

# SENATE JOURNAL

EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE — THIRD CALLED SESSION

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AUSTIN, TEXAS

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PROCEEDINGS

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## SECOND DAY

(Tuesday, September 21, 2021)

The Senate met at 12:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by President Pro Tempore Campbell.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Buckingham, Campbell, Creighton, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Menéndez, Miles, Nelson, Nichols, Paxton, Perry, Powell, Schwertner, Seliger, Springer, Taylor, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

The President Pro Tempore announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

Senator Hancock offered the invocation as follows:

Gracious heavenly Father, we are grateful that You're a God who's always with us, that You're a God who never changes, always present, always powerful, always loving and kind, that You are the most consistent thing ever in our life. We pray that we would follow You, that we would be led by You, that we would listen to You, that we would stop and reflect upon You from time to time, to be still in the moment. So, God, as a group, we want to thank You, as strange as it may sound, for giving us this opportunity once again to come and represent those that have placed us here and given us such vitally important opportunities to lead this state and lead these people. We pray that we do it humbly, we would do it with great grace and understanding towards all, seeking higher power and higher wisdom from You. And as You do that, that we would listen, that we would be obedient to that regardless of the consequences. May we continue to hold steadfast in our faith, in our love for You and for those in this great state we love, that we thank You again for just giving us another day. In Your name I pray. Amen.

Senator Whitmire moved that the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day be dispensed with and the Journal be approved as printed.

The motion prevailed without objection.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following Message from the Governor was read and was referred to the Committee on Nominations:

September 21, 2021

**TO THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, THIRD CALLED SESSION:**

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointments:

**ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS, TEXAS BOARD OF**

Robert S. "Bob" Wetmore - Austin

Appointment Date: September 8, 2021

Expiration Date: January 31, 2027

**CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND STROKE, COUNCIL ON**

Lourdes M. Cuellar - Houston

Appointment Date: September 13, 2021

Expiration Date: February 1, 2027

**EDUCATION CHAIR, STATE BOARD OF**

Keven Ellis D.C. - Lufkin

Appointment Date: September 17, 2021

Expiration Date: September 16, 2023

**EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION, STATE BOARD FOR**

Bena L. Glasscock - Adrian

Appointment Date: September 9, 2021

Expiration Date: February 1, 2027

**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, COMMISSION ON STATE**

Larry L. "Chip" VanSteenberg - Conroe

Appointment Date: September 20, 2021

Expiration Date: September 1, 2027

Von C. Washington - El Paso

Appointment Date: September 20, 2021

Expiration Date: September 1, 2027

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, TEXAS COMMISSION ON**

Jonathan K. "Jon" Niermann - Austin

Appointment Date: September 7, 2021

Expiration Date: August 31, 2027

**HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TEXAS**

Paula E. Anthony-McMann Ph.D. - Tyler

Appointment Date: September 15, 2021

Expiration Date: June 15, 2023

Victoria Ai Linh Bryant Pharm.D. - Houston

Appointment Date: September 15, 2021

Expiration Date: June 15, 2023

Shannon S. Calhoun - Goliad

Appointment Date: September 15, 2021

Expiration Date: June 15, 2023

Salil V. Deshpande M.D. - Houston

Appointment Date: September 15, 2021

Expiration Date: June 15, 2023

Emily F. Hartmann - El Paso

Appointment Date: September 15, 2021

Expiration Date: June 15, 2023

Kenneth S. James - Volente

Appointment Date: September 15, 2021

Expiration Date: June 15, 2023

Jerome P. Lisk M.D. - Tyler

Appointment Date: September 15, 2021

Expiration Date: June 15, 2023

Leticia C. Rodriguez - Monahans

Appointment Date: September 15, 2021

Expiration Date: June 15, 2023

Jonathan J. Sandstrom Hill - Lakeway

Appointment Date: September 15, 2021

Expiration Date: June 15, 2023

Siobhan Shahan - Lubbock

Appointment Date: September 15, 2021

Expiration Date: June 15, 2023

Cynthia A. "Cindy" Stinson Ph.D. - Lumberton

Appointment Date: September 15, 2021

Expiration Date: June 15, 2023

Carlos J. Vital M.D. - Friendswood

Appointment Date: September 15, 2021

Expiration Date: June 15, 2023

#### HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS

Richard L. "Rick" Clemmer - Austin

Appointment Date: September 13, 2021

Expiration Date: August 31, 2023

Robert P. Gauntt - Austin

Appointment Date: September 13, 2021

Expiration Date: August 31, 2027

#### INSURANCE, COMMISSIONER OF

Cassandra J. "Cassie" Brown - Del Valle

Appointment Date: September 7, 2021

Expiration Date: February 1, 2023

**MEDICAL BOARD, TEXAS**

Ada L. Booth M.D. - Corpus Christi

Appointment Date: September 20, 2021

Expiration Date: April 13, 2027

Michael E. Cokinos - Houston

Appointment Date: September 20, 2021

Expiration Date: April 13, 2027

Kandace B. Farmer D.O. - Southlake

Appointment Date: September 20, 2021

Expiration Date: April 13, 2027

LuAnn R. Morgan - Midland

Appointment Date: September 20, 2021

Expiration Date: April 13, 2027

Jayaram B. "Jay" Naidu M.D. - Odessa

Appointment Date: September 20, 2021

Expiration Date: April 13, 2027

Ebony V. Todd - Fort Hood

Appointment Date: September 20, 2021

Expiration Date: April 13, 2027

Sherif Zaafran M.D. - Houston

Appointment Date: September 20, 2021

Expiration Date: April 13, 2027

**NECHES VALLEY AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LOWER**

Lonnie B. Grissom Jr. - Woodville

Appointment Date: September 16, 2021

Expiration Date: July 28, 2027

Virginia "Ivy" Pate - Beaumont

Appointment Date: September 16, 2021

Expiration Date: July 28, 2027

Juanita "Jeanie" Turk - Sour Lake

Appointment Date: September 16, 2021

Expiration Date: July 28, 2027

**PRESIDING JUDGE, FOURTH ADMINISTRATIVE JUDICIAL REGION**

Sidney L. "Sid" Harle - San Antonio

Appointment Date: September 8, 2021

Expiration Date: September 8, 2025

**RACING COMMISSION, TEXAS**

Rebecca A. Contreras - Hutto

Appointment Date: September 10, 2021

Expiration Date: February 1, 2025

Constance C. "Connie" McNabb D.V.M. - Montgomery

Appointment Date: September 10, 2021

Expiration Date: February 1, 2027

Arvel J. "A.J." Waight Jr. - Willow City

Appointment Date: September 10, 2021

Expiration Date: February 1, 2027

**TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS**

Antonio "Tony" Abad - San Antonio

Appointment Date: September 15, 2021

Expiration Date: August 31, 2027

Curtis C. Cleveland - Waco

Appointment Date: September 15, 2021

Expiration Date: August 31, 2027

Sandra L. "Lizzy" de la Garza Putegnat - Harlingen

Appointment Date: September 15, 2021

Expiration Date: August 31, 2027

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS**

Shelley S. Sweatt Ed.D. - Wichita Falls

Appointment Date: September 17, 2021

Expiration Date: February 1, 2027

**VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS, STATE BOARD OF**

Sandra "Lynn" Criner D.V.M. - Needville

Appointment Date: September 16, 2021

Expiration Date: August 26, 2027

Keith A. Pardue - Austin

Appointment Date: September 16, 2021

Expiration Date: August 26, 2027

Jessica S. Quillivan D.V.M - Magnolia

Appointment Date: September 16, 2021

Expiration Date: August 26, 2027

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott

Governor

**RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION**

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

**Memorial Resolution**

**SR 8** by Hinojosa, In memory of Jesus "Jesse" S. Trevino.

**Congratulatory Resolution**

**SR 7** by Eckhardt, Recognizing the Center for Mexican American Studies at The University of Texas at Austin on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

**MOTION TO RECESS**

On motion of Senator Hall and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 12:23 p.m. agreed to recess, pending the receipt of committee reports, until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

**RECESS**

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 5:00 p.m. recessed until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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**APPENDIX**

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following committee reports were received by the Secretary of the Senate in the order listed:

September 21, 2021

FINANCE — **CSSB 1**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — **SB 3**

**RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED**

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**SR 7, SR 8**