

THE GOVERNOR

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Appointments

Appointments for July 22, 2023

Appointed as Judge of the 97th Judicial District, Archer, Clay, and Montague Counties, for a term until December 31, 2024, or until her successor shall be duly elected and qualified, Patricia "Trish" Coleman Byars of Windhorst, Texas (replacing Judge Jack A. McGaughey of Nocona, who resigned).

Appointed as Presiding Judge of the Seventh Administrative Judicial District for a term to expire four years from the date of qualification, Garland B. "Ben" Woodward of San Angelo, Texas (replacing Judge Morton V. "Dean" Rucker, II of Midland, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas Facilities Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2027, Robert S. Wetmore of Austin, Texas (replacing Lawrence B. "Larry" Long of Dallas, who resigned).

Appointed to the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Danielle M. "Danny" Kingham of Pearland, Texas (replacing Becky L. Johnson of Fort Worth, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Samuel S. "Sam" McGee of Boerne, Texas (replacing Brandon B. Stowers of Denton, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a term to expire August 31, 2025, Ashlie A. Thomas of Victoria, Texas (replacing R. Sam Torn of Houston, who resigned).

Appointed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a term to expire August 31, 2027, Stacy A. Hock of Austin, Texas (replacing Robert P. Gauntt of Austin, who resigned).

Appointed to the Texas Woman's University Board of Regents for a term to expire February 1, 2027, Ellen A. Amirkhan of Dallas, Texas (replacing Shelley S. Sweatt, Ed.D. of Wichita Falls, who resigned).

Appointed to the Texas Woman's University Board of Regents for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Bernadette Carrasco Coleman of Denton, Texas (Ms. Coleman is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Texas Woman's University Board of Regents for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Jill E. Jester of Denton, Texas (Ms. Jester is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Texas Woman's University Board of Regents for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Kathleen J. Wu of Dallas, Texas (Ms. Wu is being reappointed).

Appointments for July 27, 2023

Appointed to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Nathanael W. "Nate" Sprinkle of Richmond, Texas (replacing Larry Don Miles of Amarillo, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice for a term to expire February 1, 2029, William O. "Bill" Welch of Austin, Texas (replacing Patrick L. O'Daniel of Austin, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Sydney J. Zuiker of Houston, Texas (replacing Emilio E.F. "Mano" DeAyala of Houston, whose term expired).

Designating Eric J.R. Nichols of Austin as presiding officer of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor. Mr. Nichols is replacing Patrick L. O'Daniel of Leander as presiding officer.

Appointments for July 31, 2023

Appointed to the Texas Historical Commission for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Garrett K. Donnelly of Midland, Texas (Mr. Donnelly is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Texas Historical Commission for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Fritz L. Duda of Dallas, Texas (Mr. Duda is replacing Daisy Sloan White of College Station, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas Historical Commission for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Edward C. "Ted" Houghton, IV of El Paso, Texas (Mr. Houghton is replacing Earl P. Broussard, Jr. of Westlake Hills, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas Historical Commission for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Laurie E. Limbacher of Austin, Texas (Ms. Limbacher is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Texas Historical Commission for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Catherine M. "Cathy" McKnight of Dallas, Texas (Ms. McKnight is being reappointed).

Appointments for August 1, 2023

Pursuant to HB 3257, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, appointed to the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission for a term to expire on February 1, 2027, Roger P. Nober of Fort Worth, Texas.

Appointments for August 2, 2023

Appointed to the Texas Diabetes Council for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Christopher R. "Chris" Carmona of Houston, Texas (replacing Feyi Obamehinti, Ed.D. of Keller, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas Diabetes Council for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Sharon F. Lemons of Saginaw, Texas (replacing Ardis A. Reed of Hideaway, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas Diabetes Council for a term to expire February 1, 2029, John Trischitti, III of Midland, Texas (replacing Felicia Fruia-Edge of Rancho Viejo, whose term expired).

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202302739



Proclamation 41-3991

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 Bee, Brewster, Brooks, Caldwell, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, DeWitt, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jackson, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, McMullen, Medina, Menard, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Refugio, San Patricio, Schleicher, Sutton, Terrell, Throckmorton, 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 29th day of July, 2023.

Greg Abbott, Governor
TRD-202302704



Proclamation 41-3992

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 continue to exist in these and other counties in Texas;

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 Andrews, Bandera, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Burnet, Cameron, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Coryell, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Erath, Gaines, Gillespie, Hamilton, Hays, Hidalgo, Jeff Davis, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, Matagorda, Medina, Midland, Mills, Parker, Real, Travis, Waller, Wharton, 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. 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.

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 29th day of July, 2023.

Greg Abbott, Governor
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