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The Credit Union Department (CUD) is the state agency that regulates and supervises credit unions chartered by the State of Texas. The Department is professionally accredited by the National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors (NASCUS) certifying that CUD maintains the highest standards and practices in state credit union supervision.

Our **Mission** is to safeguard the public interest, protect the interests of credit union members and promote public confidence in credit unions.

Credit Union Commission

The Commission is the policy making body for CUD. The Commission is a board of private citizens appointed by and responsible to the Governor of Texas.

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Next Commission Meeting

Friday, March 5, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the offices of CUD.

Operating Fee

The invoices for the second installment of the Operating Fee for Fiscal Year 2021 will be mailed to credit unions on or about the week of February 22nd. The assessment must be received on or before **March 30, 2021** to avoid the payment of any penalties. If you do not receive an invoice, please contact Isabel Velasquez at (512) 837-9236.



Acting Bureau Director Ends Pause on HMDA Reporting

CFPB will end the agency's "pause" on quarterly Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) reporting for large issuers, CARD Act data collection and more, according to a public blog post by the agency's acting director.

Dave Uejio, named the bureau acting director by President Joe Biden Jan. 20, also noted his desire to retain maximum flexibility for Biden's nominee as bureau director – Rohit Chopra — and his plan to review past regulatory actions to determine how those actions best fit with the bureau's consumer protection mission and purpose.

Last March, in response to the economic and financial impact of the coronavirus crisis, the bureau announced that as of March 26, 2020 "and until further notice, the CFPB does not intend to cite in an examination or initiate an enforcement action against any institution for failure to report its HMDA data quarterly." Uejio's blog post is, essentially, the "further notice" that the pause has ended.

Acting Bureau Director Ends Pause on HDMA Reporting (Continued)

Also in the blog post, Uejio said he has directed the agency's division of Research, Markets, and Regulations (RMR) to take immediate steps to analyze housing insecurity (including mortgage foreclosures) and consumer finance barriers to racial equity, and to include a racial equity impact in policy proposals.

He also directed RMR to focus rulemaking on the pandemic response. To that end, he told the division to focus the mortgage servicing rulemaking on pandemic response to avert, to the extent possible, a foreclosure crisis when the COVID-19 forbearances end in March and April; and explore options for preserving the status quo with respect to qualified mortgage (QM) and debt collection rules.



Upcoming Regular Commission Meeting

The Credit Union Commission will hold its Regular meeting on **Friday, March 5, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., via telephone/videoconference**. The meeting packet will be available on our website on or about February 22, 2021.



FRB Makes 0% Reg D Reserve Permanent

A reprieve for financial institutions from reserve requirements on transactions accounts, implemented last March to keep money flowing amid the coronavirus pandemic, will be permanent under a final rule approved this week by the Federal Reserve Board.

Last year, the Fed Board issued an interim rule setting the transaction account reserve requirement to zero and sought comments on making this permanent; none were submitted. The Fed's final rule takes effect March 12.

The Fed's Reg D implements the Fed's authority under Section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act to require reserves. Section 19(b)(2) of the act requires each depository institution to maintain reserves against its transaction accounts, nonpersonal time deposits, and Eurocurrency liabilities, as prescribed by Board regulations, for the purpose of implementing monetary policy.

Reserve requirements for nonpersonal time deposits and Eurocurrency liabilities have been set at 0% since 1990, so the only reserving required since then was on transaction accounts.

The Fed announced the interim rule and request for comments on zero reserving March 15, 2020. At the time, it said that more than 2,500 depository institutions maintained, in aggregate, \$150 billion in account balances to satisfy their Reg D reserve balance requirements.

LINK

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/02/10/2020-28756/regulation-d-reserve-requirements-of-depository-institutions>

Publication Deadlines

In order to meet the submission deadlines for the applicable issues of the Texas Register, it is necessary for the Department to establish the schedule shown below. Completed applications received after the deadline for the month cannot be published until the following month.

Publication Date

Application Deadline

March 2021

Friday, March 12

April 2021

Friday, April 16

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## **Applications Approved**

Applications approved since **January 20, 2021** include:

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### Credit Union

### Changes or Groups Added

### Field of Membership Expansion – Approved:

Wharton County Teachers (Wharton)

[See Newsletter No. 11-20](#)

## **Applications Received**

*There were no applications received.*

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This newsletter is produced monthly as a part of the Department's continued communication outreach with the credit unions it regulates. Delivery is generally provided by electronic notification of its availability on the Department's website.

Suggestions and comments concerning the newsletter or its content are welcomed.

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