



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. **NAME OF ITEM:** Resolution Authorizing Comprehensive Information Security Plan
2. **INITIATED BY:** Caroline C. Overcash, Esq., Director of Internal Audit and Compliance
3. **BOARD INFORMATION:** ☐ **BOARD ACTION:** ☒
4. **BACKGROUND:**

Following the SC Department of Revenue breach of citizen records in 2012, the State worked to develop and comprehensive approach to secure the information held by the state through its various agencies and institutions.

All executive branch agencies had to work directly with the Division of Information Security and the Enterprise Privacy Office within the Department of Administration to agencies adopt a set of policies. The legislature required that all institutions of higher learning have cyber security policies, guidelines, and standards that meet or exceed those implemented by the South Carolina Department of Administration.

Historically, information security has been intermingled within the Information Technology Department at Winthrop University. This was carved out and placed under Internal Audit in June 2019 in compliance with best practices and state compliance.

As Winthrop works to mature the information security and data privacy program, I am asking the Board of Trustees to authorize the implementation of a comprehensive information security plan for the University. This resolution will provide the governance required by state standards as well as several federal compliance requirements (e.g. Graham Leach Bliley Act for financial data). This plan will include a comprehensive set of data and information security policies to protect the data of our students and employees.

5. **TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

I move that the Board accepts the “Resolution Authorizing the Implementation of a Comprehensive Information Security Plan for Winthrop University”.

Attachment: Resolution Authorizing the Implementation of a Comprehensive Information Security Plan for Winthrop University (Non-Confidential)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION SECURITY
PLAN FOR WINTHROP UNIVERISTY**

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has developed a comprehensive approach to information security through the Department of Administration's Division of Information Security, and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has developed a comprehensive approach to privacy and data protection through the Enterprise Privacy Office of the Department of Administration, and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina legislature has required that public institutions of higher learning have cyber security policies, guidelines, and standards that meet or exceed those implemented by the South Carolina Department of Administration, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University wants to ensure that the University has a comprehensive information security program which meets the requirements as set forth by the legislature of the State of South Carolina,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University authorizes the administration to develop and implement a comprehensive plan for information security to include policies and procedures that are in alignment with the South Carolina Department of Administration Division of Information Security, Enterprise Privacy Office, and industry best practices.

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