

March 13, 2025 Board Meeting – Proposed Rules

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy (Board) proposes the following changes to the rules:

- 519.2 concerning Definitions.

The current cite to the rule does not identify the specific relevant paragraph. The paragraph is added. The definition of contested case eliminates language that doesn't apply because "ratemaking is not a responsibility of this agency.

- 519.7 concerning Criminal Offenses that May Subject a Licensee or Certificate Holder to Discipline or Disqualify a Person from Receiving a License.

The word Sight Order is misspelled and this revision corrects the spelling.

- 519.9 concerning Administrative Penalty Guidelines.

The purpose of the graphic in the board's rules is to publish the criteria for the basis of sanctions for specific rule violations. The specific sanctions for violating board rule 527.6 has been added to the graphic which concerns failing to report peer review and PROB inspection reports.

- 519.20 concerning Complaints.

Recognizes email as an acceptable way for a complainant to communicate with the board.

- 519.21 concerning Investigations.

Recognizes that the board may communicate with all available persons with information helpful to the board in a complaint investigation and not just the complainant and respondent.

- 519.23 concerning Informal Conferences.

The change is grammatical to arrange the wording in a logical sequence.

- 519.24 concerning Committee Recommendations.

Recognizes that communications between the board and respondent licensee may be electronic as well as postal mail. It also recognizes that a hearing before the Executive Director will follow the normal rules of hearing as provided for in the rules of the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the board's rules.

- 519.25 concerning Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Provides additional information regarding the responsibilities of the board staff during mediation.