



# Negotiated Rulemaking and Alternative Dispute Resolution Policy of the State Pension Review Board

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- I. In accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §801.2012, the State Pension Review Board (PRB) hereby establishes this policy regarding negotiated rulemaking and alternative dispute resolution.
- II. It is the policy of the PRB to encourage the use of negotiated rulemaking as appropriate when engaging in rulemaking activities through an informal process of policy dialogue and to consider the use of more formal negotiated rulemaking in circumstances that involve multiple stakeholders on complex and/or controversial matters where an informal process has not been successful.
- III. It is the PRB's policy to encourage the use of alternative dispute resolution procedures to resolve internal and external disputes when it best serves the public interest as determined by the Executive Director after consultation with the assistant attorney general counsel of the Board.
- IV. The PRB adopts by reference the model guidelines for Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures developed by the State Office of Administrative Hearings (Model Guidelines). The Model Guidelines are located at the State Office of Administrative Hearings internet website: [http://www.soah.state.tx.us/about-us/mediations/model\\_guidelines.asp](http://www.soah.state.tx.us/about-us/mediations/model_guidelines.asp)

The PRB designates the Executive Director or his designee to coordinate the implementation of the policy and serve as a resource for any training needed to implement procedures for alternative dispute resolution and negotiated rulemaking, as well as to collect data concerning the effectiveness of the implemented procedures.