



## STATE PRESERVATION BOARD

### **POLICY FOR THE USE OF THE CAPITOL EXTENSION AUDITORIUM**

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. These guidelines are established in order to provide a fair and consistent usage policy for the Capitol Extension Auditorium. Any event holder determined to be in non-compliance with these guidelines will not be permitted to use the Auditorium again for one calendar year following the date of the event.

#### SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

- (a) Official State Business includes activities authorized under the powers and duties of the legislative office holder or state agency requesting use of the room. This would include member hosting of constituent groups and other legislative activities planned and hosted by a member's office, and the official state business of a state agency.
- (b) Activities that would not be considered official state business include use of the room by lobby and other special interest groups, business groups, chambers of commerce, counties, non-profit groups and other non-state government organizations.
- (c) "Event holder" means the legislative office, state agency or non-state government organization using the Capitol Extension Auditorium for a specific event.
- (d) "Event sponsor" means the legislative office that is sponsoring a non-legislative event.
- (e) "Legislative office" includes:
  - (1) Office of the Governor;
  - (2) Office of the Lt. Governor;
  - (3) the Speaker's Office;
  - (4) the Senate; and
  - (5) the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3. USE OF THE CAPITOL EXTENSION AUDITORIUM

- (a) The Auditorium may only be used for events that serve a public purpose, as that term is defined in Texas Administrative Code, Title 13, Part 7, Chapter 111, §111.20(a)(2). The chief test of what constitutes a public purpose is that the public generally must have a direct interest in the purpose and the community at large is to be benefited. Campaign activities are prohibited in the Auditorium.
- (b) The Auditorium is **not** to be used for:
  - (1) Commercial, profit-making, fundraising, advertising, or campaign purposes.
  - (2) Any activities that violate the Texas Penal Code §47.02.
  - (3) Groups planning to charge admissions, make collections, seek contributions, give door prizes, hold auctions or raffles, or otherwise exchange money or benefits while using the room.
- (c) A state agency may charge a fee to offset state expenses of holding the event. If a state agency is to charge a fee, it must be collected offsite. No fees may be collected in the Capitol, Capitol Extension, or on the Capitol Grounds.
- (d) The Auditorium may be reserved by legislative offices for official state business by contacting the Capitol Events scheduling coordinator:
  - Texas State Preservation Board, 463-3051;
  - (Capitol.Events@tspb.state.tx.us); fax 463-3372.
- (e) The Auditorium may also be reserved for activities that are not the official state business of a legislative office or state agency provided these events serve a public purpose, have a legislative sponsor and the use fees are paid. Legislative offices must submit a sponsorship form to the Capitol Events Coordinator for each event that they have agreed to sponsor.
- (f) Fees: \$200 (4 hours or less)/\$400 (more than 4 hours)
- (g) Payment of Fees: Must be paid in full no later than 24 hours prior to the event. If fee is not received, the reservation will be cancelled. Fees may be paid by check made payable to the State Preservation Board. The SPB Event Coordinator will contact you with the fee total after review and approval of this application. *Refunds will only be issued if cancellations are received at least 24 hours prior to the event.*
- (h) **Reservations may be made up to six months in advance of the date of the event.**

SECTION 4. RESERVATION PRIORITIES. Reservation of the Auditorium is on a first-come, first-serve basis. **A legislative committee meeting may pre-empt any previously scheduled meeting. A full refund will be issued if a reservation is cancelled due to a legislative committee meeting.**

SECTION 5. ROOM OCCUPANCY. The maximum occupancy of the Auditorium is 350.

SECTION 6. ROOM HOURS OF OPERATION. Hours of operation for the Auditorium is as follows:

Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SECTION 7. RESPONSIBILITIES AND RESTRICTIONS.

- (a) Food and drinks are not permitted in the Auditorium at any time.
- (b) Food and drink tables may not be set up in the area outside of the Auditorium. The only tables allowed in the area immediately outside the Auditorium are those holding registration materials or event information.
- (c) No displays may be set up in the hallways adjacent to the Auditorium.
- (d) State property in the Extension Auditorium may not be removed.
- (e) Nothing may be attached to the walls, surfaces, or furnishings inside the Auditorium or on the doors and walls outside of the Auditorium.
- (f) Changes in schedule or room cancellations may be made through the Capitol Events scheduling coordinator. Cancellation of reservations should be made as soon as possible, or at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting by the original requestor. The Capitol Events coordinator will provide e-mail confirmation of cancellations or schedule changes.
- (g) The Auditorium cannot be used as a backup location for a grounds event.
- (h) The event holder is responsible for any damage to the room and its contents which may occur during use. The event holder will be billed for any repairs or cleaning (other than routine cleaning) necessitated by use of the room. If an event holder notices damage to the property prior to using the room, the Capitol Events scheduling coordinator should be notified immediately.
- (i) Reservation time should include sufficient additional time for setup and take-down.
- (j) Any special equipment, furniture, or materials brought into the Auditorium for a meeting must be removed at the end of the reservation request. Altering the public address systems, recording systems, video equipment, telecommunications equipment or computer wiring in the Auditorium by the event holder is strictly prohibited. The event holder is responsible for obtaining any additional furniture necessary for the event.
- (k) For events that are official state business, event holders are responsible for securing the assistance of the Senate Media (512-463-0300) or House Video/Audio (512-463-0920) for sound or video equipment and lighting for the event. For events that are sponsored by a legislative office but are not official state business, the State Preservation Board will provide AV assistance as part of the room use fee.