



CITY OF DALLAS

**Memorandum**

DATE February 13, 2014  
TO The Honorable Chair and Members of the Charter Review Commission  
SUBJECT Status of DART Board and DFW Board

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This responds to the Commission's question at the February 4, 2014 meeting regarding whether the DART Board and the DFW Board are city boards and their members are city officials governed by Chapter XXII, Section 11 of the City Charter.

**Brief Answer**

The DART board is not a city board and the members are not city officials. The DFW board is a city board and the members appointed by the city are city officials.

**Discussion**

The DART board was created by the State Legislature and is a Regional Transportation Board.<sup>1</sup> Dallas is a participating member and taxes are paid to support DART, but the City of Dallas has no ownership interest in DART. The City of Dallas appoints some DART board members, but since the city did not create the DART board by charter or ordinance, the board is not a City Board.<sup>2</sup>

The DFW Airport and the DFW board were created by contract, and the contract was authorized by the city council by Ordinance No. 12128, approved on April 15, 1968. Thus, unlike the DART board, the DFW board was created by city ordinance and is a City board.<sup>3</sup> Those members of the DFW Airport Board appointed by the city of Dallas are "city officials" of the city of Dallas.<sup>4</sup> Other members of the DFW board that are not appointed by the city of Dallas are not "city officials" of the city of Dallas.

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<sup>1</sup> State Transportation Code Chapter 452 "Regional Transportation Authorities"

<sup>2</sup> Dallas City Code § 8-1

<sup>3</sup> Dallas City Code §8-1 (1)

<sup>4</sup>Dallas City Code §12A-2(24)(H)