

THE GOVERNOR

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Appointments

Appointments for November 28, 2023

Designating Christopher R. "Chris" Carmona of Houston as presiding officer of the Texas Diabetes Council for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor. Mr. Carmona is replacing Feyi Obamehinti, Ed.D. of Keller as presiding officer.

Designating William R. "Bill" Rector, M.D. of Kerrville as president of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor.

Pursuant to HB 1755, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, appointed to the Lone Star Workforce of the Future Fund Advisory Board for a term to expire September 1, 2025, Manuel "Manny" Salazar, III of Kingsville, Texas.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202304382



Proclamation 41-4082

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 20th day of November, 2023.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202304343



Proclamation 41-4083

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on August 11, 2023, certifying that wildfires that began on July 24, 2023, posed an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in several counties; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Division of Emergency Management has confirmed that those same wildfire conditions continue to exist in these and other counties in Texas, with the exception of Archer, Atascosa, Bell, Bexar, Brazos, Burnet, Calhoun, Callahan, Clay, Coke, Coleman, Comal, Cooke, Coryell, Denton, Dickens, Eastland, Edwards, Fannin, Fayette, Gregg, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hood, Karnes, Kendall, Kleberg, Lampasas, Lavaca, Live Oak, Mills, Orange, Palo Pinto, Parker, Pecos, Randall, Rockwall, Runnels, Sabine, San Saba, Shackelford, Somervell, Stephens, Sutton, Tyler, Wichita, Wilson, Yoakum, and Young 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 Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Borden, Brewster, Briscoe, Brooks, Cameron, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Collin, Crockett, Culberson, Dimmit, Donley, Duval, Ector, El Paso, Garza, Glasscock, Gray, Hale, Hall, Haskell, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jack, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, King, Kinney, Knox, LaSalle, Lamb, Lipscomb, Martin, Maverick, Medina, Mitchell, Moore, Newton, Nolan, Oldham, Potter, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Refugio, Roberts, San Patricio, Scurry, Sherman, Starr, Stonewall, Terrell, Throckmorton, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, Webb, Wheeler, Wilbarger, Willacy, Winkler, Wise, 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.

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 20th day of November, 2023.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202304344



Proclamation 41-4084

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 Anderson, Andrews, Archer, Bosque, Brazoria, Brewster, Burleson, Clay, Collin, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Crockett, Dallas, Denton, Edwards, Ellis, Falls, Freestone, Frio, Gaines, Galveston, Glasscock, Grayson, Grimes, Harris, Harrison, Henderson, Hill, Hood, Houston, Howard, Irion, Jack, Johnson, Kaufman, Kimble, Kinney, Martin, McCulloch, McLennan, Menard, Milam, Montague, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Panola, Pecos, Polk, Reagan, Real, Robertson, Rockwall, Runnels, Rusk, San Jacinto, Schleicher, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Tarrant, Taylor,

Tom Green, Travis, Trinity, Upton, Van Zandt, Walker, Ward, Webb, Wise, and Zapata 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 Angelina, Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Brazos, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cameron, Chambers, Childress, Coke, Colorado, Comal, Coryell, Crane, Culberson, DeWitt, Eastland, Ector, El Paso, Erath, Fayette, Fort Bend, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hardeman, Hardin, Hays, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jackson, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Live Oak, Llano, Loving, Madison, Mason, Matagorda, Maverick, Medina, Midland, Mills, Newton, Orange, Palo Pinto, Parker, Presidio, Reeves, Refugio, Sabine, San Augustine, San Saba, Shelby, Sutton, Tyler, Uvalde, Victoria, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Williamson, Wilson, and Winkler 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 admin-

istrative 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 20th day of November, 2023.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202304345



Proclamation 41-4085

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the constitutional actions taken by the Texas House of Representatives on May 9, 2023, as reflected in the adoption of House Resolution No. 1542, have caused a vacancy to exist in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 2, which consists of Hopkins, Hunt, and Van Zandt Counties; and

WHEREAS, a special election to fill the vacancy in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 2 was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, and the results of that special election have been officially declared; and

WHEREAS, no candidate in the special election received a majority of the votes cast, as required by Section 203.003 of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.021 of the Texas Election Code requires that a runoff election be held if no candidate receives the votes necessary to be elected; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.025(d) of the Texas Election Code provides that a runoff election for a special election to fill a vacancy in the legislature must be held not earlier than the 70th day or later than the 77th day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.003(a)(3) of the Texas Election Code requires a special runoff election to be ordered by proclamation of the governor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, do hereby order a special runoff election to be held in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 2 on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the unexpired term of Mr. Bryan Slaton.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, January 22, 2024, in accordance with Sections 85.001(b) and (c) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order shall be mailed immediately to the county judges of all counties contained within Texas State House of Representatives District No. 2, and all appropriate writs shall be issued and all proper proceedings shall be followed to the end so that said runoff election may be held to fill the vacancy in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 2 and its result proclaimed in accordance with law.

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 20th day of November, 2023.

Greg Abbott, Governor

