

# Policy on Jury Selection for Impartial Tribunal

## Purpose:

To ensure the selection of an impartial jury, maintain system-wide impartiality, and uphold the requirements of due process and service.

## Policy:

### 1. Jury Selection Process:

- **Random Selection:** Jurors shall be randomly selected from a broad cross-section of the Texian community to ensure diversity and impartiality.
- **Screening for Bias:** Potential jurors will be screened for any biases or conflicts of interest that may affect their impartiality. This includes questioning during voir dire to identify any preconceived notions or relationships that could influence their judgment.
- **Exclusion for Cause:** Jurors may be excluded for cause if they demonstrate an inability to remain impartial or if they have any connections to the parties involved in the case.


### 2. Maintaining Impartiality:

- **Ongoing Monitoring:** Throughout the trial, jurors will be monitored for any signs of bias or misconduct. Any juror found to be biased or engaging in misconduct will be removed and replaced by an alternate.
- **Instructions to Jurors:** Jurors will receive clear instructions on their duty to remain impartial and to base their verdict solely on the evidence presented in court.


### 3. Due Process and Service:

- **Notification and Summons:** Potential jurors will be notified and summoned in accordance with legal requirements, ensuring they have adequate time to prepare for service.
- **Fair Treatment:** All jurors will be treated with respect and provided with necessary accommodation to fulfill their duties.

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