

# THE GOVERNOR

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## Appointments

### Appointments for May 8, 2024

Appointed to the Texas Diabetes Council for a term to expire February 1, 2025, Michael P. Kelly, Ph.D. of El Paso, Texas (replacing Stephen W. "Steve" Ponder, M.D. of Belton, who resigned).

Appointed as Justice of the Ninth Court of Appeals, Place 4, effective July 1, 2024, for a term until December 31, 2024, or until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified, Kenneth R. "Kent" Chambers of Willis, Texas (replacing Justice Hollis Horton of Beaumont, who resigned).

### Appointments for May 9, 2024

Appointed as the Student Representative for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, effective June 1, 2024, for a term to expire May 31, 2025, Lucas B. "Luke" Schwartz of Tyler, Texas (replacing Cage M. Sawyers of Van Alstyne, whose term expired).

Appointed as the Student Regent for the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, effective June 1, 2024, for a term to expire May 31, 2025, Cage M. Sawyers of Van Alstyne, Texas (replacing Elizabeth A. "Annie" Valicek of Houston, whose term expired).

Appointed as the Student Regent for the Texas Southern University System Board of Regents, effective June 1, 2024, for a term to expire May 31, 2025, Taylor L. Getwood of Port Arthur, Texas (replacing Dylan C. Getwood of Port Arthur, whose term expired).

Appointed as the Student Regent for the Texas State University System Board of Regents, effective June 1, 2024, for a term to expire May 31, 2025, Olivia J. Discon of Conroe, Texas (replacing Kelvin Elgar of Beaumont, whose term expired).

Appointed as the Student Regent for the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents, effective June 1, 2024, for a term to expire May 31, 2025, Jad Zeitouni of Lubbock, Texas (replacing Steeley E. Smith of Lubbock, whose term expired).

Appointed as the Student Regent for the Texas Woman's University Board of Regents, effective June 1, 2024, for a term to expire May 31, 2025, Maya S. Landgrebe of Alvin, Texas (replacing Jianna M. Covarelli of Providence Village, whose term expired).

Appointed as the Student Regent for the University of Houston System Board of Regents, effective June 1, 2024, for a term to expire May 31, 2025, Tomas A. Bryan Perez of Houston, Texas (replacing Mielad J. Ziaee of Houston, whose term expired).

Appointed as the Student Regent for the University of North Texas System Board of Regents, effective June 1, 2024, for a term to expire May 31, 2025, Ethan H. Gillis of Denton, Texas (replacing Adebola "Serah" Sulaiman of Mesquite, whose term expired).

Appointed as the Student Regent for the University of Texas System Board of Regents, effective June 1, 2024, for a term to expire May 31, 2025, Anthony J. Dragan of Dallas, Texas (replacing John Michael Austin of San Antonio, whose term expired).

### Appointments for May 14, 2024

Appointed to the Advisory Council on Cultural Affairs, for a term to expire February 1, 2025, Stewart T. McGregor of Forney, Texas (replacing Mike Arismendez, Jr. of Hutto, who resigned).

Appointed to the Advisory Council on Cultural Affairs, for a term to expire February 1, 2027, Juan G. Ayala of New Braunfels, Texas (General Ayala is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Advisory Council on Cultural Affairs, for a term to expire February 1, 2027, Adriana R. Cruz of Austin, Texas (Ms. Cruz is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Advisory Council on Cultural Affairs, for a term to expire February 1, 2027, Jose A. "Joe" Esparza of Elgin, Texas (replacing Aaron S. Demerson of Austin, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Advisory Council on Cultural Affairs, for a term to expire February 1, 2027, Michael K. Poku, M.D. of Plano, Texas (replacing Veronica "Ronnye" Vargas Stidvent of Austin, whose term expired).

Designated as chair of the Advisory Council on Cultural Affairs, for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Jose A. "Joe" Esparza of Elgin, Texas (replacing Aaron S. Demerson of Austin as chair).

Appointed to the Lower Neches Valley Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire July 28, 2027, Lee P. Mann of Woodville, Texas (replacing Lonnie B. Grissom, Jr. of Woodville, who is deceased).

### Appointments for May 15, 2024

Appointed to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice for a term to expire February 1, 2027, Tommy G. "Tom" Fordyce of Huntsville, Texas (replacing Derrellynn W. Perryman of Fort Worth, who is deceased).

Appointed to the OneStar Foundation for a term to expire March 15, 2027, Abidali Z. "Abid" Neemuchwala of Little Elm, Texas (replacing Sara E. Ramirez of Pflugerville, whose term expired).

Appointed to the OneStar Foundation for a term to expire March 15, 2027, Michael R. Parker of Weatherford, Texas (Mr. Parker is being reappointed).

Appointed to the OneStar Foundation for a term to expire March 15, 2027, Robert G. "Bob" Wright, II of Dallas, Texas (Mr. Wright is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Governing Board of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, for a term to expire January 31, 2029, Ruben D. "Dan" Brown, Jr., of Pflugerville, Texas (Mr. Brown is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Governing Board of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, for a term to expire January 31, 2029, Julie R. Prause of Columbus, Texas (Ms. Prause is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Governing Board of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, for a term to expire January 31, 2029, Hillary

Rodriguez of Houston, Texas (replacing Michael P. "Mike" Hanley of Leander, whose term expired).

Greg Abbott, Governor  
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Proclamation 41-4108

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

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, as amended on Tuesday, May 2, 2024, certifying that the severe storms and flooding that began on April 26, 2024, and included heavy rainfall, flash flooding, river flooding, large hail, and hazardous wind gusts caused widespread and severe property damage, injury, or loss of life in Anderson, Angelina, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Baylor, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bosque, Brazos, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Chambers, Cherokee, Colorado, Comal, Coryell, DeWitt, Dickens, Ellis, Falls, Fayette, Freestone, Galveston, Gillespie, Gonzales, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hardin, Harris, Haskell, Hays, Henderson, Hill, Hood, Houston, Hunt, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Knox, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Llano, Madison, Mason, McLennan, Medina, Milam, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Somervell, Tarrant, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Van Zandt, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wichita, Williamson, and Wilson Counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby amend the

aforementioned proclamation and declare a disaster in the additional counties of Clay, Coleman, Eastland, and Mills 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 7th day of May, 2024.

Greg Abbott, Governor  
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