



CREDIT UNION DEPARTMENT

DATE: March 5, 2020
TO: State Chartered Credit Unions
SUBJECT: Change 55 to Update the Texas Rules for Credit Unions

The attached pages constitute changes to the Texas Rules for Credit Unions. Your book of rules should be updated as follows:

<u>REMOVE PAGES</u>	<u>INSERT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS OR NEW RULES</u>
91-20 thru 91-25	91-20 thru 91-25	Readopted Section 91.301 Readopted Section 91.302 Readopted Section 91.310 Readopted Section 91.315
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91-95 thru 91-100	91-95 thru 91-100	Readopted Section 91.6002 Readopted Section 91.6005 Readopted Section 91.6007 Readopted Section 91.6008 Readopted Section 91.6009 Readopted Section 91.6011 Readopted Section 91.6012 Readopted Section 91.6013 Readopted Section 91.6015
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Subchapter C. Members

§91.301. Field of Membership.

(a) General. Membership in a credit union shall be limited to one or more groups, each of which (the Group) has its own community of interest and is within the credit union's local service area. In this section, local service area generally consists of one or more contiguous political subdivisions that are within reasonable proximity of a credit union's offices. Political subdivision has the meaning assigned by TEX. LOCAL GOV'T CODE §172.003(3). For purposes of field of membership, the Group as a whole will be considered to be within the local service area when:

- (1) a majority of the persons in the Group live, work, or gather regularly within the local service area;
- (2) the Group's headquarters is located within the local service area; or
- (3) the persons in the Group are "paid from" or "supervised from" an office or facility located within the local service area.

The commissioner may impose a geographical limitation on any Group if the commissioner reasonably determines that the applicant credit union does not have the facilities and staffing to serve a larger group or there are other operational or management concerns.

(b) Other persons eligible for membership. A number of persons by virtue of their close relationship to a Group may be included in the field of membership at the option of the applicant credit union. These include:

- (1) members of the family or household of a member of the Group;
- (2) volunteers performing services for or on behalf of the Group;
- (3) organizations owned or controlled by a member or members of the Group, and any employees and members of those organizations;
- (4) spouses of persons who died while in the Group;
- (5) employees of the credit union;
- (6) subsidiaries of the credit union and their employees; and businesses and other organizations whose employees or members are within the Group.

(c) Multiple-groups.

(1) The commissioner may approve a credit union's original articles of incorporation and bylaws or a request for approval of an amendment to a credit union's bylaws to serve one or more communities of interest or a combination of types of communities of interest.

(2) In addition to general requirements, special requirements pertaining to multiple-Group applications may be required before the commissioner will grant such a certificate or approve such an amendment.

(A) Each Group to be included in the proposed field of membership of the credit union must have its own community of interest.

(B) Each associational or occupational Group must individually request inclusion in the proposed credit union's field of membership.

(d) Overlap protection.

(1) The commissioner will only consider the financial effect of an overlap proposed by an application to expand a credit union's field of membership or when a charter application proposes an overlap for a Group of 3,000 members or more.

(2) The commissioner will weigh the information in support of the application and any information provided by a protesting or affected credit union. If the applicant has the financial capacity to serve the financial needs of the proposed members, demonstrates economic feasibility, complies with the requirements of this rule, and no protestant reasonably establishes a basis for denying the request, it shall be approved.

(3) If a finding is made that overlap protection is warranted, the commissioner shall reject the application or require the applicant to limit or eliminate the overlap by adding exclusionary language to the text of the amendment, e.g., "excluding persons eligible for primary membership in any occupation or association based credit union that has an office within a specified proximity of the applicant credit union at the time membership is sought." Exclusionary clauses are rarely appropriate for inclusion on a geographic community of interest.

(4) Generally, if the overlapped credit union does not submit a notice of protest form, and the department determines that there is no safety and soundness problem, an overlap will be permitted. If, however, a notice of protest is filed, the commissioner will consider the following in performing an overlap analysis:

(A) whether the overlap is incidental in nature, i.e., the group(s) in question is so small as to have no material effect on the overlapped credit union;

(B) whether there is limited participation by members of the group(s) in the overlapped credit union after the expiration of a reasonable period of time;

(C) whether the overlapped credit union provides requested service;

(D) the financial effect on the overlapped credit union;

(E) the desires of the group(s); and

(F) the best interests of the affected group(s) and the credit union members involved.

(5) Where a sponsor organization expands its operations internally, by acquisition or otherwise, the credit union may serve these new entrants to its field of membership if they are part of the community of interest described in the credit union's bylaws. Where acquisitions are made which add a new subsidiary or affiliate, the group cannot be served until the entity is included in the field of membership through the application process.

(6) Credit unions affected by the organizational restructuring or merger of a group within its field of membership must apply for a modification of their fields of membership to reflect the group to be served.

(e) Underserved communities.

(1) All credit unions may include underserved areas or areas designated as a credit union development district in accordance with Subchapter K (related to Credit Union Development Districts) in their fields of membership, without regard to location. More than one credit union can serve the same underserved community.

(2) Once an underserved community has been added to a credit union's field of membership, the credit union must establish and maintain an office or facility in the area under this subsection.

(3) A credit union desiring to add an underserved community must document that the area meets the applicable definition in §91.101 (relating to Definitions and Interpretations). In addition, the credit union must develop a business plan specifying how it will serve the community. The business plan, at a minimum, must identify the credit and depository needs of the community and detail how the credit union plans to serve those needs. The credit union will be expected to regularly review the business plan to determine if the community is being adequately served. The commissioner may require periodic service status reports from a credit union pertaining to the underserved area to ensure that the needs of the area are being met, as well as requiring such reports before allowing a credit union to add an additional underserved area.

(f) Parity with Federal Credit Unions.

Credit unions will be allowed to have, at a minimum, at least as much flexibility as federal credit unions have in field of membership regulation. If a credit union proposes a type of Group that the National Credit Union Administration has previously determined meets the Federal requirements, the commissioner shall approve the application unless the commissioner finds that the credit union has not demonstrated sufficient managerial and financial capacity to safely and soundly serve such expanded membership.

(g) Application.

In order to request the approval of the commissioner to add a Group to its bylaws, a credit union must submit a written application to the Department. The applicant credit union shall have the burden to show to the Department such facts and data that support the requirements and considerations in this rule. In reviewing such application, the commissioner shall consider:

- (1) Whether the Group has adequate unifying characteristics or a mutual interest such that the safety and soundness of the credit union is maintained;
- (2) The ability of credit unions to maintain parity and to compete fairly with their counterparts;
- (3) Service by the credit union that is responsive to the convenience and needs of prospective members;
- (4) Protection for the interest of current and future members of the credit union; and
- (5) The encouragement of economic progress in this State by allowing opportunity to expand services and facilities.

Source: The provisions of this §91.301 adopted to be effective February 11, 2001, 26 TexReg 1132; adopted to be effective January 7, 2004, 29 TexReg 82; readopted to be effective June 22, 2004, 29 TexReg 6423; reviewed and amended to be effective July 13, 2008, 33 TexReg 5294; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 17, 2012, 37 TexReg 1518; reviewed and amended to be effective July 31, 2016, 41 TexReg 5413; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 10, 2020, 45 TexReg 1244.

§91.302. Election or Other Membership Vote By Electronic Balloting, Early Voting, Absentee Voting, or Mail Balloting.

- (a) All credit unions should actively promote member participation in elections and other membership votes as long as the costs are reasonable and the integrity of the vote is not compromised. Any credit union instituting alternative procedures or systems to benefit members who find it difficult or inconvenient to vote at annual or special meetings must ensure that the alternative is thoroughly explained and publicized so that all members will be able to take advantage of those procedures or systems.
- (b) The board of directors, before holding an election or other membership vote that uses electronic balloting, early voting, absentee voting, or mail balloting, shall establish written election rules, including procedures to: control, tabulate and retain ballots; identify invalid ballots; and handle disputed election results and tie votes.
- (c) Any elections or other membership vote using electronic balloting, early voting, absentee voting, or mail balloting are subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) The election tellers shall be appointed by the board of directors;

(2) At least 30 days prior to the annual or special meeting, the board of directors will cause either a printed ballot or notice of a ballot, along with appropriate instructions, to be mailed to all members eligible to vote;

(3) Completed electronic or mail ballots cast during early or absentee voting must be received prior to convening the annual or special meeting;

(4) The votes will be tallied by the tellers and the results of the vote will be made public at the annual or special meeting.

(d) In the event of a malfunction of the electronic balloting system, the board of directors may in its discretion order elections or other vote to be held by mail ballot only. The board may make reasonable adjustments to the voting time frames in subsection (c) of this section, or postpone the annual or special meeting if necessary, to complete the elections prior to the annual or special meeting.

Source: The provisions of this §91.302 adopted to be effective November 13, 2000, 25 TexReg 11278; amended to be effective November 14, 2004, 29 TexReg 10253, reviewed and amended to be effective July 13, 2008, 33 TexReg 5295; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 17, 2012, 37 TexReg 1518; reviewed and readopted to be effective March 7, 2016, 41 TexReg 2179; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 10, 2020, 45 TexReg 1244.

§91.310. Annual Report to Membership.

(a) Every credit union shall provide to its membership an annual written report, as prescribed below. The report must be updated before the credit union's annual meeting and shall be available on the credit union's website throughout the year. Any credit union that does not maintain a website shall distribute the report at its annual meeting and must notify members at least annually that copies of the report are available upon request.

(b) The annual report shall cover the credit union's operations during the preceding calendar year and shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

(1) the names and dates of expiration of the terms of office for each director on the credit union's board;

(2) the names of any honorary or advisory directors appointed by the board;

(3) a brief description of any changes, since the last report, to the credit union's:

A. senior management staff;

B. bylaws or articles of incorporation;

C. financial condition and operating results;

D. membership size and services offered; and

(4) the credit union's year end balance sheet and income/expense statement.

(c) For purposes of this rule, senior management staff shall include the chief executive officer, any assistant chief executive officers, including any vice-presidents and above, and the chief financial officer.

Source: The provisions of this §91.310 adopted to be effective November 8, 2009, 34 TexReg 7625; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 17, 2012, 37 TexReg 1518; reviewed and readopted to be effective March 7, 2016, 41 TexReg 2179; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 10, 2020, 45 TexReg 1244.

§91.315. Members' Access to Credit Union Documents.

(a) Required Notice. Every credit union shall provide notice to its membership of the availability of certain documents related to the credit union's finances and management.

(b) Delivery of Required Notice. A credit union shall post a copy of the required notice on its website throughout the year. The notice required by this section shall be published in the credit union's newsletter twice a year. If a credit union does not maintain a website and distribute a newsletter at least semiannually, the credit union shall provide the notice at least semiannually with each member's account statement.

(c) Documents Available to Members. Upon request, a member is entitled to review or receive a copy of the most recent version of the following credit union documents:

1. balance sheet and income statement (the non-confidential pages of the latest call report may be given to meet this requirement);
2. a summary of the most recent annual audit completed in accordance with §91.516 of this chapter (relating to Audits and Verifications);
3. written board policy regarding access to the articles of incorporation, bylaws, rules, guidelines, board policies, and copies thereof; and
4. Internal Revenue Service Form 990.

Source: The provisions of this §91.315 adopted to be effective November 8, 2009, 34 TexReg 7627; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 17, 2012, 37 TexReg 1518; reviewed and readopted to be effective March 7, 2016, 41 TexReg 2179; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 10, 2020, 45 TexReg 1244.

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Subchapter K. Credit Union Development Districts

§91.2000. Purpose and Scope.

(a) This subchapter implements Tex. Fin. Code §279.001 et seq. regarding the establishment of credit union development districts.

(b) This subchapter does not affect or circumvent requirements under the Tax Increment Financing Act or the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act (Tex. Tax Code, Chapters 311 and 312, respectively), including requirements for designation of an area as a municipal or county reinvestment zone or for authorization to enter into a tax abatement agreement.

Source: The provisions of this §91.2000 adopted to be effective November 8, 2015, 40 TexReg 7666; reviewed and amended to be effective March 1, 2020, 45 TexReg 1217.

§91.2001. Definitions.

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, these words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings:

1. "Credit union" includes state and federal credit unions.
2. "District" means a credit union development district approved under this subchapter.
3. "Local government" means a municipality or county.

Source: The provisions of this §91.2001 adopted to be effective November 8, 2015, 40 TexReg 7666; reviewed and readopted to be effective November 4, 2019, 44 TexReg 7061.

§91.2002. Application Requirements to Establish a District.

(a) Basic application. A local government, in conjunction with a credit union, may submit an application to the Commission for the designation of a proposed credit union development district, as provided by §91.2003 of this subchapter (relating to Submission and Processing of Application). The application shall contain the following items to the extent available:

1. the name of the local government, the county in which it is located and evidence of the approval of the application by its governing body;
2. identification of the participating credit union and the location of the proposed credit union or branch by street address;
3. a description of the geographic area comprising the proposed district, including a map indicating the borders of the proposed district;
4. the location, number and proximity of sites where credit union services are available in the proposed credit union development district, including branches of other financial institutions and deposit-taking ATMs other than those located at branches;
5. a compilation and description of consumer needs for credit union services in the proposed district, including population demographics included within the proposed district;
6. a compilation and description of the economic viability and local credit needs of the community in the proposed district, including economic indicators pertinent to the proposed district;
7. a compilation and description of the existing commercial development in the proposed district, including a description of the type and nature of commercial businesses located in the proposed district; and

8. a compilation and description of the impact additional credit union services would have on potential economic development in the proposed district, including significant business developments within the past three years, corporate restructurings, plant closings, other business closings, and recent or proposed business openings or expansions.

(b) Optional information. An application for designation of a credit union development district may also include:

1. a description of other local government and community initiatives proposed to be undertaken and coordinated with establishment of the proposed district;

2. indications of community support or opposition for the application, as evidenced by letters from entities such as local chambers of commerce, local businesses, community-based organizations, non-profit organizations, government officials, or community residents; and

3. such other information that the applicant believes will demonstrate that the proposed district meets the standards set forth in §91.2004 of this subchapter (relating to Criteria for Approval).

Source: The provisions of this §91.2002 adopted to be effective November 8, 2015, 40 TexReg 7666; reviewed and readopted to be effective November 4, 2019, 44 TexReg 7061.

§91.2003. Submission and Processing of Application.

(a) The application must be submitted to the Commission in care of the Department, 914 East Anderson Lane, Austin, TX 78752-1699. No filing fee is required.

(b) After the initial application is submitted, the Department shall issue a written notice informing the applicant either that the application is complete and accepted for filing or that the application is deficient and specific additional information is required. The applicant must supply any additional information requested by the Department not later than the 61st day after the date the applicant received written notice from the Department that the application is deficient. Upon a finding of good and sufficient cause, the Department shall grant an applicant additional time to complete the application. Once the deficient application is complete and accepted for filing, the Department shall issue a written notice informing the applicant that the application is complete and accepted for filing.

(c) After the issuance of written notice informing the applicant that the application is complete and accepted for filing, the Department shall evaluate the application to the extent necessary to make a written recommendation to the Commission under the criteria set forth in §91.2004 of this subchapter. The Department shall submit the completed application and the Department's recommendations to the Commission for decision at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission, which must occur not later than the 120th date after the date the completed application is accepted for filing.

(d) If the Commission approves the application, the Department shall notify the interested parties as required by Tex. Fin. Code §279.105(b).

(e) All approved districts shall be posted on the Department's web site.

Source: The provisions of this §91.2003 adopted to be effective November 8, 2015, 40 TexReg 7666; reviewed and readopted to be effective November 4, 2019, 44 TexReg 7061.

Subchapter O. Trust Powers

§91.6001. Fiduciary Duties.

A credit union must conduct its trust operations in accordance with applicable law, and must exercise its fiduciary powers in a safe and sound manner. All fiduciary activities shall be under the direction of the credit union's board of directors. In carrying out its responsibilities, the board may assign, by action duly entered in the minutes, any function related to the exercise of fiduciary powers to any director, officer, employee, or committee thereof.

Source: The provisions of this §91.6001 adopted to be effective August 10, 2003, 28 TexReg 6270; readopted to be effective November 11, 2007, 32 TexReg 7936; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 24, 2011, 36 TexReg 7570; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 19, 2015, 40 TexReg 7672.

§91.6002. Fiduciary Capacities.

A credit union is subject to this chapter if it acts in a fiduciary capacity. A credit union acts in a fiduciary capacity when it acts in any of the following capacities:

- (1) Trustee.
- (2) Custodian.
- (3) Executor.
- (4) Administrator.
- (5) Guardian.
- (6) Receiver.

Source: The provisions of this §91.6002 adopted to be effective August 10, 2003, 28 TexReg 6270; readopted to be effective November 11, 2007, 32 TexReg 7936; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 24, 2011, 36 TexReg 7570; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 19, 2015, 40 TexReg 7672; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 10, 2020, 45 TexReg 1244.

§91.6003. Notice Requirements.

(a) Intent. A credit union is required to notify the commissioner in writing of its intent to exercise fiduciary powers, at least 31 days prior to the anticipated commencement date of such fiduciary activities. The notice must contain:

- (1) A statement describing the fiduciary powers that the credit union will exercise;
- (2) An opinion of counsel that the proposed activities do not violate law, including citations to applicable law;
- (3) A statement that the capital of the credit union is not less than the capital required by law of other financial institutions exercising comparable fiduciary powers;
- (4) Sufficient biographical information on proposed trust management personnel to enable the Department to assess their qualifications; and
- (5) A description of the locations where the credit union will conduct fiduciary activities.

(b) **Prior Activity.** A credit union that has initiated trust activities prior to the effective date of this rule shall file the notice prescribed in subsection (a) by October 1, 2003.

Source: The provisions of this §91.6003 adopted to be effective August 10, 2003, 28 TexReg 6270; readopted to be effective November 11, 2007, 32 TexReg 7936; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 24, 2011, 36 TexReg 7570; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 19, 2015, 40 TexReg 7672.

§91.6004. Exercise of Fiduciary Powers.

(a) **Supervisory Review.** Unless otherwise notified by the department, a credit union may exercise its fiduciary powers on the 30th day after the credit union receives written confirmation from the Department that the notice required under Section 91.6003 of this title (relating to Notice Requirements) is complete and accepted for filing. The Department will consider the following factors when reviewing such a notice:

- (1) The credit union's financial condition.
- (2) The credit union's capital and whether that capital is sufficient under the circumstances.
- (3) The credit union's overall performance.
- (4) The fiduciary powers the credit union proposes to exercise.
- (5) The availability of legal counsel.
- (6) The experience and expertise of proposed trust management personnel.
- (7) The needs of the members to be served.
- (8) Any other facts or circumstances that the Department considers appropriate.

(b) **Written Notice.** Prior to expiration of the 30 day period referred to in subsection (a), the commissioner may give the credit union written notice of denial or consent, subject to certain conditions.

(c) **Acceptance of Conditions.** Commencement of the exercise of fiduciary powers constitutes confirmation of acceptance of all conditions imposed by the commissioner under subsection (b) and shall be considered an enforceable agreement against the credit union for all purposes.

Source: The provisions of this §91.6004 adopted to be effective August 10, 2003, 28 TexReg 6270; readopted to be effective November 11, 2007, 32 TexReg 7936; reviewed and readopted to be effective on October 24, 2011, 36 TexReg 7570; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 19, 2015, 40 TexReg 7672.

§91.6005. Exemption from Notice.

A credit union does not need to provide notice under section 91.6003 (relating to notice requirements) to act as a trustee or custodian of any form of retirement, pension, profit sharing or deferred income accounts for its members, pension funds of self-employed individuals eligible for membership and pension funds of a company or organization whose employees are eligible for membership in the credit union if acting as such will only involve holding the funds on deposit and reporting information to the account holders and government agencies. All contributions to such fiduciary accounts, however, must be initially made to a share or deposit account in the credit union and the credit union may not directly or indirectly provide any investment advice for such fiduciary accounts.

Source: The provisions of this §91.6005 adopted to be effective August 10, 2003, 28 TexReg 6271; readopted to be effective November 11, 2007, 32 TexReg 7936; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 24, 2011, 36 TexReg 7570; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 19, 2015, 40 TexReg 7672; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 10, 2020, 45 TexReg 1244.

§91.6006. Policies and Procedures.

A credit union exercising trust powers shall adopt and follow written policies and procedures adequate to maintain its fiduciary activities in compliance with applicable law. Among other relevant matters, the policies and procedures should address, where appropriate, the credit union's:

- (1) Brokerage placement practices;
- (2) Methods for ensuring that fiduciary officers and employees do not use material inside information in connection with any decision or recommendation to purchase or sell any security;
- (3) Methods for preventing self-dealing and conflicts of interest;
- (4) Selection and retention of legal counsel who is readily available to timely review trust instruments or other documents creating the credit union's fiduciary status and advise the credit union and its fiduciary officers and employees on all fiduciary related matters; and
- (5) Investment of funds held as fiduciary, including short-term investments and the treatment of fiduciary funds awaiting investment or distribution.

Source: The provisions of this §91.6006 adopted to be effective August 10, 2003, 28 TexReg 6271; readopted to be effective November 11, 2007, 32 TexReg 7936; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 24, 2011, 36 TexReg 7570; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 19, 2015, 40 TexReg 7672.

§91.6007. Review of Fiduciary Accounts.

(a) Pre-acceptance review. Before accepting a fiduciary account, a credit union shall review the prospective account and related instruments and documents to determine whether it can properly administer the account.

(b) Initial post-acceptance review. Upon the acceptance of a fiduciary account for which a credit union has investment discretion, the credit union shall conduct a prompt review of all assets of the account to evaluate whether they are appropriate for the account.

(c) Annual review. At least once during every calendar year, a credit union shall conduct a review of all assets of each fiduciary account for which the credit union has investment discretion to evaluate whether they are appropriate, individually and collectively, for the account.

Source: The provisions of this §91.6007 adopted to be effective August 10, 2003, 28 TexReg 6271; readopted to be effective November 11, 2007, 32 TexReg 7936; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 24, 2011, 36 TexReg 7570; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 19, 2015, 40 TexReg 7672; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 10, 2020, 45 TexReg 1244.

§91.6008. Recordkeeping.

A credit union shall adequately document the establishment and termination of each fiduciary account and shall maintain adequate records for all fiduciary accounts. All records pertaining to a fiduciary account shall be separate and distinct from other records of the credit union.

Source: The provisions of this §91.6008 adopted to be effective August 10, 2003, 28 TexReg 6271; readopted to be effective November 11, 2007, 32 TexReg 7936; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 24, 2011, 36 TexReg 7570; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 19, 2015, 40 TexReg 7672; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 10, 2020, 45 TexReg 1244.

§91.6009. Audit.

At least once during each calendar year, a credit union shall arrange for a suitable audit by a certified public accountant in accordance with generally accepted standards for attestation engagement. The audit must ascertain whether the credit union's internal control policies and procedures provide reasonable assurance of three things:

(1) The credit union is administering fiduciary activities in accordance with applicable law and the trust instrument or other documents creating the fiduciary responsibility; (2) The credit union is properly safeguarding fiduciary assets; and

(3) The credit union is accurately recording transactions in appropriate accounts in a timely manner.

Source: The provisions of this §91.6009 adopted to be effective August 10, 2003, 28 TexReg 6271; readopted to be effective November 11, 2007, 32 TexReg 7936; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 24, 2011, 36 TexReg 7570; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 19, 2015, 40 TexReg 7672; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 10, 2020, 45 TexReg 1244.

§91.6010. Custody of Fiduciary Assets.

(a) A credit union shall place assets of fiduciary accounts in the joint custody or control of not fewer than two the fiduciary officers or employees designated for that purpose by the board of directors.

(b) A credit union shall keep assets of fiduciary accounts separate from the assets of the credit union. Except as otherwise authorized by applicable law and as may be in the best interests of the beneficiaries of the fiduciary account, a credit union shall keep assets of each fiduciary account separate from all other accounts.

Source: The provisions of this §91.6010 adopted to be effective August 10, 2003, 28 TexReg 6271; readopted to be effective November 11, 2007, 32 TexReg 7936; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 24, 2011, 36 TexReg 7570; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 19, 2015, 40 TexReg 7672.

§91.6011. Trust Funds.

All monies received by a credit union as fiduciary on trust business shall be deposited in a specially designated account or accounts, shall not be commingled with any funds of the credit union and shall remain on deposit until disbursed or invested in accordance with powers and duties of the credit union in its capacity as such fiduciary.

Source: The provisions of this §91.6011 adopted to be effective August 10, 2003, 28 TexReg 6271; readopted to be effective November 11, 2007, 32 TexReg 7936; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 24, 2011, 36 TexReg 7570; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 19, 2015, 40 TexReg 7672; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 10, 2020, 45 TexReg 1244.

§91.6012. Compensation, Gifts, and Bequests.

A credit union may not permit its directors, officers, or employees to retain any compensation for acting as co-fiduciary with the credit union in the administration of a fiduciary account, except with the specific approval of the board of directors. In addition, a credit union may not permit any fiduciary officer or employee to accept a bequest or gift of fiduciary assets, unless the bequest or gift is directed or made by a relative of the director, officer, or employee or is specifically approved by the board of directors.

Source: The provisions of this §91.6012 adopted to be effective August 10, 2003, 28 TexReg 6271; readopted to be effective November 11, 2007, 32 TexReg 7936; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 24, 2011, 36 TexReg 7570; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 19, 2015, 40 TexReg 7672; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 10, 2020, 45 TexReg 1244.

§91.6013. Bond Coverage.

A credit union is required to maintain a bond for protection and indemnity of members, in reasonable amounts against dishonesty, fraud, defalcation, forgery, theft, embezzlement, and other similar insurable losses with an insurance or surety company authorized to do business in this state. Coverage against such losses shall include all agents who do not otherwise provide protection and indemnity for the credit union, directors, officers, and employees of the credit union acting independently or in collusion or combination with any person or persons whether or not they draw salary or compensation.

Source: The provisions of this §91.6013 adopted to be effective August 10, 2003, 28 TexReg 6271; readopted to be effective November 11, 2007, 32 TexReg 7936; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 24, 2011, 36 TexReg 7570; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 19, 2015, 40 TexReg 7672; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 10, 2020, 45 TexReg 1244.

§91.6014. Errors and Omissions Insurance.

The credit union shall procure errors and omission insurance of at least five hundred thousand dollars.

Source: The provisions of this §91.6014 adopted to be effective August 10, 2003, 28 TexReg 6271; readopted to be effective November 11, 2007, 32 TexReg 7936; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 24, 2011, 36 TexReg 7570; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 19, 2015, 40 TexReg 7672.

§91.6015. Litigation File.

A credit union shall keep an adequate record of all pending litigation to which it is a party in connection with its exercise of fiduciary powers.

Source: The provisions of this §91.6015 adopted to be effective August 10, 2003, 28 TexReg 6271; readopted to be effective November 11, 2007, 32 TexReg 7936; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 24, 2011, 36 TexReg 7570; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 19, 2015, 40 TexReg 7672; reviewed and readopted to be effective February 10, 2020, 45 TexReg 1244.

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Subchapter B. Liquidating Agents

§95.200. Notice of Taking Possession; Appointment of Liquidating Agent; Subordination of Rights.

- (a) The department shall give prompt notice to the NCUA or other applicable insuring organization whenever the commissioner through conservatorship takes possession of the property and assets of a respective insured or participating credit union. The Department shall give further prompt notice of the Commissioner's intent to liquidate the property and assets of such insured or participating credit union.
- (b) If the commissioner finds the liquidation of the credit union's assets is prudent under the guidelines established by Texas Finance Code §126.201, the insuring organization, may be appointed liquidating agent for the credit union.
- (c) When any member's share or deposit account is paid, the NCUA or, alternatively, the insuring organization shall be subrogated to all rights of the member, up to the amount paid by the NCUA or the insuring organization to such member.

Source: The provisions of this §95.200 adopted to be effective November 11, 1999, 24 TexReg 9830; readopted to be effective August 10, 2003, 28 TexReg 6030; amended to be effective March 7, 2007, 32 TexReg 1065; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 18, 2010, 35 TexReg 9748; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 20, 2014, 39 TexReg 8604; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 16, 2018, 43 TexReg 7224; reviewed and amended to be effective March 1, 2020, 45 TexReg 1218.

§95.205. State Not Liable for Any Deficiency.

Nothing in this chapter creates any liability upon this state for the payment of any funds to any credit union by reason of the acts or omissions of the NCUA or insuring organization, nor shall the state pay any deficiency of any credit union in the event the NCUA or insuring organization is unable to pay such deficiency:

Source: The provisions of this §95.205 adopted to be effective March 7, 2007, 32 TexReg 1066; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 18, 2010, 35 TexReg 9748; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 20, 2014, 39 TexReg 8604; reviewed and readopted to be effective October 16, 2018; 43 TexReg 7224.

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