



## ***DCU BULLETIN***

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### **Final Rule on the Frequency of Board Meetings**

The board of directors of a Washington state chartered credit union will have at least six regular board meetings each year, with at least one of these meetings held in each calendar quarter, effective July 28, 2013, in accordance with RCW 31.12.225. Credit union board of directors and senior management should review the final rule to understand when the Director of Credit Unions may require a credit union's board of directors to meet more frequently.

#### **Rule-Making Process**

In accordance with RCW 31.12.225(5), the Program Manager, as a designee of the Director of Credit Unions, led the rule-making process to interpret the frequency of board meetings with the following rule-making steps:

- Held public meetings on November 26, 2013 and January 23, 2014;
- Filed the CR-101 on November 6, 2013; and
- Held the CR-102 hearing on March 20, 2014.

All comments were considered throughout the rule-making process and are summarized in the Concise Explanatory Statement.

#### **Rule Becomes Effective on May 10, 2014**

On April 9, 2014, the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) will file the final rule (CR-103, WSR 13-04-132) on the frequency of board meetings with the Washington State Register. The new rule on reasonable compensation will be effective on May 10, 2014. The rule was moved to a new Chapter 208-400 Washington Administrative Code for corporate governance matters.

The adopted rule language, the CR-103 final rule for the frequency of board meetings, and the Concise Explanatory Statement are attached. In addition, copies of these documents and the other rule-making documents pertaining to reasonable compensation are available on the DFI's website at: <http://dfi.wa.gov/cu/rulemaking.htm>

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