

THE GOVERNOR

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Appointments

Appointments for June 1, 2023

Appointed as the Student Regent for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a term to expire May 31, 2024, Cage M. Sawyers of Anna, Texas (replacing Georgia A. Blackwell of Venus whose term expired).

Appointed as the Student Regent for the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents for a term to expire May 31, 2024, Elizabeth A. "Annie" Valicek of Houston, Texas (replacing Demetrius L. Harrell, Jr. of Commerce whose term expired).

Appointed as the Student Regent for the Texas Southern University System Board of Regents for a term to expire May 31, 2024, Dylan C. Getwood of Port Arthur, Texas (replacing Keonne M. McClain of Houston whose term expired).

Appointed as the Student Regent for the Texas State University System Board of Regents for a term to expire May 31, 2024, Kelvin Elgar of Beaumont, Texas (replacing Gabriel T. Webb of The Hills whose term expired).

Appointed as the Student Regent for the Texas Woman's University Board of Regents for a term to expire May 31, 2024, Jianna M. Covarelli of Providence Village, Texas (replacing Lily E. Wilson of Rockwall whose term expired).

Appointed as the Student Regent for the University of Houston System Board of Regents for a term to expire May 31, 2024, Mielad J. Ziaee of Houston, Texas (replacing Edward Carrizales-Saucedo of Cypress whose term expired).

Appointed as the Student Regent for the University of North Texas System Board of Regents for a term to expire May 31, 2024, Adebola "Serah" Sulaiman of Mesquite, Texas (replacing Michael A. "Andy" McDowall of Seguin whose term expired).

Appointed as the Student Regent for the University of Texas System Board of Regents for a term to expire May 31, 2024, John Michael Austin of San Antonio, Texas (replacing Neelesh C. "Neel" Mutyala of Sugar Land whose term expired).

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202302071



Proclamation 41-3976

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the power of impeachment is vested in the Texas House of Representatives by Article XV, Section 1 of the Texas Constitution; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2023, the Texas House of Representatives adopted House Resolution No. 2377 to prefer articles of impeachment against Warren Kenneth Paxton, Jr., Attorney General of Texas; and

WHEREAS, a certified copy of such articles of impeachment was delivered to the Senate on May 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XV, Section 2 of the Texas Constitution, impeachment of the Attorney General shall be tried by the Texas Senate in due course; and

WHEREAS, there now exists a vacancy in the office of Attorney General by operation of Article XV, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution, which dictates that all officers against whom articles of impeachment may be preferred shall be suspended from the exercise of the duties of their office during the pendency of such impeachment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article XV, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution, do hereby make a provisional appointment of The Honorable John Scott, former Texas Secretary of State, to serve as Attorney General until the decision on the impeachment.

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 31st day of May, 2023.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202302057



Proclamation 41-3977

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 May 27, 2023, and that included heavy rainfall, flash flooding, and hazardous wind gusts, are causing widespread and severe property damage, injury, or loss of life in Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Deaf Smith, Garza, Hale, Lamb, Lynn, Parmer, Potter, Randall, and Roberts 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 6th day of June, 2023.

Greg Abbott, Governor

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