CHAPTER 27. RULES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.

Subchapter C. NEGOTIATION AND MEDIATION OF CERTAIN CONTRACT DISPUTES.

DIVISION 3. MEDIATION OF CONTRACT DISPUTES.

## §27.113. Conduct of Mediation.

- (a) Mediation is a consensual process in which an impartial third party, the mediator, facilitates communication between the parties to promote reconciliation, settlement, or understanding among them. A mediator may not impose his/her own judgment on the issues for that of the parties. The mediator must be acceptable to both parties.
- (b) The mediation is subject to the provisions of the Governmental Dispute Resolution Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2009. For purposes of this subchapter, "mediation" is assigned the meaning set forth in the Civil Practice and Remedies Code, §154.023.
- (c) To facilitate a meaningful opportunity for settlement, the parties shall, to the extent possible, select representatives who are knowledgeable about the dispute, who are in a position to reach agreement, or who can credibly recommend approval of an agreement.