# Whistleblower Protection Policy



## **Neaera Robotics**

#### WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION

Neaera Robotics requires directors, officers to observe high standards of business and personal ethics in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities. As representatives of the Neaera Robotics, we must practice honesty and integrity in fulfilling our responsibilities and comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

#### Reporting Responsibilities

This Whistleblower Policy is intended to encourage and enable officers, members and others to raise serious concerns internally so that Neaera Robotics can address and correct inappropriate conduct and actions. It is the responsibility of all board members, officers, members, and volunteers to report concerns about violations of Neaera Robotics' code of ethics or suspected violations of law or regulations that govern Neaera Robotics' operations.

#### No Retaliation

It is contrary to the values of Neaera Robotics for anyone to retaliate against any board member, officer, member or volunteer who in good faith reports an ethics violation, or a suspected violation of law, such as a complaint of discrimination, or suspected fraud, or suspected violation of any regulation governing the operations of Neaera Robotics. A member who retaliates against someone who has reported a violation in good faith is subject to discipline up to and including termination of employment.

### **Reporting Procedure**

Neaera Robotics has an open-door policy and suggests that members share their questions, concerns, suggestions, or complaints with their supervisor. If you are not comfortable speaking with your supervisor or you are not satisfied with your supervisor's response, you are encouraged to speak with Tony English, President. Supervisors and managers are required to report complaints or concerns about suspected ethical and legal violations in writing to the Neaera Robotics' Debbie English, who has the responsibility to investigate all reported complaints.

#### **Compliance Officer**

The Neaera Robotics Compliance Officer is responsible for ensuring that all complaints about unethical or illegal conduct are investigated and resolved. The Compliance Officer will advise the Executive Director and/or the Board of Directors of all complaints and their resolution and will report at least annually to the Treasurer on compliance activity relating to accounting or alleged financial improprieties.

#### **Accounting and Auditing Matters**

The Neaera Robotics Compliance Officer shall immediately notify the Finance Committee of any concerns or complaint regarding corporate accounting practices, internal controls or auditing and work with the committee until the matter is resolved.

#### Acting in Good Faith

Anyone filing a written complaint concerning a violation or suspected violation must be acting in good faith and have reasonable grounds for believing the information disclosed indicates a violation. Any allegations that prove not to be substantiated and which prove to have been made maliciously or knowingly to be false will be viewed as a serious disciplinary offense.

#### Confidentiality

Violations or suspected violations may be submitted on a confidential basis by the complainant. Reports of violations or suspected violations will be kept confidential to the extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate investigation.

#### **Handling of Reported Violations**

The Neaera Robotics' Compliance Officer will notify the person who submitted a complaint and acknowledge receipt of the reported violation or suspected violation. All reports will be promptly investigated and appropriate corrective action will be taken if warranted by the investigation.

#### Compliance Officer:

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