

**FHLBank Topeka**  
**Audit Committee Member Independence**

Any director serving on the audit committee of FHLBank Topeka's board of directors must meet the criteria for independence set forth by Finance Board regulations. The Finance Board requires that any member of a federal home loan bank's board of directors shall be considered to be sufficiently independent to serve as a member of the audit committee if that director does not have a disqualifying relationship with the federal home loan bank or its management that would interfere with the exercise of that director's independent judgment.

Disqualifying relationships that would preclude a director from being sufficiently independent to serve on FHLBank Topeka's audit committee include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Being employed by FHLBank Topeka in the current year or any of the past five years;
- (2) Accepting any compensation from FHLBank Topeka, other than compensation for service as a board director;
- (3) Serving or having served in any of the past five years as a consultant, advisor, promoter, underwriter, or legal counsel of or to FHLBank Topeka; or
- (4) Being an immediate family member of an individual who is, or has been in any of the past five years, employed by FHLBank Topeka as an executive officer.