

# 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 January 14, 2026

Appointed as the Jasper County Criminal District Attorney for a term to expire December 31, 2026, John E. Burt of Buna, Texas (replacing Anne Pickle of Jasper who resigned).

### Appointments for January 15, 2026

Appointed to the Board of Pardons and Paroles for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Clinton M. "Clint" Gunnels of Jonesboro, Texas (replacing Carmella T. Jones of Huntsville whose term expired).

Appointed to the Board of Pardons and Paroles for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Marsha S. Moberley of The Hills, Texas (Chairman Moberley is being reappointed).

Appointed as the Chief Justice of the Seventh Court of Appeals, Place 1, Judy C. Parker of Lubbock, Texas (replacing Chief Justice Brian Quinn of Amarillo who resigned).

Appointed as Judge of the 236th Judicial District, Tarrant County, H. Dustin "Dusty" Fillmore, III of Fort Worth, Texas (replacing Judge Thomas W. "Tom" Lowe, III of Fort Worth who resigned).

### Appointments for January 20, 2026

Appointed to the Governor's Task Force on the Governance of Early Childhood Education and Care for a term to expire September 1, 2027, Jeff Austin, III of Whitehouse, Texas.

Appointed to the Governor's Task Force on the Governance of Early Childhood Education and Care for a term to expire September 1, 2027, Leslie D. Callahan of Amarillo, Texas.

Appointed to the Governor's Task Force on the Governance of Early Childhood Education and Care for a term to expire September 1, 2027, Lori Gabbert Charney of Austin, Texas.

Appointed to the Governor's Task Force on the Governance of Early Childhood Education and Care for a term to expire September 1, 2027, Christopher G. "Grant" Coates of Fort Worth, Texas.

Appointed to the Governor's Task Force on the Governance of Early Childhood Education and Care for a term to expire September 1, 2027, Reagan A. Curran of Midland, Texas.

Appointed to the Governor's Task Force on the Governance of Early Childhood Education and Care for a term to expire September 1, 2027, Tracy L. Hanson, Ed.D. of Killeen, Texas.

Appointed as the presiding officer of the Governor's Task Force on the Governance of Early Childhood Education and Care for a term to expire September 1, 2027, Peter J. Holt of San Antonio, Texas.

Appointed to the Governor's Task Force on the Governance of Early Childhood Education and Care for a term to expire September 1, 2027, Marisela O. Nava of Brownsville, Texas.

Appointed to the Governor's Task Force on the Governance of Early Childhood Education and Care for a term to expire September 1, 2027, John P. "J." Puckett, III of Dallas, Texas.

Appointed to the Governor's Task Force on the Governance of Early Childhood Education and Care for a term to expire September 1, 2027, Jennifer A. Stockemer, Ph.D. of Prosper, Texas.

Appointed to the Governor's Task Force on the Governance of Early Childhood Education and Care for a term to expire September 1, 2027, Nancy C. Windham of Nacogdoches, Texas.

Appointed to the Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Scott Charbonneau of Hurst, Texas (replacing Michael J. "Mike" Doyle of North Richland Hills).

### Appointments for January 21, 2026

Appointed to the Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Council for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Lindsey R. Gohlke of Oglesby, Texas (replacing Abby L. Frank of Brenham whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Council for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Romey L. Swanson of Austin, Texas (Mr. Swanson is being reappointed).

Greg Abbott, Governor

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## Proclamation 41-4257

### 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.

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 17th day of January, 2026.

Greg Abbott, Governor

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#### Proclamation 41-4258

##### **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 17th day of January, 2026.

Greg Abbott, Governor

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#### Proclamation 41-4259

##### **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 Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Blanco, Brewster, Brooks, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Culberson, DeWitt, Dimmit, Donley, Duval, Fayette, Foard, Frio, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Grayson, Guadalupe, Hall, Hardeman, Hays, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Lee, Live Oak, Llano, Lubbock, Matagorda, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Terrell, Travis, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, 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.

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 17th day of January, 2026.

Greg Abbott, Governor

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