## 61.01 Public Information Act Compliance

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### **Policy Summary**

The Texas A&M University System (system) and its members are committed to full compliance with the Texas Public Information Act.

### **Policy**

- 1. The system Board of Regents (board) is committed to full and complete compliance with the letter and the spirit of the Texas Public Information Act and to public policy of the state of Texas that "all persons are, unless otherwise expressly provided by law, at all times entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them." It is the board's policy that the system and all members fully comply with the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act. In the absence of any applicable exception to disclosure under the Act, requested information will be provided as soon as possible.
- 2. Each chief executive officer (CEO) is designated as that member's Officer for Public Information. To assist in achieving full compliance with the Act, the chancellor must promulgate a regulation that includes procedures to be used in the receipt and referral of public information requests. Such procedures must provide for the appointment of a specific agent of the Officer for Public Information at each member to compile and coordinate responses to all public information requests. The System Office of General Counsel assists members in determining whether requested information is public and in seeking Attorney General decisions in accordance with the Act. The agent of the Officer for Public Information must notify the CEO and/or other appropriate member or system contacts of requests that may have public relations significance.
- 3. The chancellor and each member CEO must make every effort to keep the board informed on issues which could appear in the media and about which board members may be questioned.

## Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

Tex. Gov't Code, Ch. 552

Regulation 61.01.02, Public Information

# **Member Rule Requirements**

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

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