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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.

Members:

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Next Commission Meeting

Friday, December 5, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the offices of CUD.

The Importance of Board Meeting Attendance and Active Board Participation in a Time of Rapid Technological Change

Critical to the long-term success of a credit union is an active, involved board that provides proper oversight of operations and a sound strategic direction for the future of the credit union. One of the keys to ensuring that a board is successful is regular, active participatory attendance.

The issue of board attendance is a tricky one. Board members are volunteers with their own jobs, families, and busy lives to balance in addition to the voluntary obligations of serving on a credit union board. However, missed meetings seriously diminish the effectiveness of the entire board, and a director's irregular or inconsistent meeting attendance could result in removal from the board.

Texas Finance Code Section 122.055 provides that the office of a director becomes vacant if the director has been absent from more meetings than the total number of absences permitted by commission rule. Under 7 TAC Section 91.501 (g), any director who fails to attend three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings without an excuse approved by a majority vote of the board is automatically removed from office. As a result, it is important for board meeting minutes to reflect if a director's absence is excused or unexcused. The lack of a record of an affirmative vote by the board is construed as an unexcused absence. Furthermore, 7 TAC Section 91.501 (g) also states that any director who fails to attend six regularly scheduled meetings during any twelve-month period (whether the absences are excused or not) is automatically removed from office.

Once a director misses either of the prescribed number of meetings, the position is vacant and there is nothing the board can do except to fill the vacancy with a new person within sixty days of the date of the meeting that led to the automatic removal.

Applications Approved

There were no applications approved.

Applications Received

The following applications were received and will be published in the **October 31, 2025**, issue of the *Texas Register*.

Merger or Consolidation

An application was received from **Smart Financial Credit Union Credit Union** (Houston), seeking approval to merge with **Texas Dow Employees Credit Union** (Lake Jackson), with the latter being the surviving credit union.

