

## 2.2

### Governing Board

The institution has a governing board of at least five members that is the legal body with specific authority over the institution. The board is an active policy-making body for the institution and is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the financial resources of the institution are adequate to provide a sound educational program. The board is not controlled by a minority of board members or by organizations or interests separate from it. Both the presiding officer of the board and a majority of other voting members of the board are free of any contractual, employment, or personal or familial financial interest in the institution. A military institution authorized and operated by the federal government to award degrees has a public board on which both the presiding officer and a majority of the other members are neither civilian employees of the military nor active/retired military. The board has broad and significant influence upon the institution's programs and operations, plays an active role in policy-making, and ensures that the financial resources of the institution are used to provide a sound educational program. The board is not controlled by a minority of board members or by organizations or interests separate from the board except as specified by the authorizing legislation. Both the presiding officer of the board and a majority of other voting board members are free of any contractual, employment, or personal or familial financial interest in the institution.

### Judgment

Compliant    Non-Compliant    Not Applicable

### Narrative

*Note: Text for all linked documents below can be increased/decreased for ease of reading by pressing your keyboard's Ctrl key while rotating the mouse wheel.*

Angelo State University has a governing body of nine members that is the legal body with specific authority over the institution.

As a component institution of the Texas Tech University System (TTU System), ASU is governed by the Board of Regents of the TTU System (Board of Regents). The Board of Regents is the legal body with specific authority over ASU. The Texas Legislature has delegated to the Board of Regents the power and authority to govern, control, and direct the policies of the TTU System and its component institutions (TEC §109.21; TEC §51.352).

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 (TEC §109.21–109.22; Section 1.02.2, *Regents' Rules*). In addition to the nine members, a student regent is appointed by the governor to serve a one-year term that begins on June 1 of each year (TEC §51.355). Current board membership is provided in the following table, which includes links to biographical information for each member:

**Table 2.2-A. Members of the Board of Regents  
of the Texas Tech University System, 2012**

Regent	City
<b>Term Expires January 31, 2013</b>	
Regent L. Frederick Francis	El Paso
Regent John Scovell	Dallas
Regent Jerry Turner (Chair)	Blanco
<b>Term Expires January 31, 2015</b>	
Regent John Huffaker*	Amarillo
Regent Mickey Long (Vice Chair)	Midland
Regent Nancy Neal	Lubbock
<b>Term Expires January 31, 2017</b>	
Regent Larry Anders	Dallas
Regent Debbie Montford	San Antonio
Regent John Steinmetz	Lubbock
<b>Student Regent, Term Expires May 31, 2012</b>	
Regent Jill Fadal*	Austin

\*Note: John Huffaker resigned from the Board of Regents in January 2012 to become General Counsel for the TTU System. He was replaced by Regent John Walker of Houston. Suzanne Taylor replaced Jill Fadal in June 2012 as Student Regent.

The legal authority and powers of the Board of Regents are defined in the board's bylaws, which are published as Chapter 1 of *The Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System* (Chapter 1, *Regents' Rules*). As outlined in the bylaws, the Board of Regents has authority, for example, for approving the annual budget of the university (Section 1.02.8.d(3)(f), *Regents' Rules*), awarding contracts for construction and physical improvement projects (Section 1.02.8.d(2)(b), *Regents' Rules*), and establishing the governing policies for the system (Section 1.02.1, *Regents' Rules*).

As officers of the TTU System, board members are subject to the system's ethics and conflict of interest policies (Section 03.01–03, *Regents' Rules*), which specify that no board member may have contractual, employment, or personal or familial financial interest in the TTU System. These policies ensure that the board is not controlled by a minority of members or by any outside organizations or interests.

The board meets a minimum of four times each year, and special meetings are called on an as-needed basis (Section 01.02.7, *Regents' Rules*, section a). Minutes of all board meetings are publicly available within a few days after each meeting is held. Copies of the minutes are posted online (Board of Regents minutes web page), and a representative example of meeting minutes is attached (Board of Regents minutes June 23, 2011).

The ASU OP 01.03, Organization of Angelo State University, reiterates the board's authority to govern the TTU System, as reflected in the attached organizational chart (ASU Organization Chart).