



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM[®]

Office of General Counsel

October 23, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Ken Paxton
Attorney General of the State of Texas
Open Government Division
P.O. Box 12548, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

RE: Texas Public Information Act Request
Requests Date: October 9, 2025
Requestor: Kevin Bass

Dear General Paxton:

Texas Tech University System (“TTUS”) respectfully requests an Attorney General’s open records decision under the Texas Public Information Act, Tex. Gov’t Code § 552.001, *et seq.*

The TTUS Office of General Counsel received two requests from Kevin Bass (the “Requestor”) for the following information:

- 1. Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, please produce records sufficient to show TTUHSC/TTU System’s receipt, acknowledgment, and internal handling of my Preservation Notice sent Oct 6, 2025 at 8:30 AM CT.**
- 2. Under the Texas Public Information Act, please produce communications and artifacts created after my earlier TPIA submissions (Oct 2–3, 2025) concerning:**
Kevin Norris Bass (name/email variants)
My Preservation Notice and any right-to-reply correspondence
P3/SPPCC/professionalism materials/decisions Transcript/Title IV
matters Hearing recordings/transcripts and any integrity/audit
handling

Said requests are attached as Exhibit “A.”¹ According to the Texas Public Information Act, a governmental body must request an open records decision (ORD) of the Attorney General for exceptions to public disclosure on or before the end of the 10th business day after the date of

¹ In the interest of efficiency, TTUS has consolidated the requests received from the requestor as the requests were received on the same day and they rely on the same set of facts and/or legal exceptions.

receiving the written requests which would be no later than October 23, 2025.

TTUS has responded to the Requestor that it is seeking an opinion from the Attorney General on those items it claims should be excepted from public disclosure. The response to the Requestor is attached as Exhibit "B."

The legal bases upon which TTUS believes exceptions to public disclosure apply or may apply are as follows:

1. Texas Government Code §§ 552.103, 552.107, and 552.111.

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, a governmental body that requests an Attorney General decision for exceptions to public disclosure must, not later than the 15th business day after the date of receiving the written requests, submit to the Attorney General written comments stating the reasons why the above-stated exceptions apply. As explained above, since the date of receipt of the Requestor's requests was October 9, 2025, the date by which TTUS must submit its detailed comments is October 30, 2025.

Sincerely,

Brontë Staugaard

Brontë C. Staugaard
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures: Exhibit "A" – Requests
Exhibit "B" – Letter to Requestor

xc: Requestor:
Kevin Bass
kbassphiladelphia@gmail.com

EXHIBIT “A”

-----Original Message-----

From: Kevin Bass <kbassphiladelphia@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 9, 2025 12:18 AM

To: Public Info <publicinfo@ttu.edu>; Wall, Ronny <Ronny.Wall@ttu.edu>

Cc: william.webster@ttuhsc.edu; beverly.munoz@ttuhsc.edu; Gonzales, Frank <Frank.Gonzales@ttuhsc.edu>

Subject: Public Information Request — Rolling Window Communications & Artifacts (Oct 3–present)

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To the Public Information Officer,

Under the Texas Public Information Act, please produce communications and artifacts created after my earlier TPIA submissions (Oct 2–3, 2025) concerning:

Kevin Norris Bass (name/email variants)

My Preservation Notice and any right-to-reply correspondence P3/SPPCC/professionalism materials/decisions Transcript/Title IV matters Hearing recordings/transcripts and any integrity/audit handling

Time window: Oct 3, 2025, 12:30 AM CT → time of your receipt of this request.

Sources/custodians: emails and Teams/Slack/IM/SMS of the PIO/OGC, Registrar, Student Life/Student Affairs, IT/ITSolutions, relevant course/program leadership (e.g., MSCI-5120/6120), and any other custodians routed these topics. Include meeting invites/agendas/attendee lists/minutes/notes, in-meeting chats, working files, and message threads.

Please produce in native format where feasible (e.g., .msg/.eml, .pst, .csv/.xlsx for metadata exports, original file types for documents).

If any portion is unclear or unduly burdensome, identify the specific burden and propose a reasonable narrowing consistent with Tex. Gov't Code §§ 552.222 and 552.267.

Respectfully,

Kevin Bass PhD MS

Phone: 512-333-4092

-----Original Message-----

From: Kevin Bass <kbassphiladelphia@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 9, 2025 12:15 AM

To: Public Info <publicinfo@ttu.edu>; Wall, Ronny <Ronny.Wall@ttu.edu>

Cc: william.webster@ttuhsc.edu; beverly.munoz@ttuhsc.edu; Gonzales, Frank <Frank.Gonzales@ttuhsc.edu>

Subject: Public Information Request — Internal Handling of Preservation Notice (Oct 6–present)

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To the Public Information Officer,

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, please produce records sufficient to show TTUHSC/TTU System's receipt, acknowledgment, and internal handling of my Preservation Notice sent Oct 6, 2025 at 8:30 AM CT.

Time window: Oct 6, 2025, 8:00 AM CT → time of your receipt of this request.

This includes, without limitation: emails (subject/body/attachments), Teams/Slack/IM messages, ticketing/help-desk entries, routing/workflow notices, calendar entries/invites/attendee lists/minutes/notes, and any custodian or vendor acknowledgments (e.g., Microsoft/Zoom/archiving). Please provide records electronically in native format where feasible.

Respectfully,

Kevin Bass PhD MS

Phone: 512-333-4092

EXHIBIT “B”



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Office of General Counsel

October 23, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Kevin Bass

kbassphiladelphia@gmail.com

RE: Texas Public Information Act Request
Requests Date: October 9, 2025
Requestor: Kevin Bass

Dear Kevin Bass:

On October 9, 2025, Texas Tech University System (TTUS) received two requests from you for information related to communications and records regarding the handling of your Texas Public Information Act submissions on October 3, 2025, and your Preservation Notice sent on October 6, 2025.

TTUS has requested an Attorney General Open Records Decision ("ORD"), which will determine whether we may release the information to you. Our ORD request is attached for your information.

Once the Attorney General makes a decision regarding the public disclosure of the information, TTUS will make the information that is determined by the Attorney General to be public, if any, available for copying or inspection.

Sincerely,

Bronte Staugaard

Bronte C. Staugaard
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures: Bronte C. Staugaard's Letter to The Honorable Ken Paxton dated October 23, 2025.

xc: The Honorable Ken Paxton
Office of the Attorney General
P.O. Box 12548
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(without enclosures)