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EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE

SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT DISMISSAL MEDIATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION


Reference American Correctional Association (ACA) Standard 4-4048

APPLICABILITY: Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)

EMPLOYMENT AT WILL CLAUSE:

These guidelines do not constitute an employment contract or a guarantee of continued employment. The TDCJ reserves the right to change the provisions of these guidelines at any time.

Nothing in these guidelines and procedures limits the executive director’s authority to establish or revise human resources policy. These guidelines and procedures are adopted to guide the internal operations of the TDCJ and do not create any legally enforceable interest or limit the executive director’s, deputy executive director’s, or division directors’ authority to terminate an employee at will.

POLICY:

The TDCJ promotes equal employment opportunity by providing independent dismissal mediation and dispute resolution to TDCJ employees without regard to race, color, religion, sex (gender), national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or uniformed services status. The TDCJ has zero tolerance for all forms of employment discrimination, harassment, or retaliation. No employee or other individual shall be subjected to harassment or retaliation for reporting employment discrimination in the independent dismissal mediation or dispute resolution process.
DEFINITIONS:

“Agreement” is a written plan of action resulting from an independent dismissal mediation session or a dispute resolution session, which is agreed upon as a condition of continued employment or by the participating employees to resolve a dispute. Such an agreement does not constitute or create a contract of employment nor create a legally enforceable interest on behalf of the participant against the TDCJ or limit management’s authority to enforce PD-22, “General Rules of Conduct and Disciplinary Action Guidelines for Employees” or any other TDCJ directive.

“Facilitator” is an employee assigned to Employee Relations, Human Resources Division, who coordinates the Dispute Resolution Program and acts as an impartial third party in a dispute resolution session.

“Grievance” is a formal written complaint filed by an employee in accordance with PD-30, “Employee Grievance Procedures.”

“Impasse” is the status of independent dismissal mediation or dispute resolution occurring when employees are unable to reach an agreement during an independent dismissal mediation session or a dispute resolution session.

“Intake Officer” is a specialist located within the Employee Relations Section, Human Resources Division, who: (1) receives, evaluates, and processes complaints; (2) advises employees and managers of the available options to resolve employment related complaints, grievances, or any other employment related dispute; and (3) informs employees of filing rights with state and federal enforcement agencies, such as the Texas Workforce Commission - Civil Rights Division (TWC-CRD) and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

“Mediator” is an impartial third person from a company that provides independent dismissal mediation services to the TDCJ on a contractual basis.

“Offender” is an individual under the supervision, custody, or incarceration of the TDCJ, including a TDCJ offender housed in privately operated, federal, county, or other state’s facilities. These individuals include, but are not limited to, parolees, individuals under mandatory supervision, incarcerated individuals, and individuals housed in county jails who have been sentenced to the TDCJ but are not yet in TDCJ custody.

“Strike” is a work stoppage by a body of workers to enforce compliance with demands made by the body of workers or the workers’ representatives.

“TDCJ Official” is an employee designated by the executive director, deputy executive director, or appropriate division director as having the authority to represent the TDCJ at an independent dismissal mediation session. The employee shall have completed the required training conducted by the Employee Relations Section, Human Resources Division.
PROCEDURES:

I. Independent Dismissal Mediation

An employee who has been recommended for dismissal shall be given the opportunity to have the dismissal recommendation mediated through a voluntary independent dismissal mediation session. In order to promote a mutually acceptable agreement, a mediator facilitates communication between a designated TDCJ official and the employee who has been recommended for dismissal.

An employee who has separated from the TDCJ through a process other than the disciplinary dismissal process, for example administrative separation, shall not be offered the opportunity to participate in independent dismissal mediation.

A. Offer of Independent Dismissal Mediation

1. When a recommendation for dismissal is made in accordance with PD-22, “General Rules of Conduct and Disciplinary Action Guidelines for Employees,” the reprimanding authority shall fax a copy of the PERS 185, Reprimand Form and all supporting documentation to the Employee Relations Section for review.

2. After reviewing the dismissal recommendation, the Employee Relations Section shall mail a letter and a PERS 326, Request for Independent Dismissal Mediation (Attachment A) via certified mail, return receipt requested, to the employee’s mailing address provided on the PERS 185. Documentation of the employee’s receipt of the letter and PERS 326 shall include either the employee’s signature and date or certified mail receipt.

3. If the employee elects to pursue independent dismissal mediation, the TDCJ and the employee shall share the cost of the independent dismissal mediation session. The employee’s share of the cost shall be $50.

4. If the dismissal recommendation is overturned or voided, with no alternative punishment specified, the TDCJ shall reimburse the employee’s $50. The only exception shall be if the Comptroller’s Office notifies the TDCJ that the payment shall not be released due to money owed, such as property taxes or child support. In such an instance, the TDCJ shall notify the employee of the toll-free phone number the employee may call to obtain detailed information from the Comptroller’s Office.
B. Employee Elects to Pursue Independent Dismissal Mediation

1. Payment

If the employee elects to pursue independent dismissal mediation, the employee shall:

a. Complete the PERS 326;

b. Return the PERS 326 to the Employee Relations Section along with a $50 cashier’s check or money order payable to the TDCJ; and

c. Ensure the completed PERS 326 and payment are received by the Employee Relations Section within 15 calendar days from the date the letter was mailed offering independent dismissal mediation.

If the employee fails to comply with these instructions, the mediation option shall be forfeited.

2. Scheduling the Independent Dismissal Mediation Session

Upon receipt of the completed PERS 326 and payment, a designee from the Employee Relations Section shall contact the designated TDCJ official and arrange a date, time, and location for the independent dismissal mediation session. The TDCJ official shall determine whether to conduct the independent dismissal mediation session in person, by telephone, or via videoconference. If it is determined that the independent dismissal mediation session is to be conducted in person, an effort shall be made to schedule a location that minimizes the travel expense to the employee.

Once the independent dismissal mediation session has been scheduled, it shall not be rescheduled at the request of the employee or the employee’s representative. The designee from the Employee Relations Section shall notify the employee and the independent mediation provider of the independent dismissal mediation session arrangements.

3. Representation

The employee and the designated TDCJ official may each be accompanied by a representative of choice during the independent dismissal mediation session. However, a representative shall not be:

a. A person claiming the right to strike;
b. An offender; or

c. The reprimanding authority who recommended the employee’s dismissal.

4. Time Reporting

a. Attendance at an independent dismissal mediation session by the designated TDCJ official, the TDCJ official’s representative, and the employee recommended for dismissal shall be considered official business. Therefore, such an employee who is on the TDCJ payroll at the time of the proceeding shall be considered on temporary duty assignment for the purpose of participating in the independent dismissal mediation session.

b. There is no authority for the TDCJ to pay compensation to or reimburse the expenses of a representative for an employee who has been recommended for dismissal, regardless of whether the representative is a state employee or someone outside state service. Therefore, appearance as a representative for an employee at an independent dismissal mediation session shall not be considered official business. If the representative is a TDCJ employee and the independent dismissal mediation session is held during the representative’s working hours, the representative shall obtain prior approval to use accrued leave or, if accrued leave is not available, leave without pay to attend the session.

5. Travel and Per Diem

Neither the employee recommended for dismissal nor the employee’s representative shall be authorized travel or per diem expenses.

6. Mediation Agreement

The TDCJ official is authorized to approve all elements of a mediation agreement based on instructions provided in the “Independent Dismissal Mediation Program TDCJ Official’s Guide,” which is available from the Employee Relations Section.

7. Results Notification

The TDCJ official shall fax the results of the independent dismissal mediation session to the Employee Relations Section. A designee from the Employee Relations Section shall send an e-mail to the employee’s human resources representative, warden or department head, and regional office. The message shall:
a. Provide details regarding the terms of an agreement resulting in the dismissal recommendation not being forwarded for processing; or

b. Request the recommendation for dismissal be forwarded for continued processing in accordance with PD-22, “General Rules of Conduct and Disciplinary Action Guidelines for Employees.”

8. Confidentiality

Every effort shall be made to maintain the privacy of the verbal and written information exchanged during the independent dismissal mediation session.

a. If an agreement is reached by the parties, the agreement is not confidential and shall be released in response to a request made under the Public Information Act.

b. Unless the parties agree otherwise, all other matters, including the conduct and demeanor of the parties during the independent dismissal mediation session, are confidential and shall not be disclosed to anyone. All notes taken during the independent dismissal mediation session shall be collected at the end of the session and shall become part of the packet maintained by the Employee Relations Section. Any request for this documentation under the Public Information Act shall be the subject of a request to the attorney general citing the confidentiality provisions of Texas Government Code Sections 2009.001-.055 for exception from release.

9. Grievance

a. A mediated agreement resulting in the dismissal recommendation being modified or rescinded is not grievable.

b. If the independent dismissal mediation session results in an impasse and the dismissal recommendation is approved, the employee may grieve the dismissal in accordance with the procedures in PD-30, “Employee Grievance Procedures.”
C. Employee Forfeits Independent Dismissal Mediation Option

1. A designee from the Employee Relations Section shall notify the appropriate region or section director via e-mail if:

   a. The employee elects not to mediate the dismissal recommendation;

   b. The employee fails to appropriately respond to the letter offering mediation within the required time frame; or

   c. The employee fails to report for a scheduled mediation session.

2. In such instances, the dismissal recommendation shall be forwarded for processing in accordance with PD-22.

II. Dispute Resolution

A. General Provisions

1. The dispute resolution process allows two or more employees to meet in a private setting at no cost to the participants and attempt to resolve a work related dispute by negotiating a mutually acceptable agreement with the help of a facilitator. The facilitator shall be an impartial third party, who remains neutral, and shall promote and encourage communication between the participants.

2. Dispute resolution may be used to resolve employee grievances or other complaints submitted to an intake officer except for complaints relating to a recommendation for dismissal, administrative separation, or other employment separation.

3. The warden or department head or designee may contact an intake officer and request a voluntary or directed dispute resolution session to resolve employment related disputes within the program area or department.

B. Offering or Requiring Dispute Resolution

1. If an intake officer determines a dispute resolution session is appropriate, the intake officer shall notify the facilitator or designee.

2. If the dispute resolution session is initially being offered on a voluntary basis, the facilitator or designee shall advise each potential participant of the opportunity to voluntarily participate in the dispute resolution session. If one or more potential participants reject the offer to voluntarily participate in the dispute resolution session, the facilitator or designee shall inform the appropriate warden or department head of the rejection. If
the facilitator or designee believes a dispute resolution session is in the best interest of the TDCJ, the facilitator or designee may recommend that the warden or department head require participation in a directed dispute resolution session.

C. Scheduling the Dispute Resolution Session

Upon the participants voluntarily electing or being required to take part in a dispute resolution session, the facilitator or designee shall schedule the session to be held within 14 calendar days after receipt of the notification from the intake officer. The facilitator or designee shall consider the participants’ and TDCJ’s needs when scheduling the session.

D. Participants

1. If a conflict of interest exists with the facilitator and the participants, the employee relations director shall assign an alternate facilitator.

2. A warden or department head may be one of the participants in a dispute resolution session, for example if the warden or department head requests a dispute resolution session between the warden or department head and a subordinate employee or if the warden or department head is the respondent named in an EEO complaint. A warden or department head shall not attend a dispute resolution session as an observer.

3. Representatives and witnesses shall not be allowed to attend the dispute resolution session.

E. Notification

1. The facilitator or designee shall notify an appropriate contact person, such as the participant’s human resources representative or warden’s secretary, of the date, time, and location of the dispute resolution session.

2. Based upon the information provided by the facilitator or designee, the contact person shall provide each participant with the information on the PERS 526, Notification of Dispute Resolution Session (Attachment B) via one of the following methods:

   a. The completed PERS 526 may be provided to a participant in person. Receipt of the PERS 526 shall be documented by:

      (1) The participant’s signature and date of signature; or
(2) A notation that the participant refused to sign the PERS 526. The contact person and another witness shall sign and date the PERS 526.

b. If a participant is not available, for example the participant is on leave or assigned to a different location, the contact person may notify the participant by telephone in the presence of a witness or via e-mail. If the notice is provided by telephone, the contact person shall read Sections I, II, and III of the PERS 526 to the participant. The contact person shall indicate on the PERS 526 the reason for the telephone or e-mail notification. Both the contact person and a witness shall sign and date the PERS 526.

c. If a participant is not available to be notified in person and all attempts to notify the participant by telephone or via e-mail have failed, the contact person shall mail the PERS 526 to the participant via certified mail, return receipt requested.

3. The contact person shall, as soon as possible, inform the facilitator or designee of:

a. The date the participants were notified of the dispute resolution session;

b. The method of notification; and

c. Any scheduling conflicts, including the need to delay the session.

4. If the dispute resolution session is to be conducted at the contact person’s unit or department, the contact person shall maintain the original PERS 526 in a suspense file until the PERS 526 forms are provided to the facilitator or designee in person prior to the beginning of the dispute resolution session. If the dispute resolution session is to be conducted at another location, the contact person shall mail the original PERS 526 to the facilitator or designee via first class mail.

Only the participants shall be provided a copy of the original PERS 526. The contact person shall not make or maintain additional copies of the PERS 526 forms.
F. Dispute Resolution Process

1. Time Reporting

Attendance at a dispute resolution session shall be considered official business. Therefore, a participant shall be considered on temporary duty assignment for the purpose of participating in a dispute resolution session and for travel from the participant’s regular point of assignment to the location of the dispute resolution session. Time reporting for travel shall be in accordance with state travel regulations.

2. Documentation

The facilitator shall provide a PERS 527, Employee’s Packet for Dispute Resolution (Attachment C) to the participants at the time of the dispute resolution session. This packet consists of the PERS 527-1, Dispute Resolution Guidelines and the PERS 527-2, Dispute Resolution Consent.

   a. If an agreement is reached in the dispute resolution session, the facilitator shall complete the PERS 528, Dispute Resolution Agreement (Attachment D), sign the forms, ensure the participants sign the forms and provide an original signed form to each of the participants.

   b. If the dispute resolution session results in an impasse, the facilitator shall complete the PERS 529, Dispute Resolution Impasse Form (Attachment E), sign the forms, ensure the participants sign the forms, and provide an original signed form to each of the participants.

   c. Before leaving, the facilitator shall collect and destroy all notes taken during the dispute resolution session.

A copy of the PERS 528 or PERS 529 shall be retained by Employee Relations in accordance with the TDCJ Records Retention Schedule.

G. Results Notification

The facilitator or designee shall inform the warden or department head whether the dispute resolution resulted in an agreement or impasse. Upon request, the facilitator or designee shall provide the warden or department head with a copy of the applicable PERS 528 or PERS 529. The warden or department head shall destroy the PERS 528 or PERS 529 after review or maintain the form in a separate file. Neither the PERS 528 nor PERS 529 shall be placed in the participant’s unit or department human resources file.
H. Confidentiality

Every effort shall be made to maintain the privacy of the verbal and written information exchanged during the dispute resolution session.

1. Unless the participants agree otherwise, all matters, including conduct and demeanor during the dispute resolution process, are confidential and shall not be disclosed to anyone. Any request for such documentation under the Public Information Act shall be the subject of a request to the attorney general citing the confidentiality provisions of Texas Government Code Sections 2009.001-.055 for exception from release.

2. Neither the PERS 528 nor the PERS 529 is confidential, and these forms shall be released in response to a Public Information Act request.

Brad Livingston
Executive Director
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Request for Independent Dismissal Mediation

TO: Texas Department of Criminal Justice
   Employee Relations Section, Human Resources Division
   2 Financial Plaza, Suite # 600
   Huntsville, TX 77340 - 3561
   (936) 437-3179

I have been recommended for dismissal, and I am requesting a review of the circumstances through independent dismissal mediation. I understand the following: (Please initial each item.)

____ My cost for the independent dismissal mediation session is $50. I am required to submit a cashier’s check or money order in the amount of $50 made payable to the TDCJ.

____ I am responsible for ensuring that this form and the $50 cashier’s check or money order are received by the TDCJ at the address listed above within 15 calendar days from the date of the cover letter informing me of the independent dismissal mediation option.

____ The $50 payment shall be reimbursed to me if the dismissal recommendation is overturned or voided as a result of the independent dismissal mediation session, and no alternative punishment is specified.

NAME: ____________________________
Please Print: Last First MI

MONTH/DAY OF BIRTH (mm/dd): ____________________________

MAILING ADDRESS: ____________________________

___________________________  ____________________________  ____________________________
City                                                      State                                                      Zip Code

PERSONAL PHONE NUMBER: (    ) ____________________________
   Area Code

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER: (     ) ____________________________
   Area Code

E-MAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________

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Employee’s Signature                                                      Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Note to Employee: With few exceptions, you are entitled upon request: (1) to be informed about the information the TDCJ collects about you; and (2) under Texas Government Code §§552.021 and 552.023, to receive and review the collected information. Under Texas Government Code §559.004, you are also entitled to request, in accordance with TDCJ procedures, that incorrect information the TDCJ has collected about you be corrected.

DISTRIBUTION: Return original to the Employee Relations Section at the address at the top of this form.
Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
Notification of Dispute Resolution Session  

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION  

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Job Title: ________________________________________ Unit: ____________

I. The Employee Relations Section, TDCJ Human Resources Division, uses dispute resolution as an informal means of resolving work-related disputes. Dispute resolution is a process under which an impartial person, the facilitator, promotes communication between or among employees in an attempt to reach a mutually acceptable agreement. This process allows participants to resolve many work-related disputes in a fair and timely manner.

This notification serves as confirmation that you are scheduled to appear in person for a dispute resolution session. The session is to be held at: __________________ AM  ____ PM on __________________ at __________________ (mm/dd/yyyy) (Physical Location)

The other participant, excluding the facilitator is:

______________________________ Name ____________________________ Title ____________________________

If applicable, attach another page identifying other participants.

II. Benefits of Participating in a Dispute Resolution Session

- Opportunity to:
  - Communicate problems to another employee or a supervisor in a private session;
  - Resolve disputes with one or more employees without a supervisor’s or manager’s presence during the session, except when a supervisor or manager is one of the participants;
  - Negotiate and formulate an agreement and receive immediate feedback;
  - Improve working relationships; and
  - Create a win-win situation by resolving employment-related disputes with an outcome favorable to all participants.
- Assurance of being heard.
- Assurance that the facilitator conducting the session is an impartial third person who shall remain neutral.
- No costs to participants and attendance at the session shall be reported as time worked.

III. You have been notified of the scheduled dispute resolution session. If your participation is directed by the warden/department head, you shall be required to participate even if you do not sign this form.

IV. Notification Method:  □ In Person  □ By Phone or Via E-mail  □ Certified Mail Receipt No. __________________________

Reason for telephonic, e-mail, or certified mail notification: __________________________________________________________

______________________________ Human Resources Signature ____________________________ Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)

______________________________ Employee Signature (if provided to employee in person) ____________________________ Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)

______________________________ Witness’ Signature if Employee Refuses to Sign or Notification is Conducted by Phone ____________________________ Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)

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DISTRIBUTION: Original: Facilitator or designee in person or via mail  Copy: Participating Employee - No other copies shall be made.
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Employee’s Packet for Dispute Resolution

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Dispute Resolution Guidelines

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PARTICIPANTS’ ROLES

- Participants are responsible for negotiating their own settlement and should enter the dispute resolution session with a desire to reach a mutually acceptable agreement. The participants are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner throughout the session and are required to follow ground rules, such as no speaking as others are speaking, and no name calling.

  Reminder: Harassment, discrimination, and retaliation are prohibited. In addition, you are required to be truthful, accurate, and provide complete information of events to which you are a witness or about which you have knowledge.

- The facilitator aids the participants in productive communication so they may work toward a mutually agreeable outcome. The facilitator has no authority to make a decision or determine right and wrong. The facilitator is not a legal advisor and shall not provide legal advice.

PRIVACY OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Dispute resolution sessions are private. The only individuals attending a session are the disputing participants and the facilitator. These types of sessions are very sensitive, and your cooperation in maintaining a high degree of privacy is both expected and appreciated.

- Electronic recording devices shall not be used during the session. At the conclusion of the session, the facilitator shall collect all notes taken during the session. The facilitator shall destroy the notes before leaving the session.

CLOSURE

- If the participants agree on one or more issues, the facilitator shall assist the participants in writing a settlement agreement at the conclusion of the session. Each participant shall receive an original copy of the agreement. The participants shall be encouraged to abide by the terms of the agreement document. The agreement is public information, does not constitute or create a contract of employment, nor create a legally enforceable interest on behalf of the participants against the TDCJ, or limit management’s authority to enforce PD-22, “General Rules of Conduct and Disciplinary Action Guidelines for Employees” or any other TDCJ directive.

- The facilitator may declare an impasse in the process and terminate the session if: (1) the session becomes unproductive; or (2) no agreement is reached during the session.
CONFIDENTIALITY

Unless the participants agree otherwise, all matters, including the participants’ conduct and demeanor during the dispute resolution process, are confidential and shall not be disclosed to anyone. Any request for such documentation under the Public Information Act shall be the subject of a request to the attorney general citing the confidentiality provisions of Texas Government Code Sections 2009.001-.055 for exception from release.

Neither the PERS 528, Dispute Resolution Agreement nor the PERS 529, Dispute Resolution Impasse Form is confidential. These forms shall be released in response to a request submitted under the Public Information Act.
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Dispute Resolution Consent

I understand and agree to the following:

1. A facilitator is not a legal advisor and shall not provide legal advice.

2. Electronic recording devices shall not be used during the dispute resolution session. At the conclusion of the session, the facilitator shall collect all notes taken during the session. The facilitator shall destroy the notes before leaving the session.

3. Unless the participants agree otherwise, all matters, including the participants’ conduct and demeanor during the dispute resolution session, are confidential and shall not be disclosed to anyone. However, neither the PERS 528, Dispute Resolution Agreement nor the PERS 529, Dispute Resolution Impasse Form, is confidential. These forms shall be released in response to a request submitted under the Public Information Act.

Participant:

Printed Name: Last  First  MI  
Signature  Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Participant:

Printed Name: Last  First  MI  
Signature  Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Facilitator:

Printed Name: Last  First  MI  
Signature  Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Facilitator: (if applicable)

Printed Name: Last  First  MI  
Signature  Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

If applicable, attach another page identifying other participants.
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Dispute Resolution Agreement

On this, the __________ day of ____________ the matter between ______________________
and ________________________________ was resolved through dispute resolution. The session was conducted at
the ________________________________ (location), from ________________ (time beginning)
until ________________ (time finish).

This agreement does not constitute or create a contract of employment between the participants and the TDCJ, and it does not
alter the participants’ employment at will status. This agreement does not create any legally enforceable interest on behalf of
the participants against the TDCJ or TDCJ management or staff.

The participants agreed to the following: (may be continued on page 2)

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Participan:

Printed Name: Last First MI Signature Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Participant:

Printed Name: Last First MI Signature Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Facilitator:

Printed Name: Last First MI Signature Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Facilitator: (if applicable)

Printed Name: Last First MI Signature Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
### TDCJ Agreement

The participants agreed to the following: (continued from page 1)

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Dispute Resolution Impasse Form

On this, the ______ day of __________________ the matter between ____________________________
and ____________________________ was not resolved through dispute resolution. The session was
conducted at the ____________________________ (location), from _____________ (time beginning)
until ____________ (time finish). These participants, if they choose, may seek alternative TDCJ remedies by
contacting an intake officer, Employee Relations, Human Resources Division.

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