

# 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 April 2, 2025

Appointed to the Texas Workforce Investment Council for a term to expire September 1, 2025, Aida Coronado of Brownsville, Texas (replacing Lauren A. Gore of Houston who resigned).

Appointed to the Texas Workforce Investment Council for a term to expire September 1, 2025, Bobby K. Smith of Buda, Texas (replacing Brandon R. Willis of Beaumont who resigned).

### Appointments for April 3, 2025

Designated as presiding officer of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, John M. "Michael" Glynn, Jr. of Roanoke. Captain Glynn is replacing John Paul "J.P." Steelman of Longview as presiding officer.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202501139



## Proclamation 41-4175

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

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on October 14, 2024, as amended and renewed in a subsequent proclamation, certifying that elevated fire weather conditions pose 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 elevated fire weather conditions persist in certain counties in Texas;

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 Andrews, Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Borden, Brewster, Briscoe, Brown, Callahan, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collingsworth, Comanche, Concho, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, El Paso, Erath, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Haskell, Hemphill, Hockley, Howard, Hudspeth, Hutchinson, Irion, Jack, Jeff Davis, Jones, Kent, Kimble, King, Kinney, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mills, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Nolan, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Parker, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Randall, Reagan, Real, Reeves, Roberts, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Sherman, Stephens, Sterling, Stonewall, Sutton, Swisher, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, Wheeler, Winkler, Wise, and Yoakum 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 3rd day of April, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202501090



## Proclamation 41-4176

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

WHEREAS, the death of the Honorable Sylvester Turner has created a vacancy in the U.S. House of Representatives for the 18th Congressional District of Texas, which is wholly contained within Harris County; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2, Clause 4 of the U.S. Constitution and Section 204.021 of the Texas Election Code require that a special election be ordered upon such a vacancy, and Title 2, Section 8 of the U.S. Code provides that the date of such election may be prescribed by state law; and

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

WHEREAS, Section 201.051(a) of the Texas Election Code requires a special election to be ordered as soon as practicable after a vacancy occurs; and

WHEREAS, Section 203.004(a) of the Texas Election Code provides that the special election generally must be held on the first uniform date occurring on or after the 36th day after the date the election is ordered; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 41.001(a)(3) of the Texas Election Code, the first uniform election date occurring on or after the 36th day after the date the special election is ordered is Tuesday, November 4, 2025;

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 election to be held in Congressional

District 18 on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, for the purpose of electing a U.S. Representative for Congressional District 18 to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Sylvester Turner.

Candidates who wish to have their names placed on the special election ballot must file their applications with the Secretary of State no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, in accordance with Section 201.054(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, October 20, 2025, and end on Friday, October 31, 2025, in accordance with Section 85.001(a) and (c) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order shall be mailed immediately to the Harris County Judge, who presides over the county within which Congressional Dis-

trict 18 is wholly contained, and all appropriate writs shall be issued, and all proper proceedings shall be followed to the end so that said special election may be held to fill the vacancy in Congressional District 18 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 7th day of April, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202501137

◆ ◆ ◆