language that prohibits possession of a handgun on College property while intoxicated to also prohibit possession of a handgun on College property while under the influence of illegal drugs or prescription drugs that impair judgment or physical abilities.
- Adding clarifying language that handguns may not be stored overnight on College campuses, unless in a locked, privately owned or leased motor vehicle and that the storage or transportation of a firearm or ammunition is allowed by College students, faculty, staff and employees if the individual is authorized for the possession on such premises, as allowed by law and described in CHF(Legal).
- Adding TASB's recommended language that states that possession of other weapons on college campuses is grounds for immediate disciplinary action and possible prosecution for violations of state law.
- Adding an exclusion zone of a meeting room in the Student and Enrollment Services area that can be used for disciplinary and counseling meetings, as needed.
- Adding interscholastic events as an exclusion zone.
- Adding an example of the type of temporary restriction that the District President might make, including an event at a college facility where alcohol is being served.
- Adding the appointment of a standing committee, called the Collin College Safety Committee chaired by the Executive Vice President, that will meet at least once each semester to review the policy and any new legislation or legal decisions relating to this issue. Recommendations will be forwarded for review and consideration by the Executive Leadership Team, District President, and Board of Trustees, as necessary.

A revision to **FLB(Local) Student Conduct** was recommended by TASB that states that theft, destruction, distribution, or other use of intellectual property of the college or third parties without permission is a violation of the student code of conduct. We also re-worded the statement about weapons on campus to mirror the wording in the employee policy, DH(Local).

A revision to **DH(Local) Employee Standards of Conduct** was also made to the statement regarding weapons on campus so that the student and employee policy language is the same.

FLBF(Local) Weapons is deleted.

GFA(Local) Conduct on College District Premises is deleted.

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S
RECOMMENDATION:**

The District President recommends approval of the following Local Board Policies.

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- **Delete:** FLBF(Local) Student Conduct - Weapons
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SUGGESTED MOTION:

“Mr. Chairman, I make the motion that the Board of Trustees approves the following Local Board Policies, as presented:

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