

# THE GOVERNOR

As required by Government Code, §2002.011(4), the *Texas Register* publishes executive orders issued by the Governor of Texas. Appointments and proclamations are also published. Appointments are published in chronological order. Additional information on documents submitted for publication by the Governor's Office can be obtained by calling (512) 463-1828.

## Appointments

### Appointments for June 11, 2024

Appointed as Judge of the Third Business Court Division, effective September 1, 2024, for a term to expire September 1, 2026, Melissa Davis Andrews of Austin, Texas (pursuant to HB 19, 88th Legislature, Regular Session).

Appointed as Judge of the Third Business Court Division, effective September 1, 2024, for a term to expire September 1, 2026, Patrick K. Sweeten of Austin, Texas (pursuant to HB 19, 88th Legislature, Regular Session).

Appointed as Chief Justice of the Fifteenth Court of Appeals, Place 1, effective September 1, 2024, for a term until December 31, 2026, or until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified, Scott A. Brister of Austin, Texas (pursuant to SB 1045, 88th Legislature, Regular Session).

Appointed as Justice of the Fifteenth Court of Appeals, Place 2, effective September 1, 2024, for a term until December 31, 2026, or until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified, Scott K. Field of Liberty Hill, Texas (pursuant to SB 1045, 88th Legislature, Regular Session).

Appointed as Justice of the Fifteenth Court of Appeals, Place 3, effective September 1, 2024, for a term until December 31, 2026, or until her successor shall be duly elected and qualified, April L. Farris of Sugar Land, Texas (pursuant to SB 1045, 88th Legislature, Regular Session).

### Appointments for June 12, 2024

Appointed as Judge of the First Business Court Division, effective September 1, 2024, for a term to expire September 1, 2026, Andrea K. Bouresa of Murphy, Texas (pursuant to HB 19, 88th Legislature, Regular Session).

Appointed as Judge of the First Business Court Division, effective September 1, 2024, for a term to expire September 1, 2026, William G. "Bill" Whitehill of Dallas, Texas (pursuant to HB 19, 88th Legislature, Regular Session).

Appointed as Judge of the Eighth Business Court Division, effective September 1, 2024, for a term to expire September 1, 2026, Jerry D. Bullard of Colleyville, Texas (pursuant to HB 19, 88th Legislature, Regular Session).

Appointed as Judge of the Eighth Business Court Division, effective September 1, 2024, for a term to expire September 1, 2026, Brian S. Stagner of Fort Worth, Texas (pursuant to HB 19, 88th Legislature, Regular Session).

### Appointments for June 13, 2024

Appointed as Judge of the Fourth Business Court Division, effective September 1, 2024, for a term to expire September 1, 2026, Marialyn P. Barnard of San Antonio, Texas (pursuant to HB 19, 88th Legislature, Regular Session).

Appointed as Judge of the Fourth Business Court Division, effective September 1, 2024, for a term to expire September 1, 2026, Stacy R.

Sharp of San Antonio, Texas (pursuant to HB 19, 88th Legislature, Regular Session).

### Appointments for June 14, 2024

Appointed as Judge of the Eleventh Business Court Division, effective September 1, 2024, for a term to expire September 1, 2026, Maria "Sofia" Adrogué of Houston, Texas (pursuant to HB 19, 88th Legislature, Regular Session).

Appointed as Judge of the Eleventh Business Court Division, effective September 1, 2024, for a term to expire September 1, 2026, Samuel G. "Grant" Dorfman of Bellaire, Texas (pursuant to HB 19, 88th Legislature, Regular Session).

Designated as presiding officer of the Committee to Study the Formation of a Texas Bicentennial Commission for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, John L. Nau, III of Houston, Texas (pursuant to SB 1985, 88th Legislature, Regular Session).

### Appointments for June 17, 2024

Appointed to the Public Safety Commission for a term to expire January 1, 2030, Willis D. "Dan" Hord, III of Midland, Texas (replacing Jesse W. "Dale" Wainwright of Austin, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Public Safety Commission for a term to expire January 1, 2030, Steven H. "Steve" Stodghill of Dallas, Texas (Mr. Stodghill is being reappointed).

Greg Abbott, Governor

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## Appointments

### Appointments for June 18, 2024

Appointed to the Advisory Committee to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Jennifer M. "Jenn" Gonzalez, Ph.D. of Dallas, Texas (replacing Robert S. "Sean" McCleskey of San Antonio, who resigned).

Greg Abbott, Governor

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## Proclamation 41-4118

### 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 Thursday, May 2, 2024, Tuesday, May 7, 2024, Wednesday, May 15, 2024, Monday, May 20, 2024, Sunday, May 26, 2024, Thursday, May 30, 2024, and Wednesday, June 5, 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, Bailey, Bandera, Bastrop, Baylor, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Brazos, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Coleman, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Dallas, Delta, Denton, DeWitt, Dickens, Eastland, Ellis, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Freestone, Galveston, Gillespie, Gonzales, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hardin, Harris, Haskell, Hays, Henderson, Hill, Hockley, Hood, Houston, Hunt, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Knox, Lamar, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Llano, Lynn, Madison, Mason, McCulloch, McLennan, Medina, Menard, Midland, Milam, Mills, Montague, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Red River, Robertson, Rockwall, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Saba, Shelby, Smith, Somervell, Sutton, Tarrant, Terrell, 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 Hopkins and Titus.

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 13th day of June, 2024.

Greg Abbott, Governor  
TRD-202402658



Proclamation 41-4119

**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, 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, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, McMullen, Medina, Menard, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Refugio, San Patricio, Schleicher, Shackelford, 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 15th day of June, 2024.

Greg Abbott, Governor  
TRD-202402659



Proclamation 41-4120

**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, with the exception of Concho, Eastland, Erath, and Gillespie 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, Bee, Bexar, Blanco, Burnet, Calhoun, Cameron, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Culberson, Edwards, El Paso, Hays, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Irion, Jeff Davis, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, Lavaca, Llano, Lubbock, Matagorda, Maverick, Medina, Presidio, Real, Terrell, Tom Green, Travis, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Wharton, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson 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.

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 15th day of June, 2024.

Greg Abbott, Governor

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