All investments made by the District shall comply with the Public Funds Investment Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 2256, Subchapter A) and all federal, state, and local statutes, rules or regulations. *Gov't Code 2256.026*

WRITTEN POLICIES

Investments shall be made in accordance with written policies approved by the Board. The investment policies must primarily emphasize safety of principal and liquidity and must address investment diversification, yield, and maturity and the quality and capability of investment management. The policies must include:

1. A list of the types of authorized investments in which the District's funds may be invested;
2. The maximum allowable stated maturity of any individual investment owned by the District;
3. For pooled fund groups, the maximum dollar-weighted average maturity allowed based on the stated maturity date of the portfolio;
4. Methods to monitor the market price of investments acquired with public funds;
5. A requirement for settlement of all transactions, except investment pool funds and mutual funds, on a delivery versus payment basis; and
6. Procedures to monitor rating changes in investments acquired with public funds and the liquidation of such investments consistent with the provisions of Government Code 2256.021 [see LOSS OF REQUIRED RATING, below].

*Gov't Code 2256.005(b)*

ANNUAL REVIEW

The Board shall review its investment policy and investment strategies not less than annually. The Board shall adopt a written instrument stating that it has reviewed the investment policy and investment strategies and that the written instrument so adopted shall record any changes made to either the investment policy or investment strategies. *Gov't Code 2256.005(e)*

ANNUAL AUDIT

The District shall perform a compliance audit of management controls on investments and adherence to the District's established investment policies. The compliance audit shall be performed in conjunction with the annual financial audit. *Gov't Code 2256.005(m)*

INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

As part of the investment policy, the Board shall adopt a separate written investment strategy for each of the funds or group of funds under the Board's control. Each investment strategy must describe

the investment objectives for the particular fund under the following priorities in order of importance:

1. Understanding of the suitability of the investment to the financial requirements of the District;
2. Preservation and safety of principal;
3. Liquidity;
4. Marketability of the investment if the investment needs to be liquidated before maturity;
5. Diversification of the investment portfolio; and
6. Yield.

*Gov't Code 2256.005(d)*

INVESTMENT OFFICER

The District shall designate one or more officers or employees as investment officer(s) to be responsible for the investment of its funds. If the District has contracted with another investing entity to invest its funds, the investment officer of the other investing entity is considered to be the investment officer of the contracting Board's District. In the administration of the duties of an investment officer, the person designated as investment officer shall exercise the judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances that a prudent person would exercise in the management of the person's own affairs, but the Board retains the ultimate responsibility as fiduciaries of the assets of the District. Unless authorized by law, a person may not deposit, withdraw, transfer, or manage in any other manner the funds of the investing entity. Authority granted to a person to invest the District's funds is effective until rescinded by the District or until termination of the person's employment by the District, or for an investment management firm, until the expiration of the contract with the District. *Gov't Code 2256.005(f)*

A District or investment officer may use the District's employees or the services of a contractor of the District to aid the investment officer in the execution of the officer's duties under Government Code, Chapter 2256. *Gov't Code 2256.003(c)*

INVESTMENT TRAINING

INITIAL

Within 12 months after taking office or assuming duties, the treasurer or chief financial officer and the investment officer of the District shall attend at least one training session from an independent source approved either by the Board or by a designated investment committee advising the investment officer. This initial training must contain at least ten hours of instruction relating to their respective responsibilities under the Public Funds Investment Act. *Gov't Code 2256.008(a)*

ONGOING

The treasurer or chief financial officer and the investment officer must also attend an investment training session not less than once in a two-year period that begins on the first day of the District's fiscal year and consists of the two consecutive fiscal years after that date, and receive not less than ten hours of instruction relating to investment responsibilities under the Public Funds Investment Act from an independent source approved by the Board or a designated investment committee advising the investment officer. If the District has contracted with another investing entity to invest the District's funds, this training requirement may be satisfied by having a Board officer attend four hours of appropriate instruction in a two-year period that begins on the first day of the District's fiscal year and consists of the two consecutive fiscal years after that date. *Gov't Code 2256.008(a)–(b)*

Investment training shall include education in investment controls, security risks, strategy risks, market risks, diversification of investment portfolio, and compliance with the Government Code, Chapter 2256. *Gov't Code 2256.008(c)*

STANDARD OF CARE

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of his or her own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of capital and the probable income to be derived. Investments shall be governed by the following objectives in order of priority:

1. Preservation and safety of principal;
2. Liquidity; and
3. Yield.

In determining whether an investment officer has exercised prudence with respect to an investment decision, the following shall be taken into consideration:

1. The investment of all funds, rather than the prudence of a single investment, over which the officer had responsibility.
2. Whether the investment decision was consistent with the Board's written investment policy.

*Gov't Code 2256.006*

PERSONAL INTEREST

A District investment officer who has a personal business relationship with a business organization offering to engage in an investment transaction with the District shall file a statement disclosing that personal business interest. An investment officer who is re-

lated within the second degree by affinity or consanguinity, as determined by Government Code Chapter 573, to an individual seeking to sell an investment to the investment officer's District shall file a statement disclosing that relationship. A required statement must be filed with the Board and with the Texas Ethics Commission. For purposes of this policy, an investment officer has a personal business relationship with a business organization if:

1. The investment officer owns ten percent or more of the voting stock or shares of the business organization or owns $5,000 or more of the fair market value of the business organization;

2. Funds received by the investment officer from the business organization exceed ten percent of the investment officer's gross income for the previous year; or

3. The investment officer has acquired from the business organization during the previous year investments with a book value of $2,500 or more for the personal account of the investment officer.

*Gov't Code 2256.005(i)*

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Not less than quarterly, the investment officer shall prepare and submit to the Board a written report of investment transactions for all funds covered by the Public Funds Investment Act. This report shall be presented to the Board and the Superintendent not less than quarterly, within a reasonable time after the end of the period. The report must:

1. Contain a detailed description of the investment position of the District on the date of the report.

2. Be prepared jointly and signed by all District investment officers.

3. Contain a summary statement for each pooled fund group (i.e., each internally created fund in which one or more accounts are combined for investing purposes) that states the:

   a. Beginning market value for the reporting period;

   b. Ending market value for the period; and

   c. Fully accrued interest for the reporting period.

4. State the book value and market value of each separately invested asset at the end of the reporting period by the type of asset and fund type invested.

5. State the maturity date of each separately invested asset that has a maturity date.

6. State the account or fund or pooled group fund in the District for which each individual investment was acquired.

7. State the compliance of the investment portfolio of the District as it relates to the District's investment strategy expressed in the District's investment policy and relevant provisions of Government Code, Chapter 2256.

If the District invests in other than money market mutual funds, investment pools or accounts offered by its depository bank in the form of certificates of deposit, or money market accounts or similar accounts, the reports shall be formally reviewed at least annually by an independent auditor, and the result of the review shall be reported to the Board by that auditor.

*Gov't Code 2256.023*

SELECTION OF BROKER

The Board or a designated investment committee, shall, at least annually, review, revise, and adopt a list of qualified brokers that are authorized to engage in investment transactions with the District. *Gov't Code 2256.025*

AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

The Board may purchase, sell, and invest its funds and funds under its control in investments described below, in compliance with its adopted investment policies and according to the standard of care set out in this policy. Investments may be made directly by the Board or by a nonprofit corporation acting on behalf of the Board or an investment pool acting on behalf of two or more local governments, state agencies, or a combination of the two. *Gov't Code 2256.003(a)*

In the exercise of these powers, the Board may contract with an investment management firm registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80b-1 et seq.) or with the State Securities Board to provide for the investment and management of its public funds or other funds under its control. A contract made for such purpose may not be for a term longer than two years. A renewal or extension of the contract must be made by the Board by order, ordinance, or resolution. *Gov't Code 2256.003(b)*

The following investments are authorized:

1. Obligations, including letters of credit, of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities; direct obligations of the state of Texas or its agencies and instrumentalities; collateralized mortgage obligations directly issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States; other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by, or backed

by the full faith and credit of, the state of Texas, the United States, or their respective agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or by the explicit full faith and credit of the United States; obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than A or its equivalent; and bonds issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the state of Israel. *Gov't Code 2256.009(a)*

The following investments are not authorized:

a. Obligations whose payment represents the coupon payments on the outstanding principal balance of the underlying mortgage-backed security collateral and pays no principal.

b. Obligations whose payment represents the principal stream of cash flow from the underlying mortgage-backed security collateral and bears no interest.

c. Collateralized mortgage obligations that have a stated final maturity date of greater than ten years.

d. Collateralized mortgage obligations the interest rate of which is determined by an index that adjusts opposite to the changes in a market index.

*Gov't Code 2256.009(b)*

2. Certificates of deposit or share certificates issued by a depository institution that has its main office or a branch office in Texas that is guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or its successor or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund or its successor and is secured by obligations described in item 1 above, including mortgage-backed securities directly issued by a federal agency or instrumentality that have a market value of not less than the principal amount of the certificates (but excluding those mortgage-backed securities described in Section 2256.009[b]) or secured in any other manner and amount provided by law for the deposits of the investing entity. *Gov't Code 2256.010(a)*

In addition to the authority to invest funds in certificates of deposit under the previous section, an investment in certificates of deposit made in accordance with the following conditions is an authorized investment under Government Code 2256.010:

a. The funds are invested by the District through a broker that has its main office or a branch office in this state and is selected from a list adopted by the District as required by Government Code 2256.025, or a depository institution that has its main office or a branch office in this state and that is selected by the District;

b. The broker or depository institution selected by the District arranges for the deposit of the funds in certificates of deposit in one or more federally insured depository institutions, wherever located, for the account of the District;

c. The full amount of the principal and accrued interest of each of the certificates of deposit is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States; and

d. The District appoints the depository institution selected by the District, an entity described by Government Code 2257.041(d), or a clearing broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and operating pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c3-3 (17 C.F.R. Section 240.15c3-3) as custodian for the District with respect to the certificates of deposit issued for the account of the District entity.

*Gov't Code 2256.010(b)*

The investment policies may provide that bids for certificates of deposit be solicited orally, in writing, electronically, or in any combination of those methods. *Gov't Code 2256.005(c)*

3. Fully collateralized repurchase agreements that have a defined termination date; are secured by a combination of cash and obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities; require the securities being purchased by the District or cash held by the District to be pledged to the District, held in the District's name, and deposited with the District or a third party selected and approved by the District, and are placed through a primary government securities dealer, as defined by the Federal Reserve or a financial institution doing business in Texas. The term of any reverse security repurchase agreement may not exceed 90 days after the date the reverse security repurchase agreement is delivered. Money received by the District under the terms of a reverse security repurchase agreement shall be used to acquire additional authorized investments, but the term of the authorized investments acquired must mature not later than the expiration date stated in the reverse security repurchase agreement. *Gov't Code 2256.011*

4. A securities lending program if:

   a. The value of securities loaned is not less than 100 percent collateralized, including accrued income, and the loan allows for termination at any time;

   b. The loan is secured by:

      (1) Pledged securities described by Government Code 2256.009;

      (2) Pledged irrevocable letters of credit issued by a bank that is organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any other state and continuously rated by at least one nationally recognized investment rating firm at not less than A or its equivalent; or

      (3) Cash invested in accordance with Government Code 2256.009, 2256.013, 2256.014, or 2256.016;

   c. The terms of the loan require that the securities being held as collateral be pledged to the investing entity, held in the investing entity's name, and deposited at the time the investment is made with the entity or with a third party selected by or approved by the investing entity; and

   d. The loan is placed through a primary government securities dealer or a financial institution doing business in this state.

   An agreement to lend securities under a securities lending program must have a term of one year or less.

   *Gov't Code 2256.0115*

5. Banker's acceptance, with a stated maturity of 270 days or fewer from the date of issuance that will be liquidated in full at maturity, which is eligible for collateral for borrowing from a Federal Reserve Bank, and is accepted by a bank meeting the requirements of Government Code 2256.012(4). *Gov't Code 2256.012*

6. Commercial paper that has a stated maturity of 270 days or fewer from the date of issuance and is rated not less than A-1 or P-1 or an equivalent rating by at least two nationally recognized credit rating agencies or by one nationally recognized credit rating agency provided the commercial paper is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a bank organized and existing under United States law or the law of any state. *Gov't Code 2256.013*

7. No-load money market mutual funds that:

   a. Are registered with and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission;

   b. Provide the District with a prospectus and other information required by the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.) or the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 et seq.);

   c. Have a dollar-weighted average stated maturity of 90 days or fewer; and

   d. Include in their investment objectives the maintenance of a stable net asset value of $1 for each share.

   However, investments in no-load money market mutual funds shall be limited to the percentages authorized by Government Code 2256.014(c).

8. No-load mutual funds that:

   a. Are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission;

   b. Have an average weighted maturity of less than two years;

   c. Are invested exclusively in obligations approved by Government Code Chapter 2256, Subchapter A, regarding authorized investments (Public Funds Investment Act);

   d. Are continuously rated by at least one nationally recognized investment rating firm of not less than AAA or its equivalent; and

   e. Conform to the requirements in Government Code 2256.016(b) and (c) relating to the eligibility of investment pools to receive and invest funds of investing entities.

   Investments in no-load mutual funds shall be limited to the percentages authorized by Government Code 2256.014(c). In addition, the District may not invest any portion of bond proceeds, reserves, and funds held for debt service, in no-load mutual funds described in this item.

*Gov't Code 2256.014*

9. A guaranteed investment contract, as an investment vehicle for bond proceeds, if the guaranteed investment contract:

a. Has a defined termination date.

b. Is secured by obligations described by Government Code 2256.009(a)(1), excluding those obligations described by Section 2256.009(b), in an amount at least equal to the amount of bond proceeds invested under the contract.

c. Is pledged to the District and deposited with the District or with a third party selected and approved by the District.

Bond proceeds, other than bond proceeds representing reserves and funds maintained for debt service purposes, may not be invested in a guaranteed investment contract with a term longer than five years from the date of issuance of the bonds.

To be eligible as an authorized investment:

a. The Board must specifically authorize guaranteed investment contracts as eligible investments in the order, ordinance, or resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds.

b. The District must receive bids from at least three separate providers with no material financial interest in the bonds from which proceeds were received.

c. The District must purchase the highest yielding guaranteed investment contract for which a qualifying bid is received.

d. The price of the guaranteed investment contract must take into account the reasonably expected drawdown schedule for the bond proceeds to be invested.

e. The provider must certify the administrative costs reasonably expected to be paid to third parties in connection with the guaranteed investment contract.

*Gov't Code 2256.015*

10. A public funds investment pool meeting the requirements of Government Code 2256.016 and 2256.019, if the Board authorizes the investment in the particular pool by resolution. *Gov't Code 2256.016, .019*

11. "Corporate bond" means a senior secured debt obligation issued by a domestic business entity and rated not lower than "AA-" or the equivalent by a nationally recognized investment

rating firm. The term does not include a debt obligation that on conversion would result in the holder becoming a stockholder or shareholder in the entity, or any affiliate or subsidiary of the entity, that issued the debt obligation, or is an unsecured debt obligation. *Gov't Code 2256.0204(a)*

A district that qualifies as an issuer as defined by Government Code 1371.001 [see CCF] may purchase, sell, and invest its funds and funds under its control in corporate bonds that, at the time of purchase, are rated by a nationally recognized investment rating firm "AA-" or the equivalent and have a stated final maturity that is not later than the third anniversary of the date the corporate bonds were purchased. *Gov't Code 2256.0204(b)–(c)*

The District is not authorized to:

a. Invest in the aggregate more than 15 percent of its monthly average fund balance, excluding bond proceeds, reserves, and other funds held for the payment of debt service, in corporate bonds; or

b. Invest more than 25 percent of the funds invested in corporate bonds in any one domestic business entity, including subsidiaries and affiliates of the entity.

*Gov't Code 2256.0204(d)*

The District may purchase, sell, and invest its funds and funds under its control in corporate bonds if the Board:

a. Amends its investment policy to authorize corporate bonds as an eligible investment;

b. Adopts procedures to provide for monitoring rating changes in corporate bonds acquired with public funds, and liquidating the investment in corporate bonds; and

c. Identifies the funds eligible to be invested in corporate bonds.

*Gov't Code 2256.0204(e)*

The District investment officer, acting on behalf of the District, shall sell corporate bonds in which the District has invested its funds not later than the seventh day after the date a nationally recognized investment rating firm:

a. Issues a release that places the corporate bonds or the domestic business entity that issued the corporate bonds on negative credit watch or the equivalent, if the corpo-

rate bonds are rated “AA-” or the equivalent at the time the release is issued; or

b. Changes the rating on the corporate bonds to a rating lower than “AA-” or the equivalent.

*Gov’t Code 2256.0204(f)*

Corporate bonds are not an eligible investment for a public funds investment pool. *Gov’t Code 2256.0204(g)*

CHANGE IN LAW

The District is not required to liquidate investments that were authorized investments at the time of purchase. *Gov’t Code 2256.017*

LOSS OF REQUIRED RATING

An investment that requires a minimum rating does not qualify as an authorized investment during the period the investment does not have the minimum rating. The District shall take all prudent measures that are consistent with its investment policy to liquidate an investment that does not have the minimum rating. *Gov’t Code 2256.021*

SELLERS OF INVESTMENTS

A written copy of the investment policy shall be presented to any person offering to engage in an investment transaction with the District or to an investment management firm under contract with the District to invest or manage the District’s investment portfolio. For purposes of this section, a business organization includes investment pools and an investment management firm under contract with the District to invest or manage the District’s investment portfolio. The qualified representative of the business organization offering to engage in an investment transaction with the District shall execute a written instrument in a form acceptable to the District and the business organization substantially to the effect that the business organization has:

1. Received and thoroughly reviewed the District investment policy; and

2. Acknowledged that the business organization has implemented reasonable procedures and controls in an effort to preclude investment transactions conducted between the District and the organization that are not authorized by the District’s policy, except to the extent that this authorization is dependent on an analysis of the makeup of the District’s entire portfolio or requires an interpretation of subjective investment standards.

The investment officer may not acquire or otherwise obtain any authorized investment described in the District’s investment policy

from a person who has not delivered to the District the instrument described above.

*Gov't Code 2256.005(k)–(l)*

DONATIONS

A gift, devise, or bequest made to provide college scholarships for District graduates may be invested by the Board as provided in Property Code 117.004, unless otherwise specifically provided by the terms of the gift, devise, or bequest. *Education Code 45.107*

Investments donated to the District for a particular purpose or under terms of use specified by the donor are not subject to the requirements of Government Code Chapter 2256, Subchapter A. *Gov't Code 2256.004(b)*

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

The District may use electronic means to transfer or invest all funds collected or controlled by the District. *Gov't Code 2256.051*