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Governance and Administration: Board dismissal

The governing board has a policy whereby members can be dismissed only for appropriate reasons and by a fair process.

Judgment

Compliant Non-Compliant Not Applicable

Narrative

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The Texas Tech University System, which includes Texas Tech University, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and Angelo State University, is governed by a board of nine regents appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate (TEC §§109.21–109.22). The members hold office for staggered terms of six years, with the terms of three members expiring January 31 of odd-numbered years. A non-voting student regent is also appointed by the governor for a one-year term from June 1 to May 31 (TEC §51.355).

Members of the Board of Regents are considered state officials and are subject to the Texas Government Code §572.051, which enumerates the standards of conduct and conflict of interest provisions applicable to state officers or employees. Texas Government Code §572.058 defines the procedures necessary for removing from office those state officials who are found to violate the standards of conduct. The process involves a petition by the attorney general identifying the cause and a decision by due process of a court or jury that the individual violated a standard of conduct for a state official.