

# THE GOVERNOR

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## Appointments

### Appointments for April 25, 2025

Appointed to the Texas Poet Laureate, State Musician and State Artists Committee for a term to expire October 1, 2025, John A. Rydman of Houston, Texas (replacing Sean Payton of Killeen, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Faraz A. Kahn, M.D. of Houston, Texas (Dr. Khan is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Regan Landreth of Salado, Texas (Ms. Landreth is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology for a term to expire February 1, 2031, James K. "Ken" Stout of Ropesville, Texas (replacing Carol Waddell of West, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Jason L. Bernal of New Braunfels, Texas (replacing Asia Rodgers of Fort Worth, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners for a term to expire February 1, 2031, David T. Marsden of Weatherford, Texas (replacing Dolores Saenz-Davila of Mission, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Jennifer B. Swords of Euless, Texas (Ms. Swords is being reappointed).

### Appointments for April 28, 2025

Appointed to the State Board for Educator Certification for a term to expire February 1, 2029, Latisha D. Andrews of Houston, Texas (replacing Scott R. Muri, Ed.D. of Odessa, who resigned).

Appointed to the State Board for Educator Certification for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Adam J. Booth of Leander, Texas (replacing Josue Tamarez Torres of Forney, whose term expired).

Appointed to the State Board for Educator Certification for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Wanda H. "Jean" Streepey of Dallas, Texas (Ms. Streepey is being reappointed).

Appointed to the State Board for Educator Certification for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Tara Turk-Zaafan of Houston, Texas (replacing Tommy L. Coleman of Livingston, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas Medical Board for a term to expire April 13, 2031, Devinder S. Bhatia, M.D. of Houston, Texas (Dr. Bhatia is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Texas Medical Board for a term to expire April 13, 2031, Luisa del Rosal of Dallas, Texas (Ms. Del Rosal is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Texas Medical Board for a term to expire April 13, 2031, James S. "JD" Distefano, D.O. of College Station, Texas (Dr. Distefano is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Texas Medical Board for a term to expire April 13, 2031, Mary K. "Kelly" Green, M.D. of Marble Falls, Texas (replacing Satish Nayak, M.D. of Andrews, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas Medical Board for a term to expire April 13, 2031, Tomeka R. Moses Herod of Allen, Texas (Ms. Herod is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Texas Medical Board for a term to expire April 13, 2031, Roberto D. "Robert" Martinez, M.D. of Edinburg, Texas (Dr. Martinez is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Texas Medical Board for a term to expire April 13, 2031, Jason K. Tibbels, M.D. of Bridgeport, Texas (Dr. Tibbels is being reappointed).

### Appointments for April 29, 2025

Designated as presiding officer of the Lower Colorado River Authority for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Stephen F. "Steve" Cooper of El Campo (replacing Timothy T. "Tim" Timmerman of Austin as presiding officer).

Appointed to the Lower Colorado River Authority for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Curtis E. Ford of Austin, Texas (replacing Timothy T. "Tim" Timmerman of Austin, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Lower Colorado River Authority for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Arthur A. "Aden" Lasseter of Round Mountain, Texas (replacing Thomas M. "Tom" Martine of Cypress Mill, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Lower Colorado River Authority for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Robert D. "Bobby" Lewis, D.V.M. of Bastrop, Texas (Dr. Lewis is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Lower Colorado River Authority for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Mark M. Mayo of Luling, Texas (replacing Michael L. "Mike" Allen of Ingram, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Lower Colorado River Authority for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Margaret D. "Meg" Voelter of Austin, Texas (Ms. Voelter is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists for a term to expire February 1, 2031, Russell F. "Russ" Bartee, Ph.D. of Fort Worth, Texas (Dr. Bartee is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists for a term to expire February 1, 2031, James Castro of Bergheim, Texas (replacing Jeanene L. Smith of Austin, whose term expired).

Appointed to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists for a term to expire February 1, 2031, William R. "Will" Price of Houston, Texas (replacing Daniel W. Parrish of DeSoto, whose term expired).

## Appointments for April 30, 2025

Designated as board president of the San Jacinto River Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor, Ronald W. "Ronnie" Anderson of Mont Belvieu.

Appointed to the San Jacinto River Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire October 16, 2027, Charles E. "Ed" Boulware, Jr. of Montgomery, Texas (Mr. Boulware is being reappointed).

Appointed to the San Jacinto River Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire October 16, 2027, Mark F. Micheletti of Kingwood, Texas (Mr. Micheletti is being reappointed).

Appointed to the State Preservation Board for a term to expire February 1, 2027, Alethea Swann Bugg of San Antonio, Texas (Ms. Bugg is being reappointed).

Greg Abbott, Governor

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## Proclamation 41-4177

### 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, McMullen, Medina, Menard, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Schleicher, Shackelford, Starr, 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 22nd day of April, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202501382



## Proclamation 41-4178

### 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;

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, Bandera, Bastrop, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Brewster, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Colorado, Comal, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, DeWitt, Dimmit, Donley, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Foard, Franklin, Frio, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Grayson, Guadalupe, Hall, Hardeman, Hays, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Irion, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Kleberg, Lampasas, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Llano, Loving, Lubbock, Mason, Matagorda, Maverick, McCulloch, McMullen, Medina, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Montgomery, Nueces, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, San Patricio, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry, Sutton, Terrell, Tom Green, Travis, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Ward, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Wichita, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson, Winkler, 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 22nd day of April, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202501383



## Proclamation 41-4179

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

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 29, 2025, certifying that the severe storms and flooding event that began on March 27, 2025, which included heavy rainfall, flash flooding, and hazardous wind gusts, caused 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 renew the aforementioned proclamation and declare a 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 28th day of April, 2025.

Greg Abbott, Governor

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