

**PUBLIC ACCESS POLICIES FOR
MEETINGS OF APPRAISAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Pursuant to Section 6.04 (e), Texas Tax Code, the following policies are adopted to provide public access to the board of directors for purposes of testimony at public meetings concerning appraisal district and appraisal review board policies and procedures, as well as any matter over which the board of directors has responsibility:

Any non-English speaking person, deaf person, or person who has any physical, mental or development disability desiring to appear before the Board must file a written request with the chief appraiser, who will schedule the person to present testimony at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. The request should indicate any special assistance or arrangement required to make the presentation to the board possible.

The chief appraiser shall appoint at least one bilingual person in the county to serve as an interpreter when needed. An interpreter shall attend any meeting of the board of directors in which a non-English speaking person is scheduled to testify and shall be paid per diem amount equal to that paid to members of the appraisal review board.

The chief appraiser shall coordinate with the area service council of the Texas commission for the Deaf in obtaining services and shall appoint an interpreter to attend any meeting of the board of directors in which a deaf person is scheduled to testify when needed. The interpreter shall be paid a per diem amount equal to that paid to members of the appraisal review board.

The chief appraiser shall coordinate with the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, the United Way, and other public and private agencies with regional offices to provide proper arrangements for public forums, to include the correct placement of microphones, sufficient area for wheelchairs and other mobility aides, and any other matter which would assist in improved access to the board of directors in a public hearing.

Meetings of the board of directors for which written notice has been given from persons requesting barrier free access shall be conducted in public buildings complying with the standards and specifications adopted by the State Purchasing and General Services Commission (P.O. Box 13047, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711) pursuant to the Elimination of Architectural Barriers Act, Article 7 of Article 601b, V.T.C.S., where available. Titus County Appraisal District is a barrier-free public building.