

Subchapter A: Training for Commissioners

§§9.1 - 9.5

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§9.1. Purpose.

This subchapter governs procedures applicable to the training of commissioners of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality appointed on or after January 1, 2002.

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§9.2. Need for Training.

A person who is appointed to and qualifies for office as a member of the commission may not vote, deliberate, or be counted as a member in attendance at a meeting of the commission until the person completes a training program that complies with this chapter. This training program should be completed as soon as practical after appointment.

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§9.3. Scope of Training.

(a) The training program may include, but is not limited to, information provided through staff briefings, written material, seminars/conferences, or internet and intranet resources. The executive director and the general counsel, or their designees, will provide briefings on topics within their scope of authority.

(b) The training program must provide the person with information regarding:

(1) the legislation that created the commission, including relevant portions of the Texas Water Code and the Texas Health and Safety Code;

(2) the programs operated by the commission, including programs which are federally delegated or authorized;

(3) the role and functions of the commission, including the agency's mission statement and scope of commission's authority;

(4) the rules of the commission, with an emphasis on the rules that relate to disciplinary and investigatory authority;

(5) the current budget for the commission;

(6) the results of recent significant internal and external audits of the commission;

(7) the requirements of:

(A) the open meetings law, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551;

(B) the public information law, Texas Government Code, Chapter 552;

(C) the administrative procedure law, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001; and

(D) other laws relating to public officials, including conflict of interest laws; and

(8) any applicable ethics policies adopted by the commission or the Texas Ethics Commission.

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§9.4. Certificate of Completion of Training.

Upon completion of training by a newly-appointed commissioner, the general counsel shall issue the commissioner a certificate of completion to document that the commissioner is appropriately trained to serve as a commissioner. Such certificate will be kept on file by the general counsel and will be available for public inspection.

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§9.5. Reimbursement.

A person appointed to the commission is entitled to reimbursement, as provided by the General Appropriations Act, for the travel expenses incurred in attending the training program regardless of whether the attendance at the program occurs before or after the person qualifies for office.

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