

Texas Comptroller

OPEN GOVERNMENT & COMPLIANCE

DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

This optional checklist can help you prepare the elements required for the **Open Government** and Compliance Transparency Star. See the <u>guidelines</u> for further details.

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Webpage or Section of Website

- General narrative overview of the transparency area.
- Three (3) clicks or less from the homepage.

Open Government Summary

- Names of all governing body board or commission members to include presiding chair.
- Number of scheduled meetings per calendar year with frequency: quarterly, weekly, monthly, etc.
- Process for board or commission appointment or election including application and process of submission.
- Explanation of the timeframe for when meetings are posted as a video, streaming or audio to the webpage upon completion. Must be posted no later than 72 hours or three complete business days after meeting has concluded.
- Statement that all meetings will be available for the public for a minimum of 365 days after meeting is posted. This should include instructions on how to request copies of video or audio files if hosted internally.
- Name, phone number and email of board or commission point of contact or liaison.

Visualizations

- Organizational structure chart of your entity including all divisions, supervisors and full-time employees. Names are optional.
- Meeting calendar with all scheduled meetings' date, time and location for in person meetings or video conferences. Calendar must be updated monthly, yearly, etc. as applicable.

Documents

- Agendas and meeting minutes in compliance with the Public Information Act for the last three complete years with the most recent being 90 days old or less.
- Link to the Texas Open Meetings Act Handbook.
- Link to the Public Information Act Handbook.

Video or Streaming Data

- Live transmission or streams of all public primary governing body meetings as they occur.
- Searchable archive or listing of all public primary governing body meetings for the last 90 days for download or streaming.

Notes: Both audio and visual meetings are acceptable as downloads. Videos hosted on an external website (e.g., Facebook or YouTube) must include descriptions on how to obtain a hard copy from your entity. Login credentials cannot be required as a condition for viewing or requesting archived materials. You may wish to include other archived or streaming meetings of other boards or commissions as applicable.

Other Information

Link to or post a copy of all transparency reports applicable to your entity. All reports must be from the most recently completed reporting year.

- Schools and Community College Districts:
 - Local Government Debt Report.
 - Eminent Domain Report (as applicable).
 - Special Purpose District Report.

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- Local Government Debt Report.
- Eminent Domain Report (as applicable).

- Cities and Counties:
 - Local Government Debt Report. Eminent Domain Report (as applicable).
 - Hotel Occupancy Tax.
 - Sheriff and Constable Fees (counties only).