



**TEXAS BOARD
OF
PARDONS AND PAROLES**

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BOARD DIRECTIVE

SUBJECT: WORK HOURS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

PURPOSE: To establish procedures for the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles (Board) Board Members to follow concerning work hours and the reporting of same.

AUTHORITY: Texas Government Code Sections 508.035(d)(1), 508.036(a)(1) and (4)

DISCUSSION: Board Members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The seven Board Members serve as the governing body of the Board of Pardons and Paroles (Board). The Governor designates one of the Board Members to serve as the Presiding Officer of the Board.

Board Members have policy-making responsibilities that affect the entire Board; make recommendations to the Governor concerning clemency matters; review parole cases requiring an extraordinary vote; and serve as a voting member on all parole panels, as designated by the Presiding Officer, for parole and discretionary mandatory supervision related matters.

As public servants, Board Members are committed to being available and accountable to the public. It is understood that the nature of this position requires a flexible schedule. Nothing in this directive is meant to deter Board Members from performing their varied duties in an efficient and logical manner.

DEFINITIONS: Temporary Assigned Duty Point: The location, other than the regular place of employment, where the Board Member travels to conduct official business.

Regular place of employment: A Board Member's office of assignment.

Workweek: A seven-day period beginning on Thursday and ending on Wednesday.

PROCEDURE:

- I. Board offices are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Board Members shall ensure voting members and administrative staff are available during this time period, unless panel members are in attendance at other Board functions, such as inmate interviews, public presentations, Board meetings, training or other related state business.
- II. Board Members work a minimum of forty hours a week, which does not include travel time to or from their regular place of employment. Travel time to assigned duty points shall be considered as part of the forty-hour workweek.
- III. Board Members shall report the number of hours worked and leave time taken each week on forms provided.

SIGNED THIS, THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

DAVID GUTIÉRREZ, PRESIDING OFFICER (CHAIR)

** Signature on file.*