

# THE GOVERNOR

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## Appointments

### Appointments for March 12, 2026

Designating Lee A. Hampton, Jr. of Bellaire as presiding officer of the Texas State Board of Marriage and Family Therapists for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor. Mr. Hampton is replacing Lisa V. Merchant, Ph.D. of Clyde as presiding officer.

Appointed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas for a term to expire September 1, 2027, Patrick J. Rhode of Austin, Texas (replacing Lori A. Cobos of Austin, whose term expired).

### Appointments for March 13, 2026

Appointed as Justice of the Seventh Court of Appeals, Place 2, for a term until December 31, 2026, or until her successor shall be duly elected and qualified, Laura A.W. Pratt of Lubbock, Texas (replacing Justice Judy C. Parker of Lubbock, who was appointed as Chief Justice of the Seventh Court of Appeals).

Appointed as Judge of the 512th Judicial District Court, Williamson County, pursuant to HB 16, 89th Legislature, Second Called Session, for a term until December 31, 2026, or until her successor shall be duly elected and qualified, Sarah T. Moore of Liberty Hill, Texas.

Appointed to the Department of Information Resources, pursuant to HB 1500, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Keri E. Pearlson, D.B.A. of Austin, Texas.

### Appointments for March 17, 2026

Appointed to the Commercial Oyster Mariculture Advisory Board for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Eric S. Davis of Mont Belvieu, Texas (Mr. Davis is being reappointed).

Redesignating Bradley S. "Brad" Lomax of Corpus Christi as presiding officer of the Commercial Oyster Mariculture Advisory Board for a one-year term.

Appointed to the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Tycom J. "Ty" Wright of Bedford, Texas (replacing Samuel "Sam" McGee of Boerne, who resigned).

### Appointments for March 18, 2026

Appointed to the Texas Physician Assistant Board for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Shane M. Bailey, M.D. of Austin, Texas (replacing Gregory S. "Greg" Rowin, D.O. of Harlingen, who resigned).

Appointed to the Texas Physician Assistant Board for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Jennifer L. "Jen" Wegenhoft of Columbus, Texas (replacing Stephanie N. Corbett of Harker Heights, who resigned).

Appointed to the Podiatric Medical Examiners Advisory Board of a term to expire February 1, 2031, Jose L. Ayala, D.P.M. of Brownsville, Texas (replacing James M. "Michael" Lunsford, D.P.M. of Spring Branch, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Podiatric Medical Examiners Advisory Board of a term to expire February 1, 2031, Joe E. Martin, Jr., D.P.M. of College Station, Texas (Dr. Martin is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Podiatric Medical Examiners Advisory Board of a term to expire February 1, 2031, Rahul B. Patel of San Antonio, Texas (replacing Cirenia H. Terrazas of Austin, whose term expired).

Greg Abbott, Governor

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## Proclamation 41-4270

### TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on May 31, 2021, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the surge of individuals unlawfully crossing the Texas-Mexico border posed an ongoing and imminent threat of disaster for a number of Texas counties and for all state agencies affected by this disaster; and

WHEREAS, I amended the aforementioned proclamation in a number of subsequent proclamations, including to modify the list of affected counties and therefore declare a state of disaster for those counties and for all state agencies affected by this disaster; and

WHEREAS, the certified conditions continue to exist and pose an ongoing and imminent threat of disaster as set forth in the prior proclamations;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby renew the aforementioned proclamation and declare a disaster for Aransas, Atascosa, Bee, Brewster, Brooks, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Coleman, Colorado, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, DeWitt, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jackson, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Mason, Matagorda, Maverick, McCulloch, McLennan, McMullen, Medina, Menard, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Schleicher, Shackelford, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Throckmorton, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Webb, Wharton, Wilbarger, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala Counties and for all state agencies affected by this disaster. All orders, directions, suspensions, and authorizations provided in the Proclamation of May 31, 2021, as amended and renewed in subsequent proclamations, are in full force and effect.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 18th day of March, 2026.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202601327



## Proclamation 41-4271

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on July 4, 2025, as amended and renewed in subsequent proclamations, certifying that the heavy rainfall and flooding event that began on July 2, 2025, that included heavy rainfall and flash flooding, caused widespread and severe property damage, injury, or loss of life in several counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby amend and renew the aforementioned proclamation and declare a disaster in Bandera, Bexar, Burnet, Caldwell, Coke, Comal, Concho, Edwards, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Real, Reeves, San Saba, Schleicher, Sutton, Tom Green, Travis, Uvalde, and Williamson Counties;

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. Any statutes that might prevent the transfer of bodies to families as soon as possible are hereby suspended, including Sections 264.514 and 264.515 of the Texas Family Code and Articles 49.04, 49.05, 49.10, and 49.25 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. Further, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

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Greg Abbott, Governor  
TRD-202601328



Proclamation 41-4272

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on July 8, 2022, as amended and renewed in a number of subsequent proclamations, certifying that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat of imminent disaster in several counties; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Division of Emergency Management has confirmed that those same drought conditions persist in certain counties in Texas and that the presence of drought conditions in certain counties contributes to increased wildfire danger;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby amend and renew the aforementioned proclamation and declare a disaster in Angelina, Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Borden, Bowie, Brazos, Brewster, Brooks, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Cottle, Crosby, Dawson, Delta, DeWitt, Dickens, Dimmit, Donley, Duval, Fayette, Floyd, Foard, Fort Bend, Franklin, Frio, Gaines, Garza, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Grayson, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hall, Hardeman, Hardin, Hays, Hidalgo, Hopkins, Houston, Howard, Jackson, Jasper, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kendall, Kenedy, Kent, Kerr, King, Kinney, Kleberg, Knox, La Salle, Lamar, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Llano, Lubbock, Lynn, Madison, Matagorda, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Milam, Montgomery, Morris, Motley, Nacogdoches, Nueces, Panola, Pecos, Polk, Presidio, Real, Red River, Refugio, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Scurry, Shelby, Starr, Titus, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Uvalde, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala Counties.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

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