

# THE GOVERNOR

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## Appointments

### Appointments for October 19, 2023

Appointed to the Office of Small Business Assistance Advisory Task Force for a term to expire June 14, 2025, Eduardo A. Contreras of Austin, Texas (Mr. Contreras is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Office of Small Business Assistance Advisory Task Force for a term to expire June 14, 2025, Lisa A. Fullerton of Boerne, Texas (Ms. Fullerton is being reappointed).

Appointed to the Office of Small Business Assistance Advisory Task Force for a term to expire June 14, 2025, Omar Veliz of El Paso, Texas (Mr. Veliz is being reappointed).

### Appointments for October 25, 2023

Appointed to the State Independent Living Council for a term to expire June 20, 2025, Lisa M. Thompson of Atlanta, Texas (replacing Eva M. Storey of Sugar Land, who resigned).

Appointed to the State Independent Living Council for a term to expire October 24, 2026, Erin "Amanda" Bowdoin of Forney, Texas (replacing April S. Pollreis of Amarillo, whose term expired).

Appointed to the State Independent Living Council for a term to expire October 24, 2026, Melva S. Henderson of Dallas, Texas (Ms. Henderson is being reappointed).

Appointed to the State Independent Living Council for a term to expire October 24, 2026, Bonnie M. Notargiacomo of Willis, Texas (Ms. Notargiacomo is being reappointed).

Appointed to the State Independent Living Council for a term to expire October 24, 2026, Juanita J. "Nita" Webber of Houston, Texas (replacing Debra L. Medellin of Alice, whose term expired).

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202303919



## Proclamation 41-4078

### 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 continue to exist in these and other 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 Anderson, Andrews, Angelina, Aransas, Archer, Atascosa, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bosque, Brazoria, Brazos,

Brewster, Burtleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cameron, Chambers, Clay, Coke, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dallas, Denton, DeWitt, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Ellis, El Paso, Erath, Falls, Fayette, Fort Bend, Freestone, Frio, Gaines, Galveston, Gillespie, Glasscock, Goliad, Gonzales, Grayson, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hardeman, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hood, Houston, Howard, Hudspeth, Irion, Jack, Jackson, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Johnson, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Live Oak, Llano, Loving, Madison, Martin, Mason, Matagorda, Maverick, McCulloch, McLennan, Medina, Menard, Midland, Milam, Mills, Montague, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Orange, Palo Pinto, Panola, Parker, Pecos, Polk, Presidio, Reagan, Real, Reeves, Refugio, Robertson, Rockwall, Runnels, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Saba, Schleicher, Shelby, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Sutton, Tarrant, Taylor, Tom Green, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upton, Uvalde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Ward, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Williamson, Wilson, Winkler, Wise, and Zapata 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 21st day of October, 2023.

Greg Abbott, Governor

TRD-202303899



## Proclamation 41-4079

### 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 Bee, Brewster, Brooks, Caldwell, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, DeWitt, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jackson, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, McMullen, Med-

ina, Menard, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Refugio, San Patricio, Schleicher, 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 21st day of October, 2023.

Greg Abbott, Governor

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