

# THE TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

LAMAR UNIVERSITY  
LAMAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
LAMAR STATE COLLEGE - ORANGE  
LAMAR STATE COLLEGE - PORT ARTHUR  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
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TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

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stated in the agenda for a special called meeting may be transacted only by consent of a majority of the members of the Board. Telephone conference meetings, as permitted by statute, may be used for called meetings.

- 4.3 Voting. Any regent, including the presiding officer, may make, second, and/or vote on a matter properly before the Board or any committee thereof, provided the regent is not otherwise ineligible to do so because of the ethics provisions of *Chapter VIII* of these *Rules and Regulations* or of state law.
- 4.4 Executive Session. In accordance with *Government Code, Chapter 551*, the Board of Regents may go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. In accordance with *Section 551.071* of the *Open Meetings Act*, the Board reserves the right for legal briefing from the Board's attorney during executive session. Executive sessions of the Board of Regents may be held with the consent of the majority of those members present. No action will be taken by the Board while it is in executive session.
- 4.5 Each member of the Board, the Component Administrations, and the System Administration shall receive a copy of the Board Agenda at least fourteen days in advance of a regular meeting of the Board. A copy of the Board Agenda shall remain permanently on file in the System Administration Office.
  - 4.51 Concurrently with the posting of the Board Agenda on the web site of the Secretary of State, the Chancellor shall provide a copy to the Board of Regents.
  - 4.52 For every meeting of the Board of Regents, whether it is a regular, special called, or telephonic meeting, the Chancellor shall place, on the TSUS website, a link to the Agenda posted on the website of the Secretary of State.
- 4.6 Public Appearances before the Board. Any person wishing to address the Board shall file a request in writing with the System Administration, stating the subject matter to be discussed with the Board not less than five (5) working days before the date of the requested appearance, so as to permit sufficient time to effect an *Open Meetings Act* posting. Customarily, such appearances are limited to five (5) minutes although the Chairman may extend or limit the time. This *Subsection* notwithstanding, the Board will not grant appearances to faculty, staff or student grievants who have not exhausted their Component remedies or appeals.

## 5. OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

The officers of the Board shall include a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chancellor, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time or appoint.

- 5.1 Elected Officers and Responsibilities.

5.11 Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board shall be elected from the membership of the Board at the regular November Board meeting to serve a one-year term to commence immediately upon election. He or she may succeed him or herself one time only. He or she shall appoint the membership of all Board committees; formally execute, in the Board's name, all contracts and documents authorized by the Board; and, otherwise perform such other duties as a board chairman customarily performs.

5.12 Vice Chairman of the Board. A Vice Chairman shall be elected from the membership of the Board at the regular November Board meeting to serve a one-year term to commence immediately upon election. He or she may succeed him or herself one time only.

The Vice Chairman shall preside over meetings of the Board in the absence of the Chairman and shall succeed to the rights and powers of the Chairman in the event the Chairman is absent temporarily from the State.

5.13 Vacancies. If for any reason the office of the Chairman or Vice Chairman becomes vacant, the Board shall meet as soon as practicable (in a special called meeting if necessary) and elect a successor to fill the unexpired term of office.

## 5.2 Appointed Officers and Responsibilities

5.21 Chancellor. The Chancellor for the System shall be appointed by the Board of Regents, serve as secretary to the Board, and hold office without a fixed term and at the pleasure of the Board.

See *Chapter II, Subsection 3.1*, for a description of the duties and responsibilities of the Chancellor.

5.22 Chancellor Vacancy. A vacancy which occurs in the office of Chancellor shall be filled by an interim appointment. As soon as practicable after learning of the vacancy, the Chairman of the Board shall convene a special called meeting to recommend an Interim Chancellor to serve until a new Chancellor is selected in accordance with law and these *Rules and Regulations*.

5.23 Other Employees. All other employees of the System Administration Office shall be employed without fixed terms by the Chancellor with the approval of the Board Chairman.

## 6. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

The Chairman of the Board, as soon as practical following his or her election, shall appoint not more than three Board members, including the Chair, to each of the following standing committees, to terms consecutive with the Chairman's term of office: Planning and Construction, Academic Affairs, Finance and Audit,