

Minimum Time Commitments For a UT System Student Regent

Below is a list of activities any individual interested in serving in the role of Student Regent for the UT System should be aware of for their planning purposes.

1. Meeting Attendance. The Board has regularly scheduled meetings once a quarter. These meetings involve two full days of meetings, social events, and travel. In addition, two two-day meetings are scheduled for strategic planning purposes each year. Also, special called Board meetings occur throughout the year as external circumstances warrant and do not follow a regular schedule. In the last fiscal year x special called meetings occurred. A special called meeting generally requires either a full-day of meeting and travel or a telephone conference meeting.
2. Meeting Preparation. Required reading for a regularly scheduled meeting generally involves 300 plus pages of material that may require anywhere from six to ten hours to review. The volume of material to read in preparation of a special called Board meetings will vary based on the number of topics placed on the meetings agenda. Required reading materials are generally sent to the Regents ten days prior to the scheduled meeting.
3. Regent Orientation. One full day is scheduled as an opportunity for the offices of System Administration to brief new Regents on the responsibilities and value added by those offices to the UT System.
4. Training. Eight hours is estimated for obtaining training or reading on subjects such as conflict of interest issues, ethics, open meetings, and open records requirements.
5. Financial Disclosure. Every Regent is required to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement with the Texas Ethics Commission. The time required in filing will depend on the extent of assets owned.
6. Review of Regents' Rules. The Regents' *Rules and Regulations* are the policies established by the Board of Regents. Eight hours should be estimated for a new Regent to become familiar with the content of those Rules.

**Application for Student Regent for
The University of Texas System Board of Regents
June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017**

(Texas Education Code § 51.355) NONVOTING STUDENT REGENT; UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS. (a) In this section, "student government" means the representative student organization directly elected by the student body of a general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit.

(b) The chancellor of each university system shall develop a uniform application form to be used by each general academic teaching institution and medical and dental unit in the university system to solicit applicants for the position of student regent.

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (f), not later than November 1 of each year, the student government of each general academic teaching institution and medical and dental unit in a university system shall solicit applicants for appointment to the next regular term of the position of student regent. Not later than January 1, from among the applications received by the student government, the student government shall select five applicants as the student government's recommendations for the position of student regent and send the applications of those applicants to the chancellor of the university system. From among those applicants, the chancellor shall select two or more applicants as the university system's recommendations for the position of student regent and shall send the applications of those applicants to the governor not later than February 1. The governor may request to review all applications for the position of student regent received by the student governments and may request an applicant to submit additional information to the governor. On June 1, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the governor shall appoint one of the applicants to serve as the student regent for the system for a one-year term expiring on the next May 31. The governor is not required to appoint an applicant recommended by the chancellor.

(d) To be eligible for appointment as student regent, a person must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in a general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit in the university system and be in good academic standing as determined by the institution at the time of appointment. The person must remain enrolled at the institution throughout the person's term as a student regent. For purposes of this subsection, a person is considered to be enrolled in an institution or unit for a summer term if the person was enrolled in the institution or unit for the preceding semester and:

(1) is registered or preregistered at the institution or unit for the following fall semester;

(2) if the person has not completed the person's degree program, is eligible to continue the degree program at the institution or unit in the following fall semester; or

(3) if the person completed a degree program in the preceding semester, is admitted to another degree program at the institution or unit for the following fall semester.

(d-1) Throughout the student regent's term, the student regent must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a four-point scale. The president of the institution in which the student regent is enrolled shall notify the governor if the student regent fails to maintain the qualifications required by this section.

(e) A student regent is not a member of the board of regents of the system for which the student regent is appointed. A student regent has the same powers and duties as the members of the board of regents of the system, including the right to attend and participate in meetings of the board of regents, 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.

(f) The student government of the general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit at which a current student regent was enrolled at the time of the student regent's appointment may not solicit applicants for the position of student regent for the next regular term of the position.

(g) A vacancy in the position of student regent for a university system shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the governor in consultation with the chancellor of the system.

(h) On receiving notice under Subsection (d-1) from the president of the institution in which the student regent is enrolled that the student regent has failed to maintain the qualifications required by this section, the governor shall declare the position of student regent vacant and as soon as practicable fill the vacancy in the manner prescribed by Subsection (g).

(i) A student regent serves without compensation but is entitled to be reimbursed for the actual expenses incurred by the student regent in attending the meetings of the board of regents, subject to the approval of the chairman of the board of regents.

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Name of Applicant: _____

Institution: _____

Graduation Date (month and year): _____

Major(s): _____

Please identify three issues that you believe The University of Texas System Board of Regents should address during your term.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Please explain why those three issues are important and why your fellow college students would benefit from your service on the Board of Regents. (150-word limit; use additional sheets as necessary)

Please explain the leadership skills and roles you have played that qualify you for the student regent position. (150-word limit; use additional sheets as necessary)

Statement of Understanding:

In the event I am appointed as the student regent to The University of Texas System, I hereby agree to comply with all requirements set forth in Section 51.355 of the Texas Education Code (as applicable), in addition to any policies and procedures established by The University of Texas System.

Additionally, if I am appointed as the student regent to The University of Texas System, I hereby authorize the president of my institution to immediately notify the Governor of any change of status in my academic standing that results in the failure to meet the minimum requirements for service established in Sections 51.355(d) and (d-1) of the Texas Education Code.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Registrar Certification of “Good Standing”

I certify that this Applicant is in good academic standing and has a grade point average of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) or better.

Certified by the Registrar

Date

Each institution should keep a copy of the original application materials and send the original application and resume to:

Dr. Wanda Mercer
Office of Academic Affairs
The University of Texas System
601 Colorado St.
OHH 3rd Floor
Austin, Texas 78701

Receipt Deadline is December 11, 2015



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

1. Personal Information

2. Photograph

Full Legal Name			
Preferred Name			
Spouse's Name			
Physical Home Address			
City, State Zip ,			
Mailing Address			
City, State Zip ,			
County	Work Telephone - -	Home Telephone - -	
Cellular - -	Preferred E-mail Address		
Secondary E-Mail Address (if applicable)			
			State Senator
			State Representative

3. State Board(s), Commission(s), or Task Force(s) of Interest to You:

The list of all entities to which the Governor makes appointments may be found at:

<http://www.gov.texas.gov/appointments/positions>

4. Employment Information

Employer	Employer's Address	Present Job Title
		Profession
Present Job Description		

Name

5. Education/Training

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Degree and Field of Study
High School			
Undergraduate			
Graduate			
Other			

6. Employment History

Employer	Position	Dates	Location

7. References

Name	Employer	City	Telephone	Relationship
			- -	
			- -	
			- -	
			- -	
			- -	

8. Professional Memberships (including any state bar memberships)

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former

9. Volunteer Participation

Organization	Title/Position	Current/Former

10. Military Service

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Branch	Dates of Service	Type of Discharge

Name

11. Social Media Information

Do you use, or have you ever used, any of the following? If "yes," provide additional information.

Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Username
Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Handle @
Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Username
LinkedIn	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Profile
Google+	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Username

12. Spouse Information **This Section Not Applicable**

Spouse's Employer	Job Title/Position
Does your spouse conduct any business with or before the Texas Legislature or any other state entity? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please list agencies:

13. Miscellaneous Information

Note: "Material interest" is defined as (a) serving on the governing board of directors or (b) a ten (10) percent or greater ownership. This does not apply to any mutual funds in which you do not exercise authority in investment decisions.

Have you filed federal income tax returns for the past five (5) years? If no, give details. Yes No

Are you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest currently delinquent in any local, state or federal taxes? If yes, give details. Yes No

Have you ever defaulted on a personal, business or student loan? If yes, give details. Yes No

Type of Loan	Date	Details

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest or of which you have been an officer or principal been involved in any bankruptcy proceeding? If yes, give details including dates. Yes No

Do you currently serve, or have you ever served, on any local, state or federal government board, commission or committee or in any elected or appointed office? Yes No

Entity	Position	Dates	Compensated (Y/N)	Reimbursed (Y/N)

Name

13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

Are you or your spouse related to a local, state, or federal public official?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Name of Official and Title		Relationship	

Do you or your spouse have any material interest in, or are either of you employed by, any company that does business with or receives funds from the State of Texas? If yes, give full name and details:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Name of Company	Details		

Are you or your spouse an officer, director, employee or paid consultant of a trade association? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please list association and position:	Self
	Spouse

Have you or your spouse ever been registered as a lobbyist or received compensation to represent someone before a local, state, or federal government?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Self or Spouse	Entity Represented	Entity Lobbied	Dates	

Have you, your spouse, or any company in which you or your spouse have a material interest been party to litigation? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

In the last five years, have you, or any company in which you have a material interest, been licensed by a Texas state agency? If yes, give details.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Type of License	License #	Expiration	

Have you ever been delinquent in child support payments? If yes, give details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	

Name

13. Miscellaneous Information (Continued)

To the best of your knowledge, has any federal, state or local law enforcement or regulatory agency (on behalf of itself or any other person or entity) filed or investigated any grievance or complaint against you, your spouse, or an entity in which you have a material interest? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, dismissed, reprimanded)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Date	Details and Disposition

To the best of your knowledge, have you, your spouse, or any company in which you have a material interest been investigated, reprimanded, fined or suspended from doing business with any state or federal agency? If yes, give details and disposition (investigated, reprimanded, fined, suspended)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Agency	Date	Details and Disposition

Have you ever been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations), placed on probation, required to perform community service, or had a criminal proceeding disposed of by pre-trial diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred adjudication, or some similar proceeding?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, list the charge, the date of the offense, the city and/or county and state in which it allegedly occurred, and the disposition thereof.		

14. Certification

Full Legal Name	
Date of Birth / /	Texas Driver License or DPS ID#
Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Place of Birth
Date of naturalization (if not a citizen upon birth) / /	
Ethnicity: (optional; check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> African American	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Notes:

- Appointment to a Board or Commission may require the annual filing of a Personal Financial Statement (PFS) Form with the Texas Ethics Commission.
- A resume must be attached in order for this application to be considered complete.
- Judicial candidates must also complete a Judicial Questionnaire.
- Any information provided on the application or attached may be subject to the Texas Public Information Act. This means that an individual requesting copies of the information in your file may be provided access to that information.

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the foregoing and any attached statements are true, accurate and complete. I agree that any misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission of a fact may result in my disqualification for appointment. I assign and hereby give the Office of the Governor full authority to conduct background investigations pertinent to this application. I specifically authorize the Texas Department of Public Safety to conduct a background investigation and to disclose the results of that investigation to the Governor or his authorized representative.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Submit to:

Appointments Staff (512) 463-1828
Office of the Governor (512) 475-2576 fax
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Austin, Texas 78711

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