

# SENATE JOURNAL

EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE — FIRST CALLED SESSION

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AUSTIN, TEXAS

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PROCEEDINGS

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SECOND DAY

(Monday, July 12, 2021)

The Senate met at 10:17 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

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 announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

Senator Hughes offered the invocation as follows:

Father, we come to You in the powerful and lovely name of Your son, the Lord Jesus, the king of kings, and the lord of lords, the creator of the universe. We thank You for putting each one of us here. Each one here has a role, some more public than others, all so important. And, Father, we're reminded of what Your word tells us. We'll be dealing with difficult issues and having discussions and debates. And Your word tells us that even if we have perfect knowledge and can speak, even with the tongues of angels, even can be masterfully eloquent, if we can do all these things but we lack love, it doesn't count. It doesn't matter. It's nothing. It's just noise. So, Father, remind me, remind each one of us of that. We pray as we advocate fiercely and aggressively for our constituents, help us to listen to one another and to represent our constituents well and to do this process in a way that honors You and honors them. We thank You for putting us here. We ask You to give us wisdom. You promised to give it to us if we ask, and we ask. Give it to us, we pray. Thank You for each one who is working behind the scenes to get this all done. Thank You for blessing us today. In Jesus' name. 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:

July 9, 2021

TO THE SENATE OF THE 87th LEGISLATURE, FIRST CALLED SESSION:

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

COMMUNITY-BASED CARE TRANSITION, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF  
Theresa L. "Trisha" Thomas - Pflugerville

Appointment Date: June 29, 2021

EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION, STATE BOARD FOR

Andrew B. Kim - New Braunfels

Appointment Date: June 2, 2021

Expiration Date: February 1, 2027

GULF COAST PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sally L. Bakko - League City

Appointment Date: June 22, 2021

Expiration Date: June 16, 2025

Michel J. Bechtel - Morgan's Point

Appointment Date: June 22, 2021

Expiration Date: June 16, 2025

Roger D. Guenther - Galveston

Appointment Date: June 22, 2021

Expiration Date: June 16, 2025

Robert D. "Bob" Mitchell - Pearland

Appointment Date: June 22, 2021

Expiration Date: June 16, 2025

Lori J. Traweck - Seabrook

Appointment Date: June 22, 2021

Expiration Date: June 16, 2025

Michael D. VanDerSnick - Houston

Appointment Date: June 22, 2021

Expiration Date: June 16, 2025

HISTORICAL COMMISSION, TEXAS

Monica P. Burdette - Rockport

Appointment Date: June 8, 2021

Expiration Date: February 1, 2027

Lilia M. Garcia - Raymondville

Appointment Date: June 8, 2021

Expiration Date: February 1, 2027

David A. Gravelle - Highland Park  
Appointment Date: June 8, 2021  
Expiration Date: February 1, 2027

John L. Nau III - Houston  
Appointment Date: June 8, 2021  
Expiration Date: February 1, 2027

Frank T. "Tom" Perini - Buffalo Gap  
Appointment Date: June 8, 2021  
Expiration Date: February 1, 2027

#### JUDGE, 355TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HOOD COUNTY

Bryan T. Bufkin - Granbury  
Appointment Date: June 17, 2021  
Expiration Date: December 31, 2022

#### OMBUDSMAN FOR STATE SUPPORTED LIVING CENTERS, INDEPENDENT

Candace M. Jennings - Austin  
Appointment Date: June 9, 2021  
Expiration Date: February 1, 2023

#### PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

Anna Benavides Galo - Laredo  
Appointment Date: June 1, 2021  
Expiration Date: February 1, 2027

#### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Lori A. Cobos - Austin  
Appointment Date: June 17, 2021  
Expiration Date: September 1, 2021

#### SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER BOARD, TEXAS

Isaac W. "Bill" Avera - Jacksonville  
Appointment Date: July 6, 2021  
Expiration Date: February 1, 2022

#### TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

Sheila J. Faske - Rose City  
Appointment Date: July 7, 2021  
Expiration Date: February 1, 2027

Stephen J. Lee - Beaumont  
Appointment Date: July 7, 2021  
Expiration Date: February 1, 2027

Alan L. Tinsley - Madisonville  
Appointment Date: July 7, 2021  
Expiration Date: February 1, 2027

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott  
Governor

**RECESS**

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the Senate at 10:27 a.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:

July 12, 2021

STATE AFFAIRS — **CSSB 1**

JURISPRUDENCE — **SB 6, SJR 3**

FINANCE — **SB 7**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — **SB 8, SB 12, SJR 4**