

# Chapter 01 -- Bylaws

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## 01.01 Responsibilities of the board

- 01.01.1 The board accepts and adopts the following role and responsibilities assigned by law to the governing boards of public institutions and systems of higher education in the State of Texas. In this regard, the board shall:
- a. preserve the independence of the TTU system and defend its right to manage its own affairs through its chosen administrators and employees;
  - b. enhance the public image of all components of the TTU system;
  - c. interpret the community to the campus and interpret the campus to the community;
  - d. nurture each institution under its governance to the end that each institution achieves its full potential within its role and mission; and
  - e. insist on clarity of focus and mission of each institution under its governance.
- 01.01.2 To fulfill its role and responsibilities, the board shall provide policy direction for and establish goals consistent with the role and mission of each institution under its management and control.
- 01.01.3 Each member of the board has the legal responsibilities of a fiduciary in the management of funds under the control of institutions subject to the board's control and management.

01.01.4 To ensure that the board assesses its responsibilities and expectations in a formal and effective manner, the board regularly shall complete a self-evaluation. When a self-evaluation is conducted, the board shall use assessment practices and strategies appropriate for the circumstances and environment the Texas Tech system is facing at that time.

## 01.02 Governance

### 01.02.1 Authority

- a. The Legislature, in Chapters 109, 109A, 110, and in Section 51.352, *Texas Education Code*, has delegated to the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System the power and authority to govern, control, and direct the policies of the Texas Tech University System.
- b. Section 109.001, *Texas Education Code*, states that the board "by rule may delegate a power or duty of the board to an officer, employee, or other agent of the board." When an emergency or exigent circumstances exist that cannot be adequately addressed through Section 07.04.4.a(2) relating to budget adjustments, Section 07.12.3.i relating to contracts, or Section 08.01.7 relating to major construction projects, the chair – or if the chair is not available within the time required for action, the vice chair – may approve a proposal submitted by the chancellor, or the chancellor's designee, for an action that otherwise would require the approval of the board as a whole, with subsequent notification to the board as soon as practicable.
- c. Section 109.004, *Texas Education Code*, requires the board to "appoint a chief executive officer, who shall devote the officer's attention to the executive management of the university system and who shall be directly accountable to the board for the conduct of the university system. The board, when required by law to be the governing body of any other state educational institution or facility, shall also direct the chief executive officer to be directly responsible for the executive management of that other institution or facility." The board has determined that the chancellor is the chief executive officer

of the TTU system. When an emergency or exigent circumstances exist that the chair determines cannot be adequately addressed through Section 01.02.1.b herein, Section 07.04.4.a(2) relating to budget adjustments, Section 07.12.3.i relating to contracts, or Section 08.01.7 relating to major construction projects:

- (1) the chair – or if the chair is not available within the time required for action, the vice chair – may authorize the chancellor to exercise such additional authority as is necessary to ensure the health and safety of the students, faculty, and staff of the Texas Tech University System and/or the continued operations of the System’s components during a state of emergency or exigent circumstances (including, but not limited to, a “disaster” as defined in Section 418.004(1), *Texas Government Code*); and
  - (2) such a delegation of authority by the chair or vice chair for the chancellor to approve actions that otherwise would require the approval of the board as a whole must:
    - (a) be provided to the chancellor in writing, with notice to the board;
    - (b) stipulate the nature and scope of the additional authority;
    - (c) require consultation with the chair, or the vice chair as appropriate, before the chancellor may exercise any such additional authority;
    - (d) include subsequent notification to the board of such actions taken as soon as practicable; and
    - (e) expire whenever the chair, or vice chair as appropriate, determines the delegation of authority is no longer necessary.
- d. Section 51.352, *Texas Education Code*, stipulates that the board shall “approve or deny the hiring of an individual for the position of provost or deputy, associate, or assistant provost by each institution under the board's control and management.”

Furthermore, the board “may overturn any hiring decision for the position of vice president or dean made by the administration of a campus under the board's control and management. Action by the governing board under this subsection shall be implemented by the institution through appropriate action with respect to the relevant hiring decision at issue, including rescission of an employment offer, termination of employment, or termination of an employment agreement.” In compliance with Section 51.352, Texas Education Code, the board shall approve the hiring of the positions mentioned in this section and those leadership positions with titles that are similar in nature (e.g. vice provost). The authority to approve such hiring decisions is delegated to the chair of the Academic Clinical and Student Affairs Committee with subsequent written notification to the board as soon as practicable.

- e. Section 110.01, *Texas Education Code*, states that "Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is a separate institution and not a department, school, or branch of Texas Tech University but is under the direction, management, and control of the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents."
- f. Section 110.02, *Texas Education Code*, states that "The board of regents has the same powers of governance, control, jurisdiction, and management over the Health Sciences Center as it exercises over the Texas Tech University System and its components."
- g. Section 110.31, *Texas Education Code*, states that the "Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso is a component institution of the Texas Tech University System under the direction, management, and control of the board of regents." This section further states that, TTUHSC El Paso “is not a department, school, or branch of any other institution in the system.”
- h. Section 110.32, *Texas Education Code*, states that the “board of regents has the same powers of governance, control, jurisdiction, and management over the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso as the board of regents exercises

over the other component institutions of the Texas Tech University System."

- i. Section 109A.001, *Texas Education Code*, states that "The university [*Angelo State University*] is a component institution of the Texas Tech University System and is under the management and control of the board of regents of the Texas Tech University System. The board of regents has the same powers and duties concerning Angelo State University as are conferred on the board by statute concerning Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center."
- j. Section 109.201, *Texas Education Code*, states that "The university [*Midwestern State University*] is a component institution of the Texas Tech University System and is under the management and control of the board of regents of the Texas Tech University System. The board of regents has the same powers and duties concerning Midwestern State University as are conferred on the board by statute concerning Texas Tech University."

#### 01.02.2 Composition.

- a. Board members. The board is composed of nine members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate for staggered terms of six years each, the term of three members expiring on January 31 of odd-numbered years.
- b. Student regent. In addition to the nine members of the board, a student regent is appointed by the governor for a one-year term under Sec. 51.355, *Texas Education Code*. By statute, the student regent "is not a member of the board," but the student regent has the same powers and duties as the members of the board, including the right to attend and participate in meetings of the board, except that the student regent:
  - (1) may not vote on any matter before the board or make or second any motion before the board; and

- (2) is not counted in determining whether a quorum exists for a meeting of the board or in determining the outcome of any vote of the board.

### 01.02.3 Chair of the board

#### a. Eligibility, election, and vacancy of the chair.

- (1) Eligibility of the chair. In accordance with the core requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges, to be eligible to serve as chair, a member must be free of any contractual, employment, or personal or familial financial interest in a TTUS component institution.
- (2) Election of the chair. From its number, the board shall elect the chair of the board (the "chair") at the first regular or special called meeting in odd-numbered years following the appointment of the new members regularly appointed in odd-numbered years. However, if the new members regularly appointed in odd-numbered years have not been appointed by May 1 in odd-numbered years, the board will proceed with election of board officers on or before May 31. The process for elections may be chosen by the chair, in consultation with the other members of the board.
- (3) Vacancy of the chair. In case of the chair's death, resignation, permanent disability, removal, or disqualification, the vice chair of the board shall become the chair for the remainder of the term of the chair who vacated the office.

#### b. Duties. The chair shall report to and be responsible to the board. Duties and responsibilities of the chair include:

- (1) being responsible for board meeting agendas;
- (2) presiding over the board meetings;

- (3) having authority to call special and emergency board meetings;
- (4) appointing the board's standing and special committees; and
- (5) conducting or causing to be conducted an appropriate orientation for new board members as soon as possible after appointment and delivering to each a copy of the current *Regents' Rules* and such other reports and information regarding the TTU system as is deemed appropriate by the chair.

01.02.4 Vice chair of the board.

- a. Election of a vice chair. From its number, the board shall elect the vice chair of the board (the "vice chair") when the chair is elected.
- b. Temporary absence or disability of the chair. In case of the chair's temporary absence or disability, the vice chair shall perform the chair's duties until the chair shall resume such office.
- c. Vacancy of the chair. In case of the chair's death, permanent disability, resignation, removal, or disqualification, the vice chair becomes the chair for the remainder of the term of the vacated office.
- d. Vacancy of the vice chair. Upon the vice chair's death, resignation, disability, removal, or midterm ascension to the position of chair, the board shall elect a successor as soon as practicable.

01.02.5 Taking office. The chair and the vice chair shall take office immediately upon their election and hold office until a successor is duly elected.

01.02.6 Secretary of the board

- a. Appointment, compensation, and reporting of the secretary and assistant secretary of the board.

- (1) Appointment of the secretary. The board shall appoint a secretary of the board (the "secretary") who is not a member of the board. Upon the secretary's death, resignation, permanent disability, removal, or disqualification, the board shall appoint a successor as soon as practicable.
- (2) Compensation of and staff assistance for the secretary. The secretary shall receive such compensation and have such staff assistance as the board may fix.
- (3) Mission and reporting of the secretary. The mission of the secretary and the Office of the Board of Regents is to support the work of the board in the fulfillment of the board's duties and responsibilities. To ensure independence and objectivity, the secretary shall report and be responsible directly to the board and serve at its pleasure. The secretary is the principal officer to the board in the administration of the responsibilities of the Office of the Board of Regents and the principal staff officer to each member of the board in the discharge of the board member's responsibilities.
- (4) Assistant secretary. The board also may appoint an assistant secretary who shall perform duties as delegated by the secretary and who, when the secretary's office is vacant, or if the secretary is absent, incapacitated, or for any reason unable to perform the duties of the office, shall have the same duties and authority as the secretary. If the secretary is absent, incapacitated, or for any reason unable to perform the duties of the office and an assistant secretary has not been appointed previously, the chair may appoint an assistant secretary who shall have the same duties and authority as the secretary.
- (5) Agents of the board; confidentiality. As agents of the board, the actions of the secretary and assistant secretary in the fulfillment of their duties to the board shall not be impaired by any person or entity external to the board. Any information that has been designated as confidential

by the board, a board member, state or federal law, or other legal mandate, as well as any information for which the secretary or assistant secretary should have a reasonable expectation of confidentiality, shall be maintained as confidential by the secretary and assistant secretary and be protected from disclosure to any person who is not a member of the board or who has not been authorized by the board to receive the information.

b. Duties and functions of the secretary

- (1) Meetings. The secretary shall make preparations for all board and committee meetings including such notices as law requires. The secretary shall make preparations for and submit required notices related to executive sessions of the board in conjunction with the general counsel of the TTU system.
- (2) Agendas. Under the direction of and upon approval by the chair of the board or the chair of a standing committee, the secretary shall, with the cooperation of the principal officers of the TTU system, prepare and distribute the agenda for all board and committee meetings.
- (3) Minutes. The secretary shall attend all board and committee meetings, record, prepare, and index the official minutes of the meetings of the board and its committees and distribute copies thereof, including the annual budgets, to members of the board, the chancellor, and to such other individuals as designated by the chancellor. The official minutes shall be kept in the Office of the Board of Regents and certified excerpts from these minutes shall be prepared and distributed by the secretary when requested.
- (4) Documents. The secretary shall keep on file in the Office of the Board of Regents all official documents, correspondence, and proceedings of the board and its committees, including audio recordings.

- (5) Seals. The secretary is the custodian of the official seal of the TTU system (see Section 12.07, *Regents' Rules*). The secretary shall affix such appropriate official seal to, and attest, all documents executed in the name of the board and requiring attestation. The board may authorize by resolution certain other officials of the TTU system to affix seals and to attest to specific documents.
- (6) Official *Regents' Rules*. The secretary shall maintain the official copy of the *Regents' Rules*. Said copy shall contain all current rules, regulations and policies (including any Board Policy Statements) promulgated by the board. Any changes or additions thereto shall be entered in the official copy by the secretary and such changes and additions shall be furnished to board members and such principal officers of the TTU system as designated in Sections 00.01.2.c, 00.01.3.e, and 00.01.4.e-h, *Regents' Rules*.
- (7) Reports. The secretary as directed by the board shall prepare and distribute reports and communications.
- (8) Other duties. The secretary shall perform such functions and have such other duties and responsibilities as the board may assign, and shall perform usual and customary tasks to assist the board in the discharge of its official duties.

#### 01.02.7 Board meetings

- a. Regular meetings. The board shall hold a minimum of four regular board meetings each year on dates and times to be chosen by the chair, in consultation with the other members of the board. The board shall hold regular meetings at such locations as the chair, in consultation with the other members of the board, may determine before the meeting.
- b. Special meetings.
  - (1) Special meeting called by the chair. The chair may call a special board meeting for special or emergency purposes.

- (2) Special meeting called by the board. A special board meeting also may be called by a joint written notice of no less than five board members that is distributed to all members of the board at least five days prior to the date of the special meeting.
  - (3) Special meeting by teleconference. If the special meeting is to be conducted by teleconference call, the location specified must be the Board Meeting Room at the TTU system offices.
  - (4) Time and place of a special meeting. The time and place of a special meeting shall be set by the chair, in consultation with the other members of the board. The chair shall take into account the schedule of each board member in order to ensure maximum attendance. The chair shall notify or cause to be notified each member in an expeditious manner of the meeting time and place. For a special meeting called by the board rather than by the chair, the meeting time and place shall be determined by a majority of the board.
- c. Notices. Notices for all board or committee meetings shall conform to the requirements of state law.
- d. Agendas for board meetings.
- (1) Advance distribution to board members. Except in the case of emergency meetings, not less than two weeks prior to the day of regular meetings and not less than 24 hours prior to special called meetings, the secretary of the board shall deliver to each member copies of all proposed items for board consideration. The consent agenda and the information agenda shall be delivered to the regents at the same time as the regular agenda.
  - (2) Additions to a board meeting agenda; deferrals.
    - (a) Additions. Urgent and emergency items may be added after a board meeting agenda has been dis-

tributed to the board members per Subdivision (d)(1) herein, but such additions are subject to the recommendation of the chancellor to the chair and the chair's approval. Subject to applicable state open meeting requirements, including advance posting requirements, such items shall be added to the regular agenda upon approval by the chair.

- (b) Deferrals. Except when emergency proposals (as defined by the chair of the board or the secretary of the board) are involved, all proposals not submitted to the secretary within the time prescribed in this subsection shall be deferred until the next board meeting.
- (3) Statement of source of funds. Where an agenda item requires a commitment of funds, a statement by the appropriate chief fiscal officer shall be included within the item indicating the source and availability of funds.
- (4) Regular, consent and information agenda items. Items to be brought before the board will be separated into three categories:
  - (a) Regular agenda items. Items deemed to require individual consideration and approval by the board will be in the regular agenda of a standing committee of the board or the Committee of the Whole, as appropriate.
  - (b) Consent agenda items. Items deemed routine will be submitted for board approval in the consent agenda. Any regent may require that an item in the consent agenda be moved to the regular agenda.
  - (c) Information agenda items. Material required by a provision of the *Regents' Rules* to be furnished to the board as information will be listed in the information agenda.

#### 01.02.8 Board committees

- a. Appointments to standing committees. The chair, as soon as is practicable after election, shall designate a chair and vice chair of each standing committee, except as otherwise provided herein. All other board members shall be voting members of each standing committee.
- b. Authority of standing committees. The authority of standing committees of the board shall be subject to action of the board.
- c. Times and places of special committee meetings. The committee chair, in consultation with the chair, shall set the times and places of each meeting of a special committee.
- d. Standing committees
  - (1) Academic, Clinical, and Student Affairs Committee. The Academic, Clinical, and Student Affairs Committee shall consist of all nine board members. In addition to the nine members, the student regent shall be a participant in the deliberations of this committee. This committee shall consider, summarize facts, recommend actions, present alternatives to the board as necessary, and, when a quorum of the board is present, approve agenda items for the following:
    - (a) the educational mission and academic programs of the various schools, colleges, and units within the TTU system, with an emphasis on academic rigor and program content;
    - (b) the clinical programs (both patient care services and clinical investigation) within the TTU system's health sciences centers and their relationship to the educational mission and academic programs;
    - (c) student affairs within the component institutions;
    - (d) faculty affairs within the component institutions;

- (e) strategic planning processes and initiatives for the TTU system;
  - (f) current and long-range governmental actions that affect the TTU system and make recommendations that will ensure, when necessary, continuous and prompt action by the TTU system on such matters;
  - (g) research programs within component institutions and their relationship to the undergraduate and graduate programs;
  - (h) policies essential to the growth and development of research and its relationship to the commercialization initiatives of the TTU system;
  - (i) research incentives for faculty;
  - (j) fund-raising programs and investments to strengthen research; and
  - (k) contracts for academic, clinical, or student affairs agreements that require board action.
- (2) Facilities Committee. The Facilities Committee shall consist of all nine board members. This committee shall consider, summarize facts, recommend actions, present alternatives to the board as necessary, and, when a quorum of the board is present, approve agenda items for the following:
- (a) use and occupancy of TTU system property;
  - (b) planning of, location of, receiving bids or proposals for, and awarding contracts for the construction, maintenance, and repair of buildings, utilities, and other physical facilities of the TTU system; and
  - (c) campus beautification and public art initiatives of the TTU system.

- (3) Finance and Investments Committee. The Finance and Investments Committee shall consist of all nine board members. This committee shall consider, summarize facts, recommend actions, present alternatives to the board as necessary, and, when a quorum of the board is present, approve agenda items for the following:
- (a) the budgeting process;
  - (b) all requests for budgets covering expenditures of educational and general funds, designated funds, auxiliary programs, and funding from external sources (including public/private partnerships);
  - (c) handling of TTU system funds and depositories whether from appropriated or non-appropriated funds;
  - (d) the pursuit, negotiation, and closing of outside financing, including the issuance of notes, bonds, securities of any type, and agreements of any description that result in indebtedness by the TTU system;
  - (e) all administrative matters relating to equal employment opportunity, central computing services, communication services, purchasing and contracting, office services, financial administration of grants, accounting services, personnel, budgeting, cash management, investments, utility management, police operations, and all parts thereof;
  - (f) contracts and easements related to business or administrative functions that require board action;
  - (g) the annual review of all actual expenditures as well as the detailed review of the expenditures of the Office of the Chancellor and the Offices of the Presidents, with the board approving all budgets;

- (h) being informed of all appropriations requests and providing coordination of issues related to legislative appropriations;
  - (i) review of all private fund-raising activities for the TTU system and make recommendations that will ensure coordination of all private fundraising functions;
  - (j) all administrative matters relating to physical plant operations and traffic and parking;
  - (k) review and approval of all quasi-endowments that exceed \$250,000; and
  - (l) approve primary performance benchmarks, long-term strategic ranges for asset class allocations, provide oversight in setting the objectives and performance goals, and receive quarterly and annual updates of the investments performance returns and distributions.
- (4) Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall consist of all nine board members. The committee shall ensure that the board maintains direct access to both internal and external audits of the TTU system. The Audit Committee Charter approved by the board shall provide guidelines for the operation of the committee and the auditing functions throughout the TTU system; however, audits of the Office of the Board of Regents shall be the responsibility of the board. The chief audit executive shall be responsible to the board through the Audit Committee. The committee shall consider, summarize facts, recommend actions, present alternatives to the board as necessary, and, when a quorum of the board is present, approve agenda items for the following:
- (a) provide oversight of internal and external audit activities throughout the TTU system;

- (b) make recommendations for the selection of external auditors;
- (c) recommend for approval by the board the appointment, termination or reassignment, compensation, and evaluation of the chief audit executive;
- (d) review the findings of all internal and external auditors;
- (e) review the system-wide risk assessment evaluations and plans to address the significant risks identified;
- (f) on or before August 31 of each year, present to the board for approval an Audit Committee-approved annual audit plan;
- (g) ensure that adequate resources in terms of staff and budget are provided to enable the Office of Audit Services to perform its responsibilities effectively; and
- (h) provide the board with relevant information obtained from ongoing reviews of auditing, compliance, and governance activities and reports of internal and external auditors, including from the State Auditor's Office.

e. Special committees.

- (1) Appointment by the chair. During a board meeting, or at any time between board meetings if at least 48 hours advance notice is provided to all members, the chair may appoint special committees, name the members thereof, and designate the committee chair.
- (2) Appointment by the board. In addition, during a board meeting, six or more members, by vote, may appoint special committees, name the members thereof, and designate the committee chair.

- (3) Duration and duties of a special committee. Any special committee so created shall be temporary and shall be charged in writing as to its particular duties and functions and the period in which it is to serve. Action by the chair or at least six members will be required to extend this period.
- (4) Advisory status of special committees. Unless a special committee is given a specific delegation of authority by the board to take action on behalf of the board, a special committee shall serve only in an advisory capacity. Any recommendation of a special committee that requires action by the board shall be submitted to the standing committee of the board that has responsibility for the matter or to the board's Committee of the Whole, as appropriate, for a determination of whether the proposed action should be adopted by the board.

01.02.9 Procedures

- a. Rules of order. When in session, the board shall follow the procedures set forth in *Robert's Rules of Order* unless the procedures conflict with the *Regents' Rules*.
- b. Executive sessions
  - (1) Only board members may attend executive sessions unless the board invites other persons to attend.
  - (2) The board shall conduct all executive sessions in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 551, *Texas Government Code*.
  - (3) In accordance with Sec. 01.02.6.b(1), the agenda for all executive sessions shall be approved in advance by the chair and, except in cases of an emergency meeting, shall be delivered to each board member not less than seven days prior to the day of the meeting at which the executive session is to take place. Subject to applicable state open meeting requirements, including advance posting requirements, urgent and emergency items may be add-

ed to the executive session agenda after the required delivery date but are subject to the chair's approval.

c. Board communications

- (1) It is not only the right but also the duty of each board member to be fully informed on all matters that influence or have impact on his or her obligations as a board member.
- (2) Requests to appear before the board
  - (a) During a meeting of the board, members of the public may be allowed to make presentations for a reasonable amount of time, as determined by the chair, on any topic listed on the agenda for a board or committee meeting that is open to the public. Presentations or discussions on topics not listed on the agenda for an open session shall not be allowed.
  - (b) A request to appear before the board must be filed with the chair or the secretary not less than 48 hours in advance of the board meeting and must state the purpose of such appearance. The chair shall approve or disapprove such a request.
  - (c) The board shall not serve as a hearing or appellate body for individual complaints, grievances, or appeals of students, faculty or staff members except as specifically provided or required in the *Regents' Rules*. Individual complaints, grievances, or appeals of students, faculty or staff members are to be addressed through the grievance procedures applicable to the appropriate TTU system component, and a decision at the final level of review or appeal within the administration of the TTU system will constitute final action on the grievance.
- (3) The board hereby reserves to itself the authority and responsibility for determining matters of policy and any

official statements concerning political or other subjects of a controversial nature that represent an official policy, statement, or position of the board and/or the TTU system. Accordingly:

- (a) Statements, policies, and positions by the board on such matters shall be made by the board through the chair or the chancellor.
  - (b) No board member, officer, faculty or staff member shall have the authority to speak for or issue any public statement on policy for or on behalf of the board or the TTU system on such matters, without the board's prior approval.
  - (c) Any statement on emergency matters shall be cleared by the chancellor in coordination with the chair.
  - (d) This policy declaration is intended to set forth the position, authority, and responsibility of the board on these matters without suggesting any limitation on the rights of persons to speak in their individual and personal capacities.
- (4) A president of a component institution, the vice chancellor and chief financial officer, or the vice chancellor and general counsel should bring any matter to the board that, in that officer's opinion, could have a material impact on the TTU system or when one of these officers has a professional duty or obligation to disclose the matter to the board.

d. Quorum

- (1) Five members or more present shall constitute a quorum.
- (2) In accordance with Section 551.127, *Texas Government Code* (as amended or modified), a member may participate in an open or closed meeting via videoconference when the member presiding over the meeting is physi-

cally present at one location of the meeting that is open to the public during the open portions of the meeting, provided the meeting is legally posted in advance as a videoconference meeting.

(3) The board may participate in an open or closed meeting via telephone conference call in accordance with Section 551.121, *Texas Government Code* (as amended or modified), only if the meeting is legally posted in advance as a telephone conference meeting and:

(a) the meeting is a special called meeting and immediate action is required; and

(b) the convening at one location of a quorum of the board is difficult or impossible.

e. Board members entitled to vote. Board members participating via teleconference or videoconference in a board meeting legally posted and conducted as a teleconference or videoconference meeting shall be entitled to vote.

f. Suspension of the *Regents' Rules*. To be approved, a motion to suspend any provision of the *Regents' Rules* must be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.

01.02.10 Board and committee meetings attendance. Recognizing the broad authority and responsibility vested in the board for the governance and operation of the TTU system, there is a specific expectation that each member of the board understands and recognizes the importance of his or her attendance at board and committee meetings and will make a sincere commitment to attend as many of these meetings as possible.

01.03 **Board conduct.** Each member of the board shall perform his or her activities on behalf of the TTU system in conformity with:

a. the ethics policy set out in Section 03.01, *Regents' Rules*;

b. the conflict of interest policy for board members in Section 03.03, *Regents' Rules*;

- c. the provisions of Chapter 09, *Regents' Rules*, and the Investment Policy Statements for the Long Term Investment Fund, the Comprehensive Cash Pool, and the Mission Driven Investment Fund relating to conflicts of interest and investments; and
- d. applicable state laws related to standards of conduct and conflicts of interest.

01.04 **New chancellor selection.** When there is a vacancy in the position of chancellor, the board shall establish a selection process and shall select a chancellor. The process shall result in a limited slate of unranked candidates for the position to be delivered to the full board for its deliberation.

01.05 **Board members service on internal support and advisory groups.**

01.05.1 Service in a non-voting capacity required.

- a. Board members frequently are asked to serve on support and advisory groups for various units of the TTU system. Such service, when requested because of unique contributions that can be made because of the regents' capabilities related to the work of the group, can make important contributions to the efforts of the TTU system. It is noted, however, that casting a vote in such groups may place a member of the board in the position of casting a vote with the support group and again when the matter is presented to the board.
- b. This eventuality should be avoided, and the board therefore restricts any membership on such groups to non-voting participation, and any exception to this policy must be approved by the board.

01.05.2 Exception for service on a committee for an academic or administrative search. A board member may serve as a voting participant of an academic or administrative search or search advisory committee without the need for an exception being granted under Section 01.05.1, *Regents' Rules*.

01.06 **Board seating at commencement.** Board members are encouraged to participate in the commencement exercises of the component institutions. A seat on the platform will be provided for each member who attends.

01.07 ***Regents' Rules* review.**

01.07.1 The chair shall appoint a special committee – a *Regents' Rules* Review Committee – to:

- a. on an as-needed basis, review the *Regents' Rules* and any Board Policy Statements that have been adopted by the board; and
- b. advise the board of such updates and revisions as may be necessary or appropriate.

01.07.2 Each *Regents' Rules* Review Committee shall serve for a fixed period of time, as designated initially or as extended by the chair.

01.07.3 The *Regents' Rules* Review Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity only. Whenever the *Regents' Rules* Review Committee determines that one or more revisions to the *Regents' Rules* or a Board Policy Statement may be needed, the proposed changes are to be submitted to the standing committee of the board that has responsibility for the matter or to the board's Committee of the Whole, as appropriate, for a determination of whether the proposed revisions should be adopted by the board.

01.08 **Amendments.**

01.08.1 Vote required for adoption. The *Regents' Rules* may be amended only by the affirmative vote of at least five members of the board which is conducted at a regular or special-called meeting.

01.08.2 Additional requirements for amendments to Chapter 01 (Bylaws). Any proposed amendment to Chapter 01 of these *Regents' Rules* must be filed in writing with the secretary not less than 30 days before the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered. It shall be the duty of the secretary to deliver forthwith a copy of such proposed amendment to every member of the board.

01.08.3 Upon approval by the chair, the vice chancellor and general counsel is authorized to make changes to the *Regents' Rules* or bylaws when it is determined that the *Regents' Rules* or bylaws (1) conflict with federal or state law or executive order; or (2) require minor and non-substantive editorial changes as necessary to keep current and correct. Upon approval by the chair of the changes, the vice chancellor and general counsel shall notify the board.

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***Dates Approved or Amended:***

- *Comprehensive review of chapter* .....02-28-2014      • amendments throughout
- *Technical adjustments*.....10-10-2014      • to §01.02.1.f & §01.02.6.b(6)
- *Technical adjustment* .....12-12-2014      • to §01.02.6.b(5)
- *System cleanup legislation revisions* .....10-09-2015      • to §01.02.1 ... c, e & g
- *Added Board self-evaluation policy*.....03-02-2018      • as §01.01.4
- *Added emergency delegations of authority to the Board chair and Chancellor* .....04-06-2020      • to §01.02.1.b & §01.02.1.c
- *Amendments re: Investments* .....12-10-2020      • to §01.02.8.d(3) & §01.02.8.d(3)(l) to update the Finance, Administration, and Investments Committee; and §01.02.8. f to deleted reference to the IAC
- *Technical adjustments*.....05-13-2021      • to §01.02.8.d(3) the Finance, Administration, and Investments Committee was renamed the Finance and Investments Committee.
- *Amendments re: Standing Committees* 05-25-2021      • to §01.02.8.a – c & §01.02.8.d(1) – (4) to update standing committee leadership to include a chair and vice chair and allow all nine regents to serve as voting members of each standing committee.
- *Added Board's authority over MSU* .....09-01-2021      • added §01.02.1.i to include MSU as under the management and control of the board.
- *Technical adjustment* .....11-17-2022      • to §01.03.c to include the new Mission Driven Investment Fund as an Investment Policy Statement.
- *Technical adjustment* .....08-08-2024      • to §01.02.3.a(2) to allow for elections of the chair following the appointment of new regents by the governor without requiring the

-- *Technical adjustment* .....08-14-2025

additional step of senate confirmation.

- to §01.02.8.d(3)(e) to remove “affirmative action;” and
- to add new §01.08.3 allowing for general counsel, with approval from the chair, to make changes to the *Regents’ Rules* for complying with federal and state law or make minor changes to keep the rules current.

-- *Amendments* .....02-26-2026

- to add new §01.02.1.d to include language from SB37/Texas Education Code 52.352 as it relates to the hiring of individuals for certain leadership positions (provost or deputy, associate, or assistant provost, etc.) along with the ability to overturn certain hiring decisions (e.g. the hiring of vice presidents, deans, etc.). The section further clarifies that the board shall approve any employment decisions related to the positions mentioned in this new section and delegates that approval authority to the chair of the ACS Committee with notice provided to the full Board.

*See also the document entitled “Comprehensive Reviews and Updates” for a more complete explanation of the amendments listed above.*