

# INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
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# I. COMPLIANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 2102.015: POSTING THE INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN AND ANNUAL REPORT TO THE WEBSITE

The Texas Government Code requires that the internal audit plan and the internal audit annual report be posted on the institution's website. The IAD Fiscal Year 2026 audit plan, as reviewed and discussed with the Board of Trustees, was posted to the IAD website. The IAD Fiscal Year 2025 annual report will be posted to the website within 30 days of review.

# II. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2025

The following table lists audits (engagements) completed during FY25, including those with reports pending issuance.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 AUDITS (ENGAGEMENTS) COMPLETED					
REPORT/ REPORT DATE TITLE/DESCRIPTION					
AUDIT NUMBER					
AUD-FY25.01	December 13, 2024	HR Compliance - 19's			
AUD-FY25.02a	August 6, 2025	Customer Service - Phase 1			
AUD-FY25.02b	October 6, 2025**	Customer Service - Phase 2			
AUD-FY25.03	February 25, 2025	HR Compliance -ADA & FMLA			
AUD-FY25.04	Final Report Pending*	Safety & Security - Physical Access			
AUD-FY25.05	Final Report Pending*	Property & Asset Management - Police Inventory			
AUD-FY25.08	October 15, 2025**	Travel (Student & Employee)			
AUD-FY25.09	October 27, 2025**	Property & Asset Management - Fixed Assets			
FU-FY25.01	November 1, 2024	Employee Emergency Relief Fund			
FU-FY25.02	November 25, 2024	Records Management & Retention			
FU-FY25.03	February 25, 2024	Student Care Network			
FU-FY25.04	February 19, 2025	Construction			
FU-FY25.05	June 13, 2025	Professional Development			
FU-FY25.06	June 12, 2025	Workforce Planning & Staffing			
FU-FY25.07	June 13, 2025	Employee Recruitment & Retention			
FU-FY25.09	May 22, 2025	Procurement - 3rd Party/Supplier Management			
FU-FY25.10	August 18, 2025	Scholarship Compliance & Processes			
INV-FY25.01	May 29, 2025	Grant Administration - Title V Grant			
SR-FY25.02	December 4, 2024	Facilities Disposal Process			
SR-FY25.04	June 7, 2025	Dallas Promise			
SR-FY25.05	August 5, 2025	Grant Compliance (Pepsico)			
SR-FY25.06	July 25, 2025	Senate Bill 17 Compliance			
SR-FY25.08	September 5, 2025**	Business Continuity			
SR-FY25.09	Final Report Pending*	Artificial Intelligence			
SR-FY25.11	Final Report Pending*	Leadership Accord			

<sup>\*</sup>Audit fieldwork completed in August FY25 –final audit report pending.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Note: Final report issued after the fiscal year end, however, the audit was completed in FY 2025.

The following table lists audit plan adjustments during FY25 and status of audits (engagements).

FISCAL YEAR 2025 AUDIT PLAN ADUSTMENTS					
TITLE/DESCRIPTION	ACTION	STATUS			
DC Public Website	Added to another	Review steps incorporated into the			
	engagement.	Customer Service review.			
Grant Compliance	Postponed.	Moved to FY2026.			
Performance Management	Postponed.	Moved to FY2026.			
Procurement (Strategic Sourcing)	Postponed.	Moved to FY2026.			
Space Management & Planning	Removed from plan.	Additions to the plan deemed higher risk.			
Dallas Promise	Addition to plan.	Report/Audit Number: SR-FY25.04. Completed June 7, 2025.			
Facilities Disposal	Addition to plan.	Report/Audit Number: SR-FY25.02.			
Process		Completed December 4, 2024.			
Grant Administration	Addition to plan.	Report/Audit Number: INV-FY25.01.			
- Title V Grant		Completed May 29, 2025.			
Grant Compliance	Addition to plan.	Report/Audit Number: SR-FY25.05.			
(Pepsico)		Completed August 5, 2025.			
Cyber Security	Audit started in FY25 –completed in FY26.	Completed – reporting pending.			
Data Governance,	Audit started in FY25	Completed – reporting pending.			
Security & Privacy	-completed in FY26.				
Payroll	Audit started in FY25	Completed – reporting pending.			
	– completed in FY26.				
Success Coaching	Audit started in FY25	Completed – reporting pending.			
	-completed in FY26.				
Chancellor's	Audit started in FY25	Report/Audit Number: SR-FY25.10			
Performance Data	– completed in FY26.	Completed September 10, 2025.			
Review					

### III. CONSULTING SERVICES AND NON-AUDIT SERVICES COMPLETED

# FRAUD HOTLINE ADMINISTRATION & MONITORING

**OBJECTIVE:** Monitor hotline activity (reports) to determine instances of fraud, waste, and abuse and respond to – and investigate – reports as necessary. Also, consult on and provide recommendations for common concerns (not fraud, waste, or abuse related).

STATUS On-going

**REPORTING:** Informal reporting through-out the year as needed to communicate recommendations.

#### WORKDAY IMPLEMENTATION SPECIAL PROJECT

**OBJECTIVE:** Monitor activity in the implemented Workday ERP system modules to help ensure controls operate as intended and participated in Workday Student Module implementation to provide recommendations, as necessary.

STATUS: On-going

**REPORTING:** Not Applicable

# IV. EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES PROCURED

• The IAD did not procure any external audit services for fiscal year 2025.

The College's Office of Finance (and the College's Board of Trustees) selected Whitley Penn, LLP to conduct the annual independent financial statement audit and the single audit starting in FY2025.

# V. EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEW (PEER REVIEW)

The IAD was reorganized with the hiring of a new Chief Internal Auditor in fiscal year 2021. An external quality assurance review will be completed at a future date.

# VI. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

The final IAD Engagement (Audit) Plan and risk assessment process outline are included below. The complete FY2026 Engagement (Audit) Plan and Risk Assessment is posted to the College's website.

RISK ASSESSMENT PROCESS					
Identify Risks	The IAD researched the top risks common to higher education, from general business and industry, and those identified by internal audit activities from peer institutions; the IAD also researched varied College information.				
	The IAD conducted focus groups, meetings, and interviews – and surveyed - senior management, staff, faculty, and the Board of Trustees to gain information to understand areas of risk or concern within the College.				
Measure Risks	The identification of risks resulted in identifying top risk areas which were further assessed based on impact, probability, and velocity.				
Prioritize Risks, Select Engagements, Develop Plan	The areas/functions/risks included in the FY26 engagement plan also encompassed items that met one or more of the following prioritization factors:  Highest ranked items from risk identification analysis.  Time since last audit.  Special requests.  Regulatory, required, or on-going items.  Items moved from FY25 Engagement (Audit) Plan (that remain an area of risk/concern).				

FISCAL YEAR 2026 ENGAGEMENT F	PLAN			
ENGAGEMENT DESCRIPTION	Estimated Hours			
Audits	•			
Cybersecurity	320			
Employee Planning & Staffing	320			
Facilities Services Management	200			
Financial Aid	240			
IT Systems Management	240			
Procurement (Strategic Sourcing)	160			
Success Coaching	320			
Special Reviews and Advisory Engagements				
Chancellor's Performance Review -Data Validation	120			
Financial and Budget Management	240			
Grant Compliance	200			
Organizational Communication and Collaboration	200			
Partnership & Program Management	240			
Sector Strategy	240			
Senate Bill 17 Compliance	160			
Student Resource Management	240			
Workforce & Continuing Education	280			
Follow-up Audits				
Artificial Intelligence	40			
Business Continuity	40			
Dallas Promise	120			
Human Resources – I-9 Compliance	80			
Human Resources – ADA & FMLA Compliance	80			
Payroll	80			
Property & Asset Management (Police Inventory)	80			
Safety and Security	120			
Travel	40			
Other Services and On-going Activities				
Fraud Hotline Administration and Monitoring (On-Going)	240			
Investigations (As Needed)	240			

# **VII. REPORTING SUSPECTED FRAUD AND ABUSE**

Actions taken consistent with fraud reporting requirements of Section 7.09, page IX- 40, the General Appropriations Act (88th Legislature) and Texas Government Code, Section 321.022 include:

- The College requires annual, mandatory compliance training for all employees.
- The College has a link on the main webpage to report Fraud, Waste, or Abuse on a confidential incident reporting hotline.
- The College has established Board Policy CDE-Accounting: Financial Ethics, prohibiting fraud and financial impropriety and requiring investigation.