

712:1-1-1. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to outline the administrative rules for the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation. The general purpose of the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) is prescribed by the Legislature and the Commission acts as the agency in the exercise of the policy powers of the State of Oklahoma, for the purpose of establishing a competency-based teacher preparation and assessment system by July 1, 1997.

[Source: Added at 11 Ok Reg 4247, eff 7-25-94; Amended at 13 Ok Reg 3727, eff 7-16-96 through 7-14-97 (emergency); Amended at 14 Ok Reg 3194, eff 7-25-97]

712:1-1-2. Definitions

The following words or terms, when used in this Chapter, shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Commission" means the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation.

"Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation.

[Source: Added at 11 Ok Reg 4247, eff 7-25-94]

712:1-1-3. Commission members, officers and personnel

(a) **Members.** The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) is an administrative body composed of twenty-four (24) members, of whom 20 shall be voting members and four shall be ex officio, non-voting members. The twenty voting members shall serve staggered terms of three (3) years and shall be appointed as follows:

- (1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:
 - (A) one public school teacher who is an employee of an Oklahoma public school district;
 - (B) one lay person who has at least one child who is a student in an elementary or secondary public school in this state;
 - (C) one member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;
 - (D) one member who is a principal of an Oklahoma elementary public school and;
 - (E) one lay person who has demonstrated long-term commitment to education.
- (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint:
 - (A) one public school teacher who is an employee of an Oklahoma public school district;
 - (B) one member of the State Board of Education;
 - (C) one lay person who has had some educational employment experience;
 - (D) one member who is a public school superintendent of an Oklahoma public school district and;
 - (E) one lay person who has demonstrated long-term commitment to education. [70:6-199(A)(2)]
- (3) The Governor shall appoint:
 - (A) one member from a private Oklahoma institution of higher education who is a dean or director of an approved teacher education program;
 - (B) one member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;
 - (C) one member of the State Board of Education;
 - (D) one teacher from an area Career and technical school district;
 - (E) one member from an institution of higher education in the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education who is on the arts and science faculty;
 - (F) one member from an institution of higher education in the Oklahoma System of Higher Education who is on the teacher education faculty;
 - (G) two public school teachers who are employees of an Oklahoma public school district and;
 - (H) two lay persons who have demonstrated long-term commitment to continued improvement of education. [70:6-199(A)(3)]
- (4) Ex officio, non-voting members shall include:
 - (A) the State Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee;
 - (B) the Chancellor of Higher Education or designee;
 - (C) the Director of the State Department of Career and Technology Education or designee, and;
 - (D) the Secretary of Education or designee. [70:6-199(A)(4)]

(b) **Officers.** At the first ensuing meeting of each fiscal year, the Commission shall select one of the members to serve as chair and another member to serve as vice-chair.

(c) **Executive Director.** The Commission shall appoint an Executive Director and appropriate additional personnel to assist the Commission in the performance of its duties.

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712:1-1-4. Official office

The Office of the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation is 1141 North Lincoln, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73104. The telephone number is (405) 521-3189, and the telecopier is (405) 521-6442. The office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

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712:1-1-5. Commission meeting; quorum

The Commission shall hold at least six (6) regular monthly meetings each calendar year at a time and place as shall be designated by the Commission. A majority of the voting members (11) of the Commission shall be present at the meeting to constitute a quorum. [70:6-199(B)(2)]

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712:1-1-6. Executive sessions

The Commission may hold executive sessions at such sessions as is permitted by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

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712:1-1-6.1. Special meetings

Special meetings may be called by the chair or by seven (7) or more members of the Commission by delivery of written notice to each member of the Commission with not less than forty-eight (48) hours notice. A majority of the voting members shall be present at the meeting to constitute a quorum of the Commission. [70:6-199(B)(2)]

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