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Project Type	Assistant /Associate Commissioner 17.12 (b)	Commissioner Deputy Commissioner 17.12 (a)	Committee on Strategic Planning 17.12 (c)	Coordinating Board 17.12 (d)
New Construction	Board rule 17.12(b) (1) authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to approve new construction projects having a total project cost less than $15 million.	Board rule 17.12(a) (1) authorizes the Commissioner to approve new construction projects having a total project cost of $15 million up to $25 million.	Board rule 17.12(c) (1) requires Committee approval for new construction projects having a total project cost of $25 million up to $50 million.	Board rule 17.12(d) (1) requires Board approval for new construction projects having a total project cost of $50 million or more.
Repair and Renovation	Board rule 17.12(b) (2) authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to approve repair and renovation projects having a total project cost less than $15 million.	Board rule 17.12(a) (2) authorizes the Commissioner to approve repair and renovation projects having a total project cost of $15 million up to $25 million.	Board rule 17.12(c) (2) requires Committee approval for repair and renovation projects having a total project cost of $25 million or more.	Board rule 17.12(d) (5) requires Board approval for any projects referred to the Board by the Committee or Commissioner.
Gifts or acquisition of improved real property with E&G Space	Board rule 17.12(b) (3) authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to approve projects having a total appraised value less than $5 million.	Board rule 17.12(a) (3) authorizes the Commissioner to approve projects having a total appraised value of $5 million up to $10 million.	Board rule 17.12(c) (4) requires Committee approval for projects having a total appraised value of $10 million up to $25 million.	Board rule 17.12(d) (3) requires Board approval for projects having a total appraised value of $25 million or more.
Purchase of Real Property	Board rule 17.12(b) (4) authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to approve the purchase of real property having a total appraised value less than $5 million.	Board rule 17.12(a) (4) authorizes the Commissioner to approve the purchase of real property having a total appraised value of $5 million up to $10 million.	Board rule 17.12(c) (3) requires Committee approval to purchase real property having a total appraised value of $10 million up to $25 million.	Board rule 17.12(d) (2) requires Board approval to purchase real property having a total appraised value of $25 million or more.

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Tuition Revenue Bonds Projects	Board rule 17.12(b) (5) authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to approve projects funded with more than 50 percent Tuition Revenue Bonds that meet Board standards and having a total project cost less than $25 million.	Board rule 17.12(a) (5) authorizes the Commissioner to approve projects funded with more than 50 percent Tuition Revenue Bonds that meet Board standards and having a total project cost of $25 million or more.	Board rule 17.12(c) (5) requires Committee approval of projects funded with more than 50% tuition revenue bond proceeds and not qualifying for Commissioner approval.	Board rule 17.12(d) (5) requires Board approval for any projects referred to the Board by the Committee or Commissioner.
Auxiliary Enterprise Projects	Board Rule 17.12 (b) (6) authorizes the Assistant Commissioner approve projects being acquired, constructed, or renovated w/o the use of state general revenue funds & with a total project less than $15 million.	Board rule 17.12(a)(6) authorizes the Commissioner to approve projects being acquired, constructed, or renovated w/o the use of state general revenue funds & with a total project cost of $15 million up to $25 million.	Board rule 17.12(c) (6) requires Committee approval for Auxiliary Enterprise projects having a total project cost of $25 million up to $50 million.	Board rule 17.12(d)(4) requires Board approval for projects having a total project cost of $50 million or more.
System Projects	Board rule 17.12(b) (9) authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to approve any new construction, major repair and renovation, or property acquisition that affects only the University System and not a member institution, and has a total project cost less than $15 million.	Board rule 17.12(a)(9) authorizes the Commissioner to approve new construction, major repair and renovation, or property acquisition that affects only the University System and not a member institution, and has a total projected cost of $15 million up to $25 million.	Board rule 17.12 (c) (8) requires Committee approval on new construction, major repair and renovation, or property acquisition submitted by a University System that only affects the system with a total projected cost of $25 million or more.	Board rule 17.12(d) (5) requires Board approval for any projects referred to the Board by the Committee or Commissioner.
Project Referrals		Board rule 17.12(a) (11) authorizes the Commissioner to approve any project referred by the Assistant Commissioner.	Board Rule 17.12(c) (10) authorizes the Committee to approve any project referred by the Commissioner.	Board rule 17.12(d) (5) requires Board approval for any projects referred by the Committee or Commissioner.

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Previously Approved Projects	Board rule 17.12(b) (7) authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to approve previously Assistant Commissioner approved projects, providing they continue to be eligible for Assistant Commissioner level approval. Board rule 17.12(b)(8) authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to approve projects previously reviewed or approved by the Board, Committee, or Assistant Commissioner that require reconsideration relating to any change in the funding source of an approved project with a total cost less than $25 million.	Board rule 17.12(a) (7) authorizes the Commissioner to approve projects previously reviewed or approved by the Commissioner but requiring first or second reconsideration, providing they continue to be eligible for Commissioner approval. Board rule 17.12(a) (8) authorizes the Commissioner to approve projects previously reviewed or approved by the Board, Committee, or Commissioner that require reconsideration relating to any change in the funding source of an approved project with a total cost of $25 million or more.	Board rule 17.12(c) (7) requires Committee approval for projects requiring re-approval that are not eligible for Commissioner re-approval. Board rule 17.12(c) (11) requires Committee approval for projects requiring a third re-approval.	Board rule 17.12(d) (5) requires Board approval for any projects referred to the Board by the Committee or Commissioner.
Emergency Requests	A project would be eligible to submit a request for Emergency Approval if: (1) delaying the project would result in an unacceptable cost to the state; or (2) the project is necessary because of a natural disaster; or (3) there is an unavoidable circumstance whereby the delay would critically impair the institution's mission. For more info, see Board rule 17.22			

EXEMPT from Coordinating Board Approval:

- Less than 10% change in project costs for previously approved projects.
- Less than 10% change in gross square feet for previously approved projects.
- New construction costing less than $4 million*.
- Major repair and renovation costing less than $4 million*.
- Gifts or lease-purchase of **unimproved** real property.
- Lease of Property or Facility.
- Projects for The University of Texas Austin, Texas A&M University, and Prairie View A&M University financed with more than 50% Permanent University Funds or Available University Funds.
- Gifts, grants, or lease-purchase arrangements intended for **clinical or research facilities**.
- New construction or major repair and renovation projects specifically approved by the legislature.

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