



Date of Board Meeting: July 15, 2025

Subject: RESOLUTION in response to Executive Order GA-48

Recommendation: Approve RESOLUTION in response to Executive Order GA-48

Background and Rationale:

On November 19, 2024, Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-48, relating to the hardening of state government against foreign adversary influence, infiltration, and risk to critical infrastructure. The order requires all public institutions of higher education to implement various measures, including but not limited to:

- Requiring contractors to certify they are not associated with foreign adversaries
- Prohibiting personnel from accepting gifts or travel from entities associated with foreign adversary nations
- Establishing internal reporting mechanisms and ethics policy updates
- Submitting applicable foreign gift and contract disclosures to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Including prohibitions on participation in foreign recruitment programs in employment manuals

Wharton County Junior College affirms that it has implemented the requirements of Executive Order GA-48, as detailed in the attached documentation. All necessary processes, policies, and certifications have been effectuated in accordance with the order.

This RESOLUTION seeks to address the reporting requirement stipulated in GA-48 to the Governor's Office through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Cost and Budgetary Support: No cost to the institution

Strategic Priority Alignment:

<input type="checkbox"/> Student Success	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Impact
<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Optimization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional Excellence

Approval:


Cabinet-Level Approval


Date


President


Date

RESOLUTION

- Whereas, on November 19, 2024, the Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott, issued Executive Order GA-48 relating to the hardening of state government against foreign adversary influence, infiltration, and risk to critical infrastructure; and
- Whereas, this Executive Order directed all Texas institutions of higher education to review and update procedures related to engagement with or travel to foreign adversary nations; and
- Whereas, this Executive Order directed all institutions of higher education to certify with, and submit documentation supporting their certification to, the Office of the Governor that they have effectuated the requirements of that order by the 60th day after the adjournment of the 89th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature; now
- Therefore, be it known to all present, that the Board of Wharton County Junior College on the 15th day of July, 2025 certifies that the college administration has reviewed all policies and procedures, developed and updated all processes to align with the requirements outlined in Executive Order GA-48, and will continue to enforce these policies consistent with applicable state and federal law and hereby adopts this RESOLUTION.

EXECUTED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 15th day of July, 2025.

Board Chair

Wharton County Junior College**Certification of Compliance****Executive Order GA-48**

Item 1: Ensure that contracted vendors/entities are not listed in the NDAA and/or controlled by a foreign adversary.

- The WCJC procurement process and handbook been updated to comply with this order.
- An addendum has been added to the "WCJC Request for Proposals" template to allow for appropriate attestation by prospective vendors.

Item 2: Include prohibition of gifts from foreign adversaries in employee ethics policies.

- WCJC has created Administrative Procedure DH to comply with this order.
- WCJC has created a "Disclosure of Engagement Form" and "Acknowledgement of Engagement Form" to allow for proper disclosure by WCJC employees.

Item 3: *Not applicable.*

Item 4: Process for employee notification when engaging in personal travel to a foreign-adversary nation.

- WCJC has created Administrative Procedure DC to comply with this order.
- WCJC has created a "Personal Travel Notification Form" and "Post-Travel Disclosure Form" to allow for proper disclosure by WCJC employees.

Item 5: Job descriptions for positions with access to infrastructure must include a requirement that the position has the ability to maintain security/integrity of the infrastructure. "Routine" reviews must be conducted for these positions to ensure this ability is maintained.

- WCJC has added standard verbiage to the job descriptions for each applicable position in compliance with this order.
- WCJC has revised Administrative Procedure DLA to comply with this order.

Item 6: *Not applicable.*

Item 7: Prohibit employees from taking part in foreign recruitment program.

- WCJC has created Administrative Procedure DH to comply with this order.