

Port of Houston Authority

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POLICY JULY 2026



A. Purpose.

The Port of Houston Authority (“Port Authority”) is committed to the secure, ethical, lawful and risk-informed use and oversight of Artificial Intelligence (AI). To further this commitment, the Port Authority will establish a comprehensive yet flexible governance framework for AI used by or on behalf of the Port Authority that is consistent with the guiding principles herein.

B. Policy Statement.

This Policy enables the Port Authority to establish an AI Policy, supported by related policies, standards, and procedures, that adheres to the following principles. When AI technology is purchased, configured, developed, operated, or maintained, it must be:

- Aligned with applicable legal, regulatory, and industry frameworks and guidance including National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) AI Risk Management Framework (AI RMF), NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF), State of Texas Responsible AI Governance Act (TRAIGA), and ISO/IEC 42001;
- Aligned with Port Authority business and operational needs and strategic objectives;
- Risk-informed, including identification, evaluation, and management of risks;
- Safeguarded, including through trainings, to support security, privacy, reliability, accountability, transparency and resilience;
- Personnel-driven, permitting AI assistance with work but relying on human oversight for final decisions, actions, and high-impact uses.

C. Authority of the Port Commission and Delegation of that Authority.

The Port Commission adopts this Policy and retains authority to approve amendments to this Policy. Except where such authority must remain with the Port Commission, responsibility for implementing and administering Port Authority’s AI Policy is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and his or her designees. Except as provided herein or as otherwise determined by the CEO, the Chief Legal Officer (CLO) and the Chief Information Officer (“CIO”), or their designees, in coordination with appropriate governance bodies, is responsible for related policies, standards, procedures, and internal controls established under this Policy.

D. Policy Implementation.

Under the direction of the CEO, CIO, CLO, and their designees, Port Authority management and staff shall develop, implement, update, maintain, and enforce governance, standards, procedures, internal controls and training necessary to support the responsible, secure, and risk-informed use of AI technologies.

Such governance and supporting documentation may address, as applicable, AI acceptable use, approval requirements, cybersecurity controls, privacy and data handling, records management, vendor and procurement requirements, monitoring, change management, incident response, and lifecycle management. Management shall periodically review and update such supporting documentation to address changes in technology, risk, law, regulation, and business needs.

E. Adoption.

This Policy was adopted by the Port Commission on July 21st, 2026, as evidenced by Minute No. 2026-0721-06.

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