

THE GOVERNOR

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Appointments

Appointments for March 27, 2025

Appointed to the OneStar National Service Commission for a term to expire March 15, 2028, Ernest "Ernie" Aliseda of McAllen, Texas (replacing Girien R. Salazar of Dallas, whose term expired).

Appointments for March 28, 2025

Appointed to the Commercial Oyster Mariculture Advisory Board for a term to expire February 1, 2030, Brian K. "Keith" Mears of Rockport, Texas (Mr. Mears is being reappointed).

Appointments for April 1, 2025

Appointed to the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Jose L. Almeda, M.D. of McAllen, Texas (replacing Ahmed O. "Osama" Gaber, M.D. of Houston).

Appointed to the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Lauren R. Ramsey of Argyle, Texas (replacing Dany J. Anchia of Rowlett).

Appointed to the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Leila Williams, D.O. of Austin, Texas (replacing Lisa B. Glenn, M.D. of Austin, who resigned).

Designated as presiding officer of the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Tiffany N. Jones-Smith of San Antonio. Ms. Jones-Smith is replacing Francis H. Wright, M.D. of Marfa as presiding officer.

Appointed to the Environmental Flows Advisory Group for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, L'Oral Stepney of Pflugerville, Texas (replacing Brooke T. Paup of Austin).

Greg Abbott, Governor

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Proclamation 41-4174

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the severe storms and flooding event that began on March 27, 2025, and that included heavy rainfall, flash flooding, and hazardous wind gusts, is causing widespread and severe property damage, injury, or loss of life in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby declare a state of disaster in the previously listed 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 March, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

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