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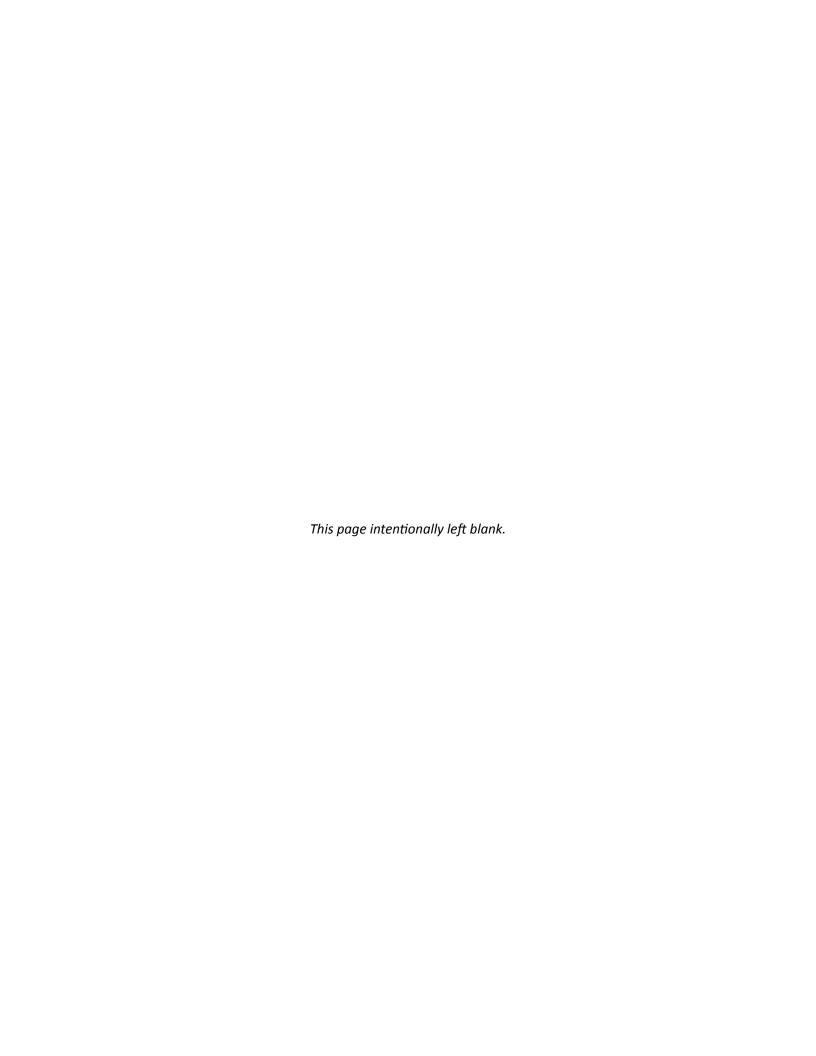
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FOREWORD

New, Renamed, and Abolished State Governmental Entities is a biennial publication that provides information on the function and composition of statutory state agencies, interagency panels, advisory committees, and other state governmental entities that have been created, renamed, or eliminated by the Texas Legislature.

The **New Entities** section provides information on each of the 54 entities created by the 89th Legislature. Some of these new entities are associated with the creation, restructuring, or abolishment of another entity. In such instances, a reference to the corresponding entity is included.

The **Renamed Entities** section provides information on the 11 entities renamed by the 89th Legislature, including whether an entity's function or composition was unchanged or revised.

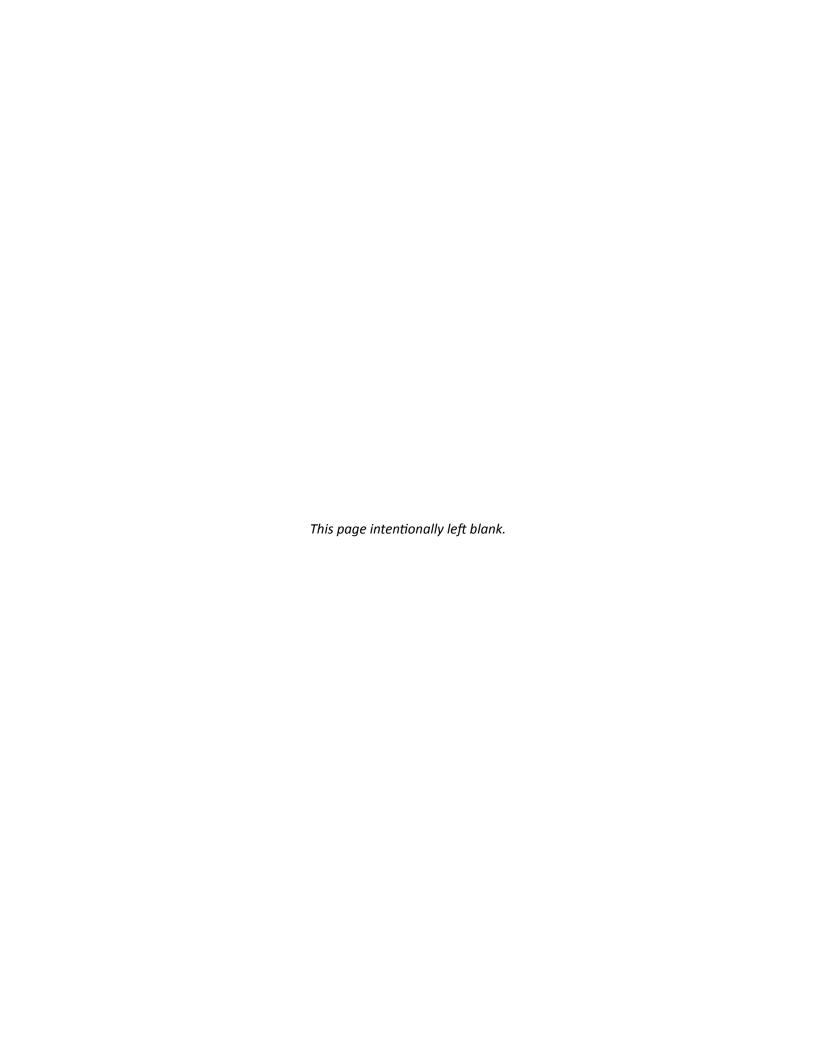
The **Abolished Entities** section provides information on each of the 20 entities that were explicitly abolished or that were discontinued because the statute creating the entity was repealed by the 89th Legislature. If the function of the entity was transferred to an already existing entity, that is noted. If the function was assigned to a new entity described in the New Entities section, a reference to the corresponding entity is included.

For each entity included in the publication, the following information is provided:

- Name—The name of the entity as it appears in the enabling legislation or a descriptive phrase
 for the entity. If the entity advises or is administratively attached to a state agency, or if a
 state agency appoints members or provides staff support to the entity, that agency's name
 appears in parentheses. For an entity that has been renamed, the previous name is indicated.
 For an abolished entity, if its function is transferred, the entity that assumes that function is
 also named.
- Legislation—The bill and specific bill sections that contain provisions creating, renaming, or abolishing the entity and that may contain other information, such as the function and composition.
- Effective/Abolished—The date the provision creating, renaming, or abolishing the entity becomes effective. If creation of the entity is authorized instead of mandated, that is noted.
- Function—Powers and duties of the entity. For entities that have been renamed, a brief
 explanation of its revised function and the transfer of all or part of the function to another
 entity is included, if applicable.
- Composition—Membership information for the entity, including the number of members, appointment criteria, and terms of office. Information about the designation or selection of the presiding officer is included if that information is in the bill. If the composition of a renamed entity has been changed, a brief explanation of the change is provided.
- Expiration Date—When applicable, the sunset date or other expiration date included in the legislation creating a new entity or in the enabling statute for a renamed entity. Section 2110.008, Government Code, relating to the duration of advisory bodies, may be applicable to certain entities.

Indexes at the end of this publication provide links organized by subject area and administering agency.

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NEW ENTITIES

Acute Psychiatric Bed Registry Work Group (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: Senate Bill 2069, Sections 1-2

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function: Conducts a study on the feasibility of implementing a statewide or regional acute psychiatric bed registry to list available beds at inpatient mental health facilities for the inpatient psychiatric treatment of certain individuals

Composition (at least 15 members):

- The chair of the Texas Hospital Association or the chair's designee
- The president of the Texas Medical Association or the president's designee
- The president of the Texas Nurses Association or the president's designee
- 2 members who are experts in the field of technology
- 1 member who is a licensed psychiatrist
- 1 member who is a licensed professional counselor
- 1 member who works in a substance use treatment facility
- 1 member who is a representative of a hospital located in a rural area of Texas
- 1 member who is a representative of a hospital located in a county with a population of four million or more
- 1 member who is a representative of a hospital located in an urban area of Texas in a county with a population of less than four million
- 1 member who is a representative of a public hospital
- 1 member who is a representative of a private hospital
- 1 member who is a statistician
- 1 member who is a public health expert
- Any other member with appropriate expertise as the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission determines necessary

The work group elects a presiding officer from among its members.

Expiration: November 1, 2028

Advisory Committee on Suicide Prevention and Peer Support Programs in Fire Departments (Texas Commission on Fire Protection)

Legislation: House Bill 1593, Sections 1-4

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

• Studies the need to implement suicide prevention and peer support programs in fire departments in Texas

 Not later than September 1, 2026, prepares and submits a report to the governor and the legislature that provides an overview of suicide prevention and peer support groups in fire departments, addresses possible licensing requirements and any confidentiality concerns, and provides related recommendations

Composition (11 members):

- 2 fire fighters, appointed by the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters
- 2 fire fighters, appointed by the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas
- 2 fire chiefs, appointed by the Texas Fire Chiefs Association
- 1 person who is licensed to provide professional mental health services, appointed by the Texas Fire Chiefs Association
- 1 person who is licensed to provide professional mental health services, appointed by the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters
- 1 person who is licensed to provide professional mental health services, appointed by the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas
- 1 person, appointed by the executive director of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service
- The executive director of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection

The advisory committee designates a committee member to serve as chair.

Expiration: January 10, 2027

Alamo Commission (State Preservation Board)

Legislation: Senate Bill 3059, Sections 4-18

Effective: September 1, 2027

Function:

- Responsible for the preservation, maintenance, and restoration of the Alamo complex and its contents and the protection of the historical and architectural integrity of the exterior, interior, and grounds of the Alamo complex
- Enters into a memorandum of understanding with the City of San Antonio to coordinate the planning and development of improvements to the Alamo complex and the area immediately surrounding the complex
- Designates an appropriate place in the complex for the secure display of the victory or death letter, the Alamo battle flag, and the 1813 Declaration of Independence
- Negotiates an agreement with appropriate authorities in Mexico regarding the flag of the New Orleans Greys or the 1813 Declaration of Independence
- Enters into an agreement with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for DPS to provide security operations for the Alamo complex
- Prepares an annual budget and work plan for the Alamo complex and the buildings in the complex, their contents, and their grounds
- Uses the Alamo complex account to administer its duties relating to the complex

Composition (5 members):

- The governor
- The lieutenant governor

- The speaker of the house
- 1 state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 state representative appointed by the speaker of the house

A member appointed by the lieutenant governor or speaker of the house serves for a two-year term. The position of presiding officer is a two-year term that rotates among the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house. The members who are eligible to serve but are not serving as the presiding officer must serve as joint assistant presiding officers for two-year terms.

Expiration: September 1, 2029, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Child Protective Investigations Advisory Committee

(Department of Family and Protective Services)

Legislation: House Bill 140, Section 5

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Improves the accuracy and standardization of the application of investigative legal requirements and Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) investigative policies and procedures during child abuse, neglect, and exploitation investigations
- · Advises and makes recommendations to DFPS on matters relating to those investigations
- Makes recommendations for conducting child protective investigations, monitoring compliance with investigative requirements under applicable law, developing and monitoring the implementation of policies and procedures to protect the due process rights of individuals subject to child abuse or neglect investigations, and monitoring the execution of policies and procedures across all DFPS jurisdictions for the subject of an investigation
- Identifies challenges or barriers to the standardization of child protective investigative
 practices and procedures and the application and implementation of legal requirements
 and DFPS investigative policies and procedures in child abuse and neglect investigations
- Makes recommendations to address such challenges and barriers, including any training or other accountability measures required to address them
- Identifies and monitors challenges related to DFPS's interaction and collaboration with external parties that participate in the investigation processes
- Makes recommendations for legal procedures for the operations of those parties
- Submits an annual report, not later than September 30, to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, members of the legislature, and the commissioner of DFPS on certain data related to child abuse, neglect, and exploitation cases

Composition (at least 13 members):

- 1 public member appointed by the governor to represent the governor's office who serves as chair
- 1 public member appointed by the lieutenant governor to represent the lieutenant governor's office who serves as vice chair
- 1 public member appointed by the speaker of the house to represent the speaker's office

- The DFPS employee charged with oversight of child protective investigations appointed by the commissioner
- 1 regional director of investigations appointed by the commissioner
- At least 1 child protective investigations supervisor or investigator appointed by the commissioner from a rural region
- At least 1 child protective investigations supervisor or investigator appointed by the commissioner from an urban region
- 1 district judge who has experience presiding over suits affecting the parent-child relationship appointed by the governor
- 1 parent or caregiver who has been involved in a child protective services legal case appointed by the commissioner
- 4 members appointed by the commissioner with consideration to individuals who have relevant experience as the following:
 - » a county district attorney
 - » an attorney assigned to represent caregivers, children, or parents in legal cases involving DFPS
 - » an associate judge who hears or has heard child protective legal cases
 - » a state or local law enforcement officer
 - » a parent who has been the subject of a child protective investigation
 - » an individual who has been in DFPS conservatorship
 - » an individual employed as a consultant to represent the interests of a parent in a child protective investigation

The commissioner must consult with the chair of each standing legislative committee with primary jurisdiction over child protective services in appointing members, and members who are employed by DFPS serve as nonvoting members.

Expiration: September 1, 2029

Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas

Legislation: Senate Bill 5, Sections 1-3 and 5

Effective: December 1, 2025 (Senate Joint Resolution 3, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, was approved by the voters)

- Creates and expedites innovation in research on dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders
- Attracts, creates, or expands research capabilities of eligible institutions of higher education
 and other public or private entities by awarding grants to promote a substantial increase
 in research on and strategies for prevention of those diseases and related disorders, and
 the creation of exceptional jobs in Texas
- Establishes appropriate standards and oversight bodies to ensure the proper use of money
- Monitors grant contracts, ensures grant recipients' compliance with contract terms and conditions, and ensures all grant proposals are in compliance with applicable law before submission to the institute's oversight committee

- Establishes procedures to document compliance by the institute, institute employees, and institute committee members with all laws and rules governing the peer review process and conflicts of interest
- Not later than January 31 of each year, prepares and submits to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and standing legislative committee with primary jurisdiction over institute matters a report on certain matters relating to the institute
- Annually commissions a certified public accounting firm to perform an independent financial audit of the institute's activities
- Establishes a compliance program to monitor compliance with applicable law and for use in reporting incidents of noncompliance to the institute's oversight committee
- Establishes a peer review process to evaluate and recommend all grants the oversight committee awards

Composition (unspecified number of members): The institute's oversight committee must hire a chief executive officer who has demonstrated the ability to lead and develop academic, commercial, and governmental partnerships and coalitions. The institute must employ a chief compliance officer, and the chief executive officer may hire any other officer position the chief executive officer determines necessary for the institute's efficient operation. The institute may also employ necessary staff to provide to the institute administrative support.

Expiration: September 1, 2035, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas Oversight Committee

(Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas)

Legislation: Senate Bill 5, Sections 1 and 4

Effective: December 1, 2025 (<u>Senate Joint Resolution 3</u>, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, was approved by the voters)

Function:

- Serves as the governing body of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas
- Annually sets priorities for each of the institute's grant programs and considers those priorities in awarding grants
- Establishes a peer review committee and adopts conflict-of-interest rules

Composition (9 members):

- 3 members appointed by the governor
- 3 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 members appointed by the speaker of the house

Committee members must represent Texas' geographic and cultural diversity. The governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house must each appoint at least one person who is a physician or a scientist with extensive experience working with dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, or related disorders or in the public health field and attempt to include persons affected by those diseases or related disorders. Committee members serve staggered sixyear terms, with the terms of three members expiring on January 31 of each odd-numbered year.

The committee elects a presiding officer and assistant presiding officer from among its members every two years.

Expiration: September 1, 2035, unless the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas is continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas Peer Review Committee (Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas)

Legislation: Senate Bill 5, Section 1

Effective: December 1, 2025 (<u>Senate Joint Resolution 3</u>, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, was approved by the voters)

Function: Scores grant applications and makes recommendations to the program integration committee and the oversight committee of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas regarding the award of grants, including providing a prioritized list that ranks the grant applications in the order the peer review committee determines applications should be funded and includes information explaining each grant applicant's qualification under the peer review committee's standards for recommendation

Composition (unspecified number of members): The institute's chief executive officer, with approval by a simple majority of the oversight committee members, appoints the following:

- Experts in fields related to dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, or related disorders, including research, health care, dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and Parkinson's disease treatment and prevention, and other study areas
- Trained patient advocates who meet applicable qualifications

Peer review committee members' terms are determined by the chief executive officer.

Expiration: September 1, 2035, unless the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas is continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas Higher Education Advisory Committee (Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas)

Legislation: Senate Bill 5, Section 1

Effective: December 1, 2025 (<u>Senate Joint Resolution 3</u>, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, was approved by the voters)

Function: Advises the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas Oversight Committee on issues, opportunities, the role of higher education, and other subjects involving research on dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders

Composition (8 members): 1 member appointed by each of the following individuals:

- The chancellor of The University of Texas System
- The chancellor of The Texas A&M University System

- The chancellor of the Texas Tech University System
- The chancellor of the University of Houston System
- The chancellor of the Texas State University System
- The chancellor of the University of North Texas System
- The president of Baylor College of Medicine
- The president of Rice University

Expiration: September 1, 2035, unless the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas is continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas Program Integration Committee (Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas)

Legislation: Senate Bill 5, Section 1

Effective: December 1, 2025 (<u>Senate Joint Resolution 3</u>, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, was approved by the voters)

Function: Submits to the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas Oversight Committee a list of grant applications the program integration committee by majority vote approves for recommendation that meets certain criteria

Composition (5 members):

- The institute's chief executive officer who serves as presiding officer of the committee
- 3 senior-level institute employees responsible for program policy and oversight who are appointed by the chief executive officer with the approval of a majority of the institute's oversight committee members
- The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission or the executive commissioner's designee

Expiration: September 1, 2035, unless the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas is continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act)

Department of Information Resources Advisory Committee on Information Security Programs (Department of Information Resources)

Legislation: House Bill 1500, Section 11

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function: Advises the governing board of the Department of Information Resources (DIR) on governing DIR and DIR's functions regarding the development and implementation of information security programs

Composition (unspecified number of members)

Department of Information Resources Advisory Committee on Procurement

(Department of Information Resources)

Legislation: House Bill 1500, Section 11

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function: Advises the governing board of the Department of Information Resources (DIR) on governing DIR and DIR's functions regarding the procurement of information technology

commodity items

Composition (unspecified number of members)

Department of Information Resources Advisory Committee on the State Strategic Plan (Department of Information Resources)

Legislation: House Bill 1500, Section 11

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function: Advises the governing board of the Department of Information Resources (DIR) on governing DIR and DIR's functions regarding the preparation of the state strategic plan for information resources

Composition (unspecified number of members)

See also State Strategic Plan Advisory Committee under Abolished Entities.

Department of Information Resources Customer Advisory Committee

(Department of Information Resources)

Legislation: House Bill 1500, Section 11

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function: Reports to and advises the governing board of the Department of Information Resources (DIR) on improving the effectiveness and efficiency of services provided by DIR to customers

Composition (at least 3 members): The board appoints advisory committee members who are employees of state agencies that use DIR's services and have 500 or fewer full-time employees, including at least 3 members who are employees of state agencies that have 150 or fewer full-time employees.

See also Department of Information Resources Customer Advisory Committee under Abolished Entities.

Department of Information Resources Statewide Information Security Advisory Committee

(Department of Information Resources)

Legislation: House Bill 1500, Section 11

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function: Makes recommendations to the Department of Information Resources (DIR) on

improving the effectiveness of DIR's and the state's information security operations

Composition (unspecified number of members): Must include members who are information

security professionals employed by state agencies and local governments

Early Childhood Interagency Work Group (Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: House Bill 3963, Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function: Initiates the development of the early childhood integrated data system for the purpose of facilitating the sharing of data from early childhood programs across state agencies to inform policy related to early childhood programs at the state level and guide improvements to early childhood programs to provide better outcomes for children and families

Composition (unspecified number of members): Consists of representatives from the following agencies:

- Department of Family and Protective Services
- Department of State Health Services
- Health and Human Services Commission
- Texas Education Agency
- Texas Workforce Commission

Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force

(Criminal Justice Division in the Office of the Governor)

Legislation: Senate Bill 1946, Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2025

- Analyzes the top risk factors that may lead to family violence criminal homicide
- Advises and provides resources to state agencies and nonprofit organizations to develop and improve training for professionals who interact with survivors of family violence
- Collects, analyzes, and makes publicly available information that is not privileged, confidential, or otherwise prohibited from disclosure by law, organized by region, regarding the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of family violence criminal homicide and other family violence offenses and the services provided to family violence survivors, including a list of family violence advocacy organizations

- Develops policy recommendations to assist the state in effectively coordinating services to family violence survivors and funding to organizations that provide services to survivors and in more effectively preventing, investigating, and prosecuting incidents of family violence criminal homicide
- Submits to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house, not later than December 1, 2026, a written report containing the task force's findings and recommendations for legislative or other action

Composition (at least 21 members): The governor appoints the following:

- 4 representatives who are employees or contractors of a family violence center from different regions across Texas, representing both rural and urban areas
- 1 representative from an organization that operates statewide and provides legal services to victims of family violence
- 1 representative from each state agency that has duties relating to the prevention, investigation, or prosecution of family violence or that provides services to survivors of family violence, including the following:
 - » Office of the Attorney General
 - » Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
 - » Office of Court Administration
 - » Department of State Health Services
 - » Department of Family and Protective Services
- 1 representative from the family violence program operated by HHSC
- 1 representative from the Center for Violence Prevention at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
- The president of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association or the president's designee
- The executive director of the Texas Municipal Police Association or the executive director's designee
- The executive director of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement or the executive director's designee
- 1 representative of the Texas Violent Death Reporting System
- 1 representative from a domestic violence high risk team
- 2 survivors of family violence
- The governor or the governor's designee, who serves as the presiding officer
- The chief executive officer of a statewide family violence advocacy organization or the chief executive officer's designee
- Additional members as considered appropriate by the governor

Appointed members serve at the pleasure of the governor. The task force includes a steering committee composed of the governor or the governor's designee and the chief executive officer of a statewide family violence advocacy organization or the chief executive officer's designee. The steering committee may establish one or more working groups, composed of task force members, to focus on specific issues regarding the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of family violence criminal homicide.

Expiration: January 1, 2028

General Education Curriculum Advisory Committee

(Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

Legislation: Senate Bill 37, Section 1.05

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Reviews the general education curriculum requirements of institutions of higher education
- Considers methods for determining general education curriculum component courses and for condensing the number of general education curriculum courses required at institutions of higher education
- Produces, not later than November 1, 2026, a report regarding the advisory committee's findings and recommendations and provides the report to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)

Composition (unspecified number of members): The THECB calls for nominations from presidents or chief executive officers, chancellors, and chief academic officers at all institutions of higher education for representatives to serve on the advisory committee. The THECB selects a number of representatives determined by the THECB from those nominated with nominees drawn equally from two-year and four-year institutions.

Expiration: September 1, 2027

Governor's Task Force on the Governance of Early Childhood Education and Care

(Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: House Bill 117, Section 1

Effective: June 20, 2025

- Examines governance and operational challenges in the early childhood education and care system, including federal and local child-care programs and regulations governing those programs
- Develops and recommends standards for high quality prekindergarten programs
- Conducts, with a focus on improving government efficiency, a comprehensive review of the existing functions and responsibilities of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), Texas Education Agency (TEA), and Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) related to early childhood education and care
- Considers methods for a large-scale redesign of the administration of early childhood programs to improve efficiency, service delivery, quality of care, and the efficient use of funding
- Not later than December 1, 2026, develops and submits to the legislature policy and budget recommendations designed to improve early childhood education and care governance that will facilitate and improve early childhood education and care participant engagement with state agencies and lead to improved operational efficiency, increased affordable child care capacity, and improved kindergarten readiness

Composition (at least 8 members):

- 1 public school teacher certified to teach prekindergarten
- 1 certified teacher who is employed by a private child-care facility or prekindergarten program
- 1 representative from the Texas Head Start State Collaboration Office appointed by the governor
- 1 representative from the Department of State Health Services appointed by the governor
- 2 representatives from the Texas Early Learning Council designated by the task force's steering committee
- at least 2 but not more than 5 individuals with knowledge of early childhood education and care or experience as a direct operator of an early childhood education and care program, including business and community leaders, representatives of nonprofit organizations, and other relevant stakeholders, appointed by the governor

The governor appoints the task force's chair. The task force includes a steering committee composed of the following members:

- The executive commissioner of HHSC
- The commissioner of TEA
- The chair of TWC
- Relevant division directors designated by those agency executives
- TEA's inter-agency deputy director of early childhood support

Expiration: September 1, 2027

Health Professions Workforce Coordinating Council (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: House Bill 3801, Sections 1 and 12-13

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Compiles from each state agency with a representative appointed to the council certain information regarding the health professions workforce
- Prepares a health professions strategic plan not later than October 1 of each even-numbered year
- Establishes a work group to examine the health professions and health care education programs that provide a gateway into a variety of health professions

Composition (at least 19 members):

- At least 1 representative appointed by the executive director or governing body of each of the following:
 - » Department of State Health Services
 - » Health and Human Services Commission
 - » Texas Education Agency
 - » Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
 - » Texas Workforce Commission
 - » Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners
 - » State Board of Dental Examiners

- » Texas Medical Board
- » Texas Board of Nursing
- » Texas Optometry Board
- » Texas State Board of Pharmacy
- » Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners
- » Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council
- » State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
- » Texas Veterinary Medical Association
- 4 members with relevant health care experience, including experience in health professions workforce planning or complex health care data analysis, appointed by the governor

See also Nursing Advisory Committee and Statewide Health Coordinating Council under Abolished Entities.

Homeland Security Work Group (Department of Public Safety)

Legislation: Senate Bill 36, Section 2

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Studies any issue related to the duties of the Department of Public Safety's Homeland Security Division or the state's law enforcement initiatives or operations and advises or produces written reports on those issues
- Studies methods or technologies to enhance the state's border security operations and the security of the state's critical infrastructure, including surveying the vulnerabilities of state government, local governments, and critical infrastructure

Composition (unspecified number of members): May be composed of representatives from state and federal agencies, local governments, and private organizations

Local Health Care Workforce Needs Advisory Board (Texas Workforce Commission)

Legislation: House Bill 3800, Sections 1-2

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Develops a resource guide that facilitates collaborations among health care providers and institutions of higher education in more effectively identifying and addressing local health care workforce needs, including training, workforce shortages, and challenging workloads
- Not later than November 1, 2026, prepares and submits the resource guide to the legislature

Composition (13 members): The executive director of the Texas Workforce Commission appoints the following:

• 1 member from a two-year institution of higher education in an urban area

- 1 member from a two-year institution of higher education in a rural area
- 1 member from a public four-year institution of higher education in an urban area
- 1 member from a public four-year institution of higher education in a rural area
- 3 members representing local workforce development boards in geographically diverse areas of Texas
- 2 members from statewide organizations representing hospitals
- 2 members from statewide organizations representing health care professionals
- 2 members from statewide organizations representing community health centers

The advisory board elects a presiding officer from among its members.

Expiration: September 1, 2027

Lottery Advisory Committee (Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)

Legislation: Senate Bill 3070, Sections 16, 59, and 83

Effective: June 20, 2025

Function:

- Advises the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (TCLR) and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) on the needs and problems of Texas' lottery industry
- Provides input on proposed lottery rules during development and before final adoption unless an emergency requires immediate action by TCLR
- Reports regularly to TCLR and TDLR on the advisory committee's activities
- Regularly briefs TCLR and TDLR on advancements and challenges in Texas' lottery industry
- Performs other duties as determined by TCLR or TDLR

Composition (unspecified number of members): TCLR appoints members who serve at TCLR's pleasure and who represent a balance of interests, including representatives of the public, licensed sales agents, interest groups with divergent viewpoints on the lottery and lottery operations, and entities associated with or benefiting from the lottery's contributions to the state. In appointing members, TCLR must appoint the following:

- 1 member with experience in lottery law enforcement
- 1 member with experience in lottery legal matters
- 1 member with experience in lottery finance

Office of the Inspector General (Texas Board of Criminal Justice)

Legislation: Senate Bill 2405, Sections 11, 16, 27, and 54

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function: As an independent law enforcement agency, prevents and investigates offenses committed by employees and inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and offenses committed at a facility operated by or under contract with TDCJ or at any facility in which an individual in TDCJ custody is housed or receives medical or mental health treatment

Composition (unspecified number of members):

- The inspector general, who is employed by the Texas Board of Criminal Justice and must be a commissioned peace officer
- Qualifying peace officers employed and commissioned by the inspector general

Public School System Accountability Advisory Committee

Legislation: House Bill 8, Acts of the 89th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2025, Sections 2.003-2.004

Effective: December 4, 2025

Function: Advises the commissioner of education and the Texas Education Agency regarding the adoption and modification of performance standards and indicators required under the public school accountability system

Composition (8 members):

- 1 staff member from the office of the governor
- 1 staff member from the office of the lieutenant governor
- 1 staff member from the office of the speaker of the house
- 1 staff member from the office of each chair of a standing legislative committee with primary jurisdiction over primary and secondary education
- 1 representative of each stakeholder group of educators, parents, and business and industry representatives with whom the commissioner consults in defining and modifying certain state standards

Public Sector Artificial Intelligence Systems Advisory Board

(Department of Information Resources)

Legislation: Senate Bill 1964, Section 5

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Obtains and disseminates information on artificial intelligence systems, including use cases, policies, and guidelines
- Facilitates shared resources between state agencies
- Consults with the Department of Information Resources on artificial intelligence systems issues
- Identifies opportunities for state agencies to implement artificial intelligence systems to reduce administrative burdens and to streamline the state procurement process for artificial intelligence systems
- Recommends elimination of rules that restrict the innovation of artificial intelligence systems

Composition (8 members): The governor or the governor's designee appoints the following:

- 6 members representing state agencies, including 1 member representing an agency with fewer than 150 employees
- 2 public members with expertise in technology

Quad-Agency Child Care Initiative Commission

Legislation: House Bill 4903, Section 1

Effective: June 20, 2025

Function:

- Coordinates participating agency initiatives that impact the cost, quality, or accessibility of child care
- Considers and starts interagency initiatives to expand access to quality, affordable child care
- Reviews and recommends actions to streamline existing or proposed regulations, rules, policies, or any other participating agency actions that impact the child-care industry to resolve regulatory conflicts and duplication among participating agencies, lower insurance costs for child-care providers, protect the health and safety of children participating in child care, advance quality education for child-care providers, and create consistent, predictable, and reasonable enforcement mechanisms among participating agencies
- Establishes a process by which members of the public, elected officials, or leadership from agencies that are not participating agencies may request a review of any existing or proposed regulation, rule, policy, or other participating agency action that may impact the cost, quality, or accessibility of child care

Composition (6 members):

- The chair of the Texas Workforce Commission or the chair's designee, who serves as chair of the Quad-Agency Child Care Initiative Commission
- The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission or the executive commissioner's designee
- The commissioner of the Department of Family and Protective Services or the commissioner's designee
- The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee

School District Property Value Study Group

Legislation: House Bill 4236, Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2025

- Holds a single public meeting to examine the use and effect of a school district property
 value study in the annual distribution of state financial aid for public education and
 to develop recommendations on alternative methods for verifying that valuations of
 complex properties are determined appropriately and included in the study
- Not later than December 1, 2026, prepares and submits to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house and electronically provides each other member of the legislature a report on the use and effect of the study and related recommendations

Composition (6 members):

- 3 state senators, including 1 vice-chair of a standing substantive committee of the senate, appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 state representatives, including 1 vice-chair of a standing substantive committee of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house

Expiration: January 1, 2027

Special Conditions Work Group

(Board of Pardons and Paroles and Texas Department of Criminal Justice)

Legislation: Senate Bill 2405, Section 87

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Discusses the efficacy of special conditions while soliciting input from parole officers and other relevant parties
- Assesses the continuing need for the use of specific special conditions
- Identifies potential modifications to special conditions for the Board of Pardons and Paroles (BPP) to consider adopting

Composition (unspecified number of members): Consists of BPP members and parole commissioners who actively serve on a parole panel and staff representatives from the parole division

State Agency Technology Officers Working Group (Department of Information Resources)

Legislation: Authorized by House Bill 5195, Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function: Facilitates information sharing and supports consistency across agencies

Composition (unspecified number of members)

State Office of Rural Hospital Finance (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: House Bill 18, Sections 2-4 and 10

Effective: June 20, 2025

Function:

 Provides technical assistance for rural hospitals and health care systems in rural areas of Texas that participate or are seeking to participate in state or federal financial programs, including Medicaid

- Administers a financial stabilization grant program, an emergency hardship grant program, an innovation grant program, and a rural hospital support grant program
- Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, submits a report regarding the
 development and implementation of a strategic plan for rural hospital services to the
 legislature, the governor, and the Legislative Budget Board

Composition (unspecified number of members)

Task Force on Modernizing Manufacturing (Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office)

Legislation: Senate Bill 2925, Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Studies the current state of manufacturing in Texas, with a focus on the adoption of automation and digital technologies
- Identifies barriers to the adoption of automation and digital technologies in manufacturing
- Develops recommendations for policies and programs to support the modernization of manufacturing in Texas, including incentives for the adoption of automation and digital technologies
- Evaluates the potential economic effect of modernizing manufacturing, including job creation and retention, increased productivity, and competitiveness
- Not later than October 1, 2026, prepares and delivers to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over economic development matters a report on the task force's findings and related recommendations

Composition (15 members):

- The executive director of the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office (TEDTO) or the executive director's designee who serves as chair of the task force
- The governor appoints the following members on the recommendation of the executive director or the executive director's designee:
 - » 2 members representing small manufacturers with an established presence in Texas
 - » 2 members representing mid-sized manufacturers with an established presence in Texas
 - » 2 members representing large manufacturers with an established presence in Texas
 - » 2 experts in automation and digital technologies related to manufacturing
 - » 1 member representing the Texas Workforce Commission
 - » 2 members representing organized labor in the manufacturing industry
 - » 1 member representing the Texas Education Agency
 - » 1 member representing the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
 - » 1 additional member representing TEDTO

Expiration: September 1, 2027

Task Force on Patient Solicitation (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: House Bill 4454, Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Studies and makes recommendations on preventing conduct that violates the Treatment Facilities Marketing Practices Act or Occupations Code provisions relating to patient solicitation and improves enforcement of that Act and those provisions
- Submits to the legislature, not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, a report that includes a summary of civil or criminal actions brought on behalf of the state and administrative actions by state regulatory agencies in the preceding biennium for such conduct and related recommendations

Composition (8 members):

- 4 members appointed by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission
- 4 members appointed by the attorney general

Each task force member must have expertise in the field of health care or advertising.

Texas Advanced Nuclear Energy Office (Office of the Governor)

Legislation: House Bill 14, Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2025

- Provides strategic leadership for the advanced nuclear reactor system in Texas
- Collaborates with interested stakeholders and state and local leaders to craft a statewide strategic advanced nuclear energy public outreach program
- Promotes the development of advanced nuclear reactors for dispatchable electric generation while creating high-wage advanced manufacturing jobs in Texas
- Leads the transition to a balanced energy future by advancing innovative nuclear energy generation technologies while delivering safe, reliable, and clean energy solutions that address the state's growing demand
- Enhances the state's energy security, fosters economic growth, and ensures the safety of future nuclear energy generation development
- Identifies barriers to the financial viability of nuclear energy generation and regulatory and licensing complexities that increase risk to developers of nuclear energy
- Leverages the expertise and capacity of institutions of higher education, the nuclear energy industry, the industrial manufacturing sector, and regulatory stakeholders to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to ensure the development of advanced nuclear energy and associated technologies in Texas
- Supports the development of an advanced nuclear energy supply chain and associated technologies in Texas
- Conducts a study with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to identify necessary state regulatory functions related to nuclear energy generation facilities in Texas

• Establishes a project development and supply chain reimbursement program, an advanced nuclear construction reimbursement program, and a completion bonus grant program for interconnected reactors

Composition (unspecified number of members): The governor employs a director of the Texas Advanced Nuclear Energy Office who has demonstrated experience in the field of advanced nuclear energy and executive and organizational ability. The director may hire staff as necessary to implement the office's duties.

Expiration: September 1, 2035, unless continued by the legislature under Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act).

Texas Advisory Committee on Geopolitical Conflict (Texas Military Department)

Legislation: Senate Bill 2312, Sections 1-2

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Develops state security strategies and policies before a geopolitical conflict occurs and collects and prepares information to assist in enhancing the state's command-and-control functions in the event of such a conflict
- Conducts a tabletop exercise that is centered on an invasion by a foreign adversary and submits to the governor, not later than October 1, 2026, a report describing how a geopolitical conflict would impact Texas
- Conducts certain investigations of and submits applicable reports on supply chains and critical procurements, drug supply chains, and critical infrastructure protection
- Investigates additional matters at the committee's discretion
- Makes available an annual report with narrative and summary findings from the committee's investigations for the purpose of educating the public

Composition (9 members):

- 1 member appointed by the governor
- 1 representative of the Texas National Guard, appointed by the governor
- 2 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 members appointed by the speaker of the house
- The adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee
- The public safety director of the Department of Public Safety or the public safety director's designee
- The chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management or the chief's designee

In making appointments to the committee, the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house must appoint individuals who have applicable knowledge of the threats posed to the state in the event of a geopolitical conflict. Appointed members serve for a term of two years. The adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee serving on the committee serves as chair of the committee, and the lieutenant governor designates one appointee to serve as vice chair of the committee.

Expiration: September 1, 2029

Texas Artificial Intelligence Council (Department of Information Resources)

Legislation: House Bill 149, Section 4

Effective: January 1, 2026

Function:

- Ensures artificial intelligence (AI) systems in Texas are ethical and developed in the public's best interest and that they do not harm public safety or undermine individual freedoms by finding issues and making recommendations to the legislature
- Identifies existing laws and regulations that impede innovation in the development of AI systems and recommends appropriate reforms
- Analyzes opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state government operations through the use of AI systems and makes recommendations regarding the use of those systems to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state agencies
- Evaluates potential instances of regulatory capture and the influence of technology companies on other companies and determines the existence or use of tools or processes designed to censor competitors or users through the use of Al systems
- Conducts and publishes the results of a study on the current regulatory environment for Al systems
- Receives reports from the Department of Information Resources regarding the regulatory sandbox program and makes recommendations for improvements to the program

Composition (7 members):

- 3 public members appointed by the governor
- 2 public members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 public members appointed by the speaker of the house

Members serve staggered four-year terms, with the terms of three or four members expiring every two years. The governor appoints a chair and the council elects a vice chair from its membership. Members must be Texas residents and have knowledge or expertise in AI systems, data privacy and security, ethics in technology or law, public policy and regulation, risk management related to AI systems, improving the efficiency and effectiveness of governmental operations, or anticompetitive practices and market fairness.

Texas Bicentennial Commission

Legislation: Senate Bill 1350, Sections 1-2

Effective: September 1, 2025

- Encourages individuals, private organizations, and local governmental bodies to organize activities celebrating the bicentennial of Texas' independence
- Assists individuals, private organizations, and local governmental bodies that organize bicentennial activities to coordinate the activities
- Gathers and disseminates information to the public about bicentennial activities conducted in Texas

- Develops standards for bicentennial activities and sanctions activities that comply with the standards
- Invites national and international dignitaries to attend and participate in bicentennial activities
- Encourages persons living outside Texas to attend bicentennial activities
- Develops a logo to be used by the commission and others, as permitted
- Sanctions products the commission may sell commemorating the state's bicentennial
- Files a report with the governor and the legislature, not later than September 1, 2037, containing information about the effects of the bicentennial activities on the state's economy

Composition (23 members):

- 9 members of the public appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate
- 3 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house
- The following ex officio members: the executive head of the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office, the executive director of the Texas Historical Commission, the executive director of the Texas Commission on the Arts, the director of the Texas Film Commission, the commissioner of education, the commissioner of higher education, the director of the travel information division of the Texas Department of Transportation, and the director of the Institute of Texan Cultures at The University of Texas at San Antonio

Each member is a voting member. The public members appointed by the governor must reflect the diverse geographic regions and population groups of Texas. Appointed members serve staggered six-year terms with the terms of three members appointed by the governor, one member appointed by the lieutenant governor, and one member appointed by the speaker of the house expiring on January 31 of each odd-numbered year. The governor appoints one member of the commission to serve as presiding officer, who serves at the will of the governor. The commission may employ an executive director.

Expiration: September 1, 2037

Texas Commission on Marriage and Family (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: House Bill 3284, Sections 1-10

Effective: June 20, 2025

- Evaluates existing state laws, rules, and policies and identifies those that discourage Texans from marrying and raising children
- Assesses the effectiveness of state-funded programs promoting marriage and encouraging family formation and helping parents develop and apply parenting skills
- Makes recommendations to the legislature regarding necessary changes to applicable state laws, rules, and policies
- Not later than November 1, 2026, submits to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and each member of the legislature a written report of the commission's findings and recommendations

Composition (7 members):

- 3 members appointed by the governor
- 2 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 members appointed by the speaker of the house

The appointing authority must ensure members have a background and expertise in marriage and family formation. The governor appoints one member to serve as presiding officer.

Expiration: December 31, 2026

Texas Cyber Command

Legislation: House Bill 150, Sections 1-50

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Is responsible for cybersecurity for the state and promotes public awareness of cybersecurity issues
- Develops cybersecurity best practices and minimum standards for governmental entities
- Develops and provides training to state agencies and covered entities on cybersecurity measures and awareness
- Administers the cybersecurity threat intelligence center
- Provides support to state agencies and covered entities experiencing a cybersecurity incident and responds to relevant cybersecurity reports
- Administers the digital forensics laboratory and a statewide portal for enterprise cybersecurity threat, risk, and incident management
- Operates a cybersecurity hotline available for state agencies and covered entities
- Collaborates with law enforcement agencies to provide training and support related to cybersecurity incidents
- Serves as a clearinghouse for information relating to all aspects of protecting the cybersecurity of governmental entities
- Collaborates with the Department of Information Resources (DIR) to ensure information resources and information resources technologies obtained by DIR meet applicable cybersecurity standards and requirements
- Offers cybersecurity resources to state agencies and covered entities as determined by the command
- Adopts policies to ensure state agencies implement sufficient cybersecurity measures to defend information resources, information resources technologies, and sensitive personal information maintained by the agencies
- Collaborates with federal agencies to protect against, respond to, and recover from cybersecurity incidents

Composition (unspecified number of members): The command is governed by a chief who serves a two-year term and is appointed by the governor and confirmed with the advice and consent of the senate. The command employs other officers and personnel necessary to the performance of its functions.

Texas Energy Waste Advisory Committee (Public Utility Commission of Texas)

Legislation: House Bill 5323, Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Makes recommendations for coordinating and improving state agency and interagency programs that reduce energy waste, increase energy efficiency, and enhance demand response programs in order to increase reliability of electric service in the ERCOT power region
- Solicits information from and makes recommendations to specified state agencies and organizations regarding state programs that have the potential to reduce demand for electricity in the ERCOT wholesale market during high risk hours identified by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC)
- Provides to the legislature, not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, a report on the committee's activities and recommendations

Composition (8 members):

- The presiding officer of the PUC
- The chief executive officer of ERCOT
- The comptroller of public accounts
- The executive director of the Texas Facilities Commission
- The executive director of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
- The director of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- The presiding officer of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- The commissioner of the General Land Office

A member may designate an employee of the member's agency or office to serve in the member's place. The PUC's presiding officer or a PUC employee designated by the presiding officer serves as chair of the committee.

Texas Grid Security Commission

Legislation: Senate Bill 75, Section 3

Effective: June 20, 2025

- Evaluates, using available information on past power outages in ERCOT, all hazards to the critical infrastructure of the ERCOT electric grid
- Evaluates the resilience of Texas municipalities in specified essential areas
- Identifies methods by which the state can support an overall national deterrence policy as proposed by the U.S. Cyberspace Solarium Commission
- Evaluates nuclear generation sites in Texas, the resilience of each nuclear reactor to all hazards, and the resilience to all hazards of off-site power for critical safety systems that support the reactor and spent fuel

- Investigates the steps that local communities and other states have taken to address grid resilience
- Identifies Texas universities that have expertise in cybersecurity and related matters
- Recommends resilience standards for municipalities, critical infrastructure of the ERCOT electric grid, and micro-grids
- Not later than December 1, 2026, prepares and delivers reports to the legislature on the security commission's recommended resilience standards and a plan for protecting critical infrastructure from all hazards
- Annually prepares and delivers a report, not later than January 1, to the legislature, the governor, and the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) assessing natural and manmade threats to critical infrastructure and efforts to mitigate the threats

Composition (at least 6 members):

- 1 representative of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) appointed by the chief of TDEM
- 1 representative of the PUC appointed by the PUC
- 1 representative of the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) appointed by the RRC
- 1 representative of ERCOT
- 1 representative of power generation companies appointed by the chief of TDEM
- 1 representative of transmission and distribution utilities, electric cooperatives, municipally owned utilities, and river authorities appointed by the chief of TDEM
- At the discretion of the security commission's presiding officer, any other representative
 of a state agency, board, commission, or organized volunteer group designated by the
 head of that entity

TDEM designates a security commission member to serve as presiding officer. To the extent possible, individuals appointed to the security commission must be Texas residents.

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Office of the Ombudsman

Legislation: Senate Bill 37, Section 3.01

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Serves as an intermediary between the legislature and the public and institutions of higher education, including by answering questions from the legislature and the public regarding the obligations of an institution of higher education to students, faculty, employees, and the public
- Coordinates the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's compliance monitoring functions
- Receives and investigates certain complaints submitted by a student or faculty or staff member at an institution of higher education
- Annually submits to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the state auditor, and the chair of each standing legislative committee with jurisdiction over higher education a report regarding noncompliance complaints and investigations

Composition (unspecified number of members): The governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, appoints a person to serve as ombudsman, who serves at the pleasure of the governor.

Texas Nutrition Advisory Committee (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: Senate Bill 25, Sections 8 and 18

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Examines the impact of nutrition on human health and the connection between ultraprocessed foods and the prevalence of chronic diseases and other chronic health issues
- Provides an independent review of scientific studies analyzing the effects of ultraprocessed foods on human health and provides education on the effects of those foods on human health
- Develops and maintains dietary and nutritional guidelines based on the consensus of available scientific studies and information concerning diet and nutrition
- Annually prepares and submits, not later than September 1, to the Department of State
 Health Services, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and
 each standing legislative committee with primary jurisdiction over health and safety a
 written report that includes a summary of the scientific studies, nutritional guidelines
 incorporating any new scientific findings, and related recommendations

Composition (7 members): The governor appoints members, including the following:

- · 1 expert in metabolic health, culinary medicine, lifestyle medicine, or integrative medicine
- 1 licensed physician certified in functional medicine
- 1 member representing the Texas Department of Agriculture
- 1 member representing a rural community
- 1 member representing an urban community
- 1 pediatrician specializing in metabolic health

In appointing advisory committee members, the governor must ensure not more than two members are affiliated with an academic or health-related institution of higher education if the appointment could reasonably create a conflict of interest and must consider recommendations provided by the chairs of the senate committee on health and human services, the house committee on public health, and the house committee on human services. Advisory committee members serve staggered four-year terms.

Expiration: December 31, 2032

Texas Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee

(Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office)

Legislation: House Bill 4751, Sections 1-2

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

 Advises and provides input to the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office regarding the strategic plan for the promotion of the quantum economy in Texas

- Solicits recommendations from institutions of higher education, Texas Quantum Initiative members, and stakeholders on funding and research opportunities related to quantum education and research, design, commercialization, community outreach, and manufacturing projects
- Provides recommendations related to research and funding opportunities pertaining to quantum research, design, commercialization, and manufacturing

Composition (6 members): The governor appoints members, including the following:

- At least 1 representative from a quantum infrastructure provider who has certain demonstrated experience in implementing quantum networks and deploying leading edge quantum computing systems in third-party data centers
- At least 1 representative of a manufacturer of a quantum computing system with the ability to enable the creation and deployment of quantum solutions with commercial and practical use

In making the appointments, priority must be given to individuals from the quantum design and manufacturing sectors. Appointments must be made without regard to race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin. Members serve staggered six-year terms at the pleasure of the governor but may be reappointed for additional terms.

Texas Regulatory Efficiency Advisory Panel (Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office)

Legislation: Authorized by Senate Bill 14, Section 2

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Serves as an advisory panel to the governor's office, including the Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office
- Uses the knowledge and expertise of regulated persons, small and large businesses, institutions of higher education, and state agencies to identify and expand opportunities for implementing efficiencies in the process by which state agencies adopt rules, the regulatory review process, and the processes by which contested cases are conducted
- Assists the Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office and state agencies in identifying unnecessary
 and ineffective rules, the associated effects and costs of the agencies' rules and proposed
 rules, and opportunities to repeal or amend rules to provide effective protection to the
 public with the least cost and inconvenience to regulated persons

Composition (unspecified number of members): The governor, in designating individuals to serve on the panel, may give priority to individuals with expertise in state agency rules and the rulemaking process, including expertise in regulatory research, compliance, cost, and impact analysis, and related law and procedure. The governor may designate one panel member to serve as the panel's presiding officer.

See also Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office under New Entities.

Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office (Office of the Governor)

Legislation: Senate Bill 14, Sections 2-3 and 12

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Identifies and expands opportunities for implementing efficiencies in the process by which state agencies adopt rules, the regulatory review process, and the processes by which contested cases are conducted
- Assists state agencies in identifying unnecessary and ineffective rules, the associated
 effects and costs of the agencies' rules and proposed rules, and opportunities to repeal
 or amend rules to provide effective protection to the public with the least cost and
 inconvenience to regulated persons
- Coordinates with applicable state agencies to reduce rules or other regulatory requirements and to aid the secretary of state's efforts in improving public access to information regarding state agency rules, forms, and filings and in creating a related interactive public website
- Prepares and publishes a regulatory economic analysis manual and a regulatory reduction guide
- Biennially prepares and submits to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and Legislative Budget Board a report describing the office's activities during the two-year period preceding the date of the report and related recommendations

Composition (unspecified number of members)

See also Texas Regulatory Efficiency Advisory Panel under New Entities.

Texas Rural Hospital Officers Academy Interagency Advisory Committee

(Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: House Bill 18, Sections 3 and 16

Effective: June 20, 2025

Function: Oversees the development of the Texas Rural Hospital Officers Academy's curriculum

Composition (at least 7 members): The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) appoints the following:

- 1 representative of HHSC
- 1 representative of 2 or more institutions of higher education
- 1 representative of the Department of State Health Services
- 1 representative of the Texas Department of Insurance
- 1 representative of the state auditor's office
- 1 representative of a rural hospital
- 1 representative of any state agency the executive commissioner determines is appropriate

Expiration: On the earlier of the date the advisory committee adopts a curriculum or September 1, 2027

Texas State Guard Professionalization Task Force

Legislation: House Bill 101, Section 1

Effective: June 20, 2025

Function:

- Examines the Texas State Guard's state missions and operations using statistical analyses and data received from focus groups and other research methods
- Identifies existing and potential challenges and threats to the Texas State Guard's operations and develops solutions to overcome those challenges and threats
- Develops strategies to professionalize the Texas State Guard and to develop the Texas State Guard's capabilities
- Advises the adjutant general and the governor regarding the staffing, facilities, equipment, and technology needed to implement those strategies
- Recommends to the adjutant general and the governor policy priorities to address the Texas State Guard's long-term needs, the solutions developed by the task force, and policy priorities and budgetary needs to implement those solutions
- Not later than August 31, 2026, submits a report to the adjutant general and the governor that contains the task force's findings and recommendations

Composition (at least 5 members):

- The adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee, who serves as chair
- The director of the Department of Public Safety or the director's designee
- The chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management or the chief's designee
- The executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation or the executive director's designee
- The director of the Texas A&M Forest Service or the director's designee
- The executive head of any other state agency or the executive head's designee as determined by the adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee

Expiration: September 1, 2026

Texas Strategic Bitcoin Reserve Advisory Committee

Legislation: Senate Bill 21, Sections 2 and 4

Effective: June 20, 2025

Function: Advises the comptroller of public accounts regarding the administration and management of the Texas Strategic Bitcoin Reserve, including recommendations for valuing assets in the reserve and the establishment of prudent investment policies relating to the investment objectives of and asset allocation in the reserve

Composition (5 members):

- The comptroller
- 1 member of the comptroller's investment advisory board, appointed by the comptroller
- 3 members with expertise in cryptocurrency investments, appointed by the comptroller

Members appointed by the comptroller serve at the will of the comptroller.

Texas Teacher Test Item Review Committee (Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: House Bill 8, Acts of the 89th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2025, Section 1.005

Effective: December 4, 2025

Function: Reviews and approves qualifying items for inclusion on certain tests developed by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) under the instructionally supportive assessment program

Composition (unspecified number of members): TEA forms each committee by inviting a total of approximately 40 teachers representing each region of Texas who teach the grade level and subject area assessed by the items under review to participate. In selecting teachers to invite, TEA must accept and prioritize nominations of qualifying teachers by regional education service centers.

Texas Water Development Board Ad Hoc Committee (Texas Water Development Board)

Legislation: Authorized by <u>Senate Bill 7</u>, Section 1.01

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function: Advises and assists the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in fulfilling any of the TWDB's statutorily prescribed purposes, including in drafting any guidance or best practices

Composition (unspecified number of members): Representatives of current or potential project sponsors, the Texas Department of Transportation, river authorities, retail public utilities, electric utilities, counties, municipalities, special purpose districts, common carriers, and other entities considered appropriate by the TWDB

Theft of Petroleum Products Task Force (Railroad Commission of Texas)

Legislation: Senate Bill 494, Sections 1-2

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Conducts an ongoing study of the theft of petroleum products in Texas and, in doing so, performs the following functions:
 - » Reviews laws and regulations addressing the theft of petroleum products in other jurisdictions
 - » Analyzes the impact of the theft of petroleum products on the collection of sales tax, the long-term economic impacts of the theft of petroleum products, and the advantages and disadvantages of taking various actions to reduce the theft of petroleum products
 - » Makes recommendations regarding theft of petroleum product outreach and prevention programs and training for law enforcement officers and prosecutors on effective strategies for combating the theft of petroleum products

• Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, prepares and submits a report of that study and recommendations to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC), and each standing legislative committee with primary jurisdiction over oil and gas matters

Composition (unspecified number of members): The RRC appoints the following:

- At least 1 representative from the oil and gas industry
- At least 1 representative from an energy trade association
- Representatives from local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies

The RRC designates a task force member as the presiding officer.

Expiration: December 31, 2030

Windham School District Postsecondary Education Advisory Board

Legislation: Senate Bill 2405, Section 10

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function: Advises the Windham School District and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

regarding postsecondary education programs

Composition (unspecified number of members): Relevant stakeholders, including representatives of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, the Texas Workforce Commission, public institutions of higher education on a rotating basis, an organization that represents the families of students participating in postsecondary education programs administered by Windham School District, an organization that advocates for the education of students participating in such programs, and current or former student participants in such programs

Workgroup on Nursing Career Pathways (Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies)

Legislation: House Bill 3801, Section 10

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function:

- Assesses the feasibility of better aligning the certification and career pathways of nurse aides, medication aides, personal care technicians, and persons trained in nursing during service in the U.S. armed forces into the nursing profession
- Submits a report, not later than December 1, 2026, summarizing the results of the
 assessment to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
 representatives, and each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction
 over nursing

Composition (unspecified number of members):

• Relevant academic or health care professionals

- The executive head of each of the following entities, or that person's designated representative:
 - » Texas Board of Nursing
 - » Health and Human Services Commission
 - » Texas Workforce Commission
 - » Texas Education Agency
 - » Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Expiration: January 1, 2027

Youth Camp Safety Multidisciplinary Team (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: House Bill 1, Acts of the 89th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2025, Sections 5-6

Effective: September 5, 2025

Function: Develops proposed minimum standards for youth camps and presents those standards to the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission as recommendations for adoption

Composition (at least 7 members): At least 1 representative from each of the following:

- Department of State Health Services
- Texas Division of Emergency Management
- Texas Department of Insurance State Fire Marshal's Office
- Parks and Wildlife Department
- Texas Water Development Board
- Texas A&M Forest Service
- Department of Public Safety

The commissioner of state health services or the commissioner's designee serves as the chair of the team.

RENAMED ENTITIES

Architectural Barriers Program Advisory Board (Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)

Previous Name: Architectural Barriers Program Advisory Committee

Legislation: Senate Bill 2075, Section 3

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function (revised): Revised to exclude the requirement for the committee to review the rules relating to the architectural barriers program and recommend changes in the rules to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (TCLR)

Composition (revised—unspecified number of members): Revised to establish that advisory board members serve staggered six-year terms rather than at the will of the TCLR's presiding officer

Code Enforcement Officers Advisory Board (Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

Previous Name: Code Enforcement Officers Advisory Committee

Legislation: Authorized by Senate Bill 2075, Section 50

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function (unchanged): Provides advice and recommendations to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation on technical matters relevant to the administration of statutory provisions relating to code enforcement officers

Composition (unchanged—unspecified number of members)

Driver Training and Traffic Safety Advisory Board

(Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)

Previous Name: Driver Training and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Legislation: Senate Bill 2075, Section 2

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function (unchanged): Advises the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (TCLR) and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation on rules and educational and technical matters relevant to the administration of statutory provisions relating to driver and traffic safety education

Composition (revised—9 members): Revised to remove the prohibition against a member serving two consecutive terms

Dyslexia Therapists and Practitioners Advisory Board

(Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

Previous Name: Dyslexia Therapists and Practitioners Advisory Committee

Legislation: Senate Bill 2075, Section 13

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function (unchanged): Provides advice and recommendations to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation on technical matters relevant to the administration of statutory provisions relating to licensed dyslexia practitioners and licensed dyslexia therapists

Composition (unchanged—unspecified number of members)

Licensed Breeder Advisory Board (Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)

Previous Name: Licensed Breeder Advisory Committee

Legislation: Senate Bill 2075, Sections 24

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function (unchanged): Advises the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation and makes recommendations on matters related to the administration and enforcement of the Dog or Cat Breeders Act, including licensing fees and standards

Composition (revised—9 members): Revised to change the length of members' terms from four years to six years

Property Tax Consultants Advisory Board (Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)

Previous Name: Property Tax Consultants Advisory Council

Legislation: Senate Bill 2075, Section 30

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function (unchanged):

- Recommends to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (TCLR) certain standards for registrants, amounts for applicable fees, and contents for the senior property tax consultant registration examination and standards of acceptable performance
- Advises TCLR in recognizing continuing education programs and educational courses for registrants and in establishing educational requirements for initial applicants

Composition (revised—7 members): Revised to change the length of members' terms from three years to six years

Registered Sanitarian Advisory Board (Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

Previous Name: Registered Sanitarian Advisory Committee

Legislation: Senate Bill 2075, Section 51

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function (unchanged): Provides advice and recommendations to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation on technical matters relevant to the administration of statutory provisions relating

to sanitarians

Composition (unchanged—unspecified number of members)

Texas Tax Professional Advisory Board (Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)

Previous Name: Texas Tax Professional Advisory Committee

Legislation: Senate Bill 2075, Sections 25-29

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function (unchanged):

- Recommends to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (TCLR) rules and standards regarding technical issues relating to tax professionals
- Provides advice to TCLR regarding continuing education courses, curricula for registrants, and the contents of applicable examinations
- Educates, and responds to questions from, TCLR and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation regarding issues affecting tax professionals

Composition (revised—7 members): Revised to remove the specification that the terms of one or two members expire on March 1 of each odd-numbered year

Texas Water Fund Advisory Committee (Texas Water Development Board)

Previous Name: State Water Implementation Fund for Texas Advisory Committee

Legislation: Senate Bill 7, Sections 2.01-2.03

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function (revised): Revised to change the advisory committee's functions relating to comments and recommendations submitted to the Texas Water Development Board regarding the use of certain funds and relating to the advisory committee's reviews of the overall operation, function, and structure of those funds

Composition (revised—8 members): Revised to increase the total number of members from 7 to 8 consisting of the following:

The comptroller of public accounts, or a person designated by the comptroller

- The director of the Texas Division of Emergency Management or the successor in function to that entity, or a person designated by that person
- The chair of the senate committee having primary jurisdiction over water resources
- The chair of the house committee having primary jurisdiction over water resources
- 2 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor, including at least 1 member of the senate committee having primary jurisdiction over matters relating to finance
- 2 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, including at least 1 member of the house committee having primary jurisdiction over appropriations

Expiration (revised): Revised to remove the expiration date of September 1, 2035, unless continued in existence by the Texas Sunset Act

Texas Water Well Drillers Advisory Board (Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)

Previous Name: Texas Water Well Drillers Advisory Council

Legislation: Senate Bill 2075, Sections 38-49

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function (unchanged):

- Advises the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation on the contents of licensing examinations
- Assists the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation in evaluating continuing education programs

Composition (revised—9 members): Revised to remove the specification that members' terms expire September 15 and to instead establish that members' terms are staggered

Weather Modification Advisory Board (Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

Previous Name: Weather Modification Advisory Committee

Legislation: Senate Bill 2075, Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2025

Function (unchanged): Advises and makes recommendations to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) concerning legislation, policies, administration, research, and other matters related to TDLR's duties, powers, or functions under statutory provisions relating to weather modification and control

Composition (unchanged—unspecified number of members)

ABOLISHED ENTITIES

Advisory Committee on Agriculture

(Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division)

Legislation: Senate Bill 2405. The entity is abolished in Section 105 of the bill by the repeal of

Section 497.111, Government Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2025

Function: Presented to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice periodic evaluations of agricultural programs, suggestions for new areas of agricultural operations, and reviews related to the need

for mechanization and the use of inmate labor in agricultural operations

Composition: 5 members

Alamo Preservation Advisory Board (General Land Office)

Legislation: Senate Bill 3059. The entity is abolished in Section 14 of the bill by the repeal of Section 31.455, Natural Resources Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2027

Function: Provided advice, proposals, and recommendations relating to educating Alamo visitors, supporting the Alamo complex and its historical significance, inspiring Texas pride, preserving the memory and achievement of individuals who served at the Alamo, and providing educational and museum facilities, among other functions

Composition: at least 11 members

Broadband Development Office Board of Advisors (Broadband Development Office)

Legislation: Senate Bill 2900. The entity is abolished in Section 8 of the bill by the repeal of Section 490I.0110, Government Code.

Abolished: June 20, 2025

Function: Provided guidance to the broadband development office within the comptroller's office regarding the expansion, adoption, affordability, and use of broadband service and the programs administered by the office

Composition: 10 members

Community Reinvestment Work Group

Legislation: Senate Bill 2900. The work group is abolished in Section 8 of the bill by the repeal of

Chapter 395, Finance Code.

Abolished: June 20, 2025

Function: Worked in conjunction with the Texas banking community to develop statewide community reinvestment strategies using existing investment pools and other investment vehicles to leverage private capital from banks, insurance companies, and other entities for community

development in the state

Composition: 5 members

Criminal Justice Legislative Oversight Committee

Legislation: Senate Bill 860, Section 1

Abolished: June 20, 2025

Function: Provided objective research, analysis, and recommendations to help guide state criminal

justice policies

Composition: 6 members

Department of Information Resources Customer Advisory Committee

(Department of Information Resources)

Legislation: House Bill 1500. The entity is abolished in Section 28 of the bill by the repeal of

Section 2054.0331, Government Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2025

Function: Reported to and advised the governing board of the Department of Information

Resources (DIR) on the status of the DIR's delivery of critical statewide services

Composition (unspecified number of members)

See also Department of Information Resources Customer Advisory Committee under New Entities.

Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Panel (Texas Military Preparedness Commission)

Legislation: House Bill 2564, Section 3

Abolished: September 1, 2025

Function: Evaluated and scored applications for grant administered by the Texas Military

Preparedness Commission. Functions are transferred to the commission.

Composition: 3-5 members

Electronically Searchable Central Grant Database Advisory Committee (Office of the Governor)

Legislation: House Bill 1500. The entity is abolished in Section 28 of the bill by the repeal of Section 441.010, Government Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2025

Function: Gathered input from public and other users of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) electronically searchable central grant database and advised TSLAC regarding the database's development and TSLAC's exercise of certain powers

Composition: 9 members

Electronically Searchable Central Grant Database Evaluation Advisory Committee

(Texas State Library and Archives Commission)

Legislation: House Bill 1500. The entity is abolished in Section 28 of the bill by the repeal of Section 441.010, Government Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2025

Function: Annually evaluated the operation of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's electronically searchable central grant database

Composition: 5 members

Family and Protective Services Council (Department of Family and Protective Services)

Legislation: House Bill 140, Section 7

Abolished: September 1, 2026

Function: Studied and made recommendations to the commissioner of the Department of Family

and Protective Services (DFPS) regarding the management and operation of DFPS

Composition: 9 members

Governor's Broadband Development Council (Office of the Governor)

Legislation: Senate Bill 1405 and House Bill 4850. The entity is abolished in Section 10 of Senate Bill 1405 and Section 11 of House Bill 4850 by the repeal of Chapter 490H, Government Code.

Abolished: July 1, 2025

Function: Identified barriers to residential and commercial broadband deployment in unserved areas, studied specified topics regarding broadband access and trends, analyzed how statewide access to broadband would provide certain benefits, and researched and monitored the progress of broadband development in unserved areas, the deployment of broadband statewide, the purchase

of broadband by residential and commercial customers, and the patterns and discrepancies in broadband access

Composition: 22 members

Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Advisory Committee (Comptroller of Public Accounts)

Legislation: Senate Bill 2900. The entity is abolished in Section 8 of the bill by the repeal of Section 403.028(f), Government Code.

Abolished: June 20, 2025

Function: Assisted the comptroller of public accounts in identifying and evaluating greenhouse

gas emission reduction strategies

Composition: at least 5 members

Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act Oversight Committee

Legislation: Senate Bill 2900. The entity is abolished in Section 8 of the bill by the repeal of Section 403.618, Government Code.

Abolished: June 20, 2025

Function: Recommended to the legislature types of projects that the committee determines by majority vote should be statutorily added to or removed from the definition of "eligible project" under the Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act

Composition: 7 members

Nursing Advisory Committee (Statewide Health Coordinating Council)

Legislation: House Bill 3801, Section 12

Abolished: September 1, 2025

Function: Reviewed policy matters on the collection of certain data and reports relating to the nursing profession, developed priorities and an operations plan for the nursing resource section within the health professions resource center, and reviewed reports and information before dissemination

Composition (unspecified number of members)

See also Health Professions Workforce Coordinating Council under New Entities and Statewide Health Coordinating Council under Abolished Entities.

State Strategic Plan Advisory Committee

Legislation: House Bill 1500. The entity is abolished in Section 28 of the bill by the repeal of Section 2054.091(d), Government Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2025

Function: Assisted the executive director of the Department of Information Resources in the preparation of the state strategic plan. Function is similar to that of the new Department of Information Resources Advisory Committee on the State Strategic Plan.

Composition (unspecified number of members)

See also Department of Information Resources Advisory Committee on the State Strategic Plan under New Entities.

Statewide Health Coordinating Council (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: House Bill 3801, Section 12

Abolished: September 1, 2025

Function: Issued directives for the development of the state health plan, promoted the implementation of the recommendations made in the plan, and developed uniform standards for health professional data collected by applicable licensing agencies, among other functions

Composition: 17 members

See also Health Professions Workforce Coordinating Council under New Entities and Nursing Advisory Committee under Abolished Entities.

Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund Advisory Committee (Texas Water Development Board)

Legislation: Senate Bill 7. The entity is abolished in Section 2.03 of the bill by the repeal of Section 16.456, Water Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2025

Function: Reviewed the overall operation, function, and structure of the Texas infrastructure resiliency fund at least semiannually and provided comments and recommendations to the Texas Water Development Board

Composition: 8 members

Texas Lottery Commission

Legislation: Senate Bill 3070, Sections 76-77

Abolished: September 1, 2025

Function: Administered and supervised lottery games conducted in Texas and regulated bingo operations. Functions are transferred to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Composition: 5 members

Texas Mining Council (Office of the Governor)

Legislation: Senate Bill 1147, Section 2

Abolished: On the first anniversary of the date the governor publishes notice in the Texas Register of the state's withdrawal from the Interstate Mining Compact

Function: Assisted the governor in considering problems relating to mining and in discharging responsibilities as the commissioner of Texas on the Interstate Mining Commission

Composition: 11 members

Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company Investment Advisory Board (Comptroller of Public Accounts)

Legislation: Senate Bill 2900. The entity is abolished in Section 8 of the bill by the repeal of Section 404.108, Government Code.

Abolished: June 20, 2025

Function: Advised the comptroller of public accounts with respect to managing the assets held by the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company

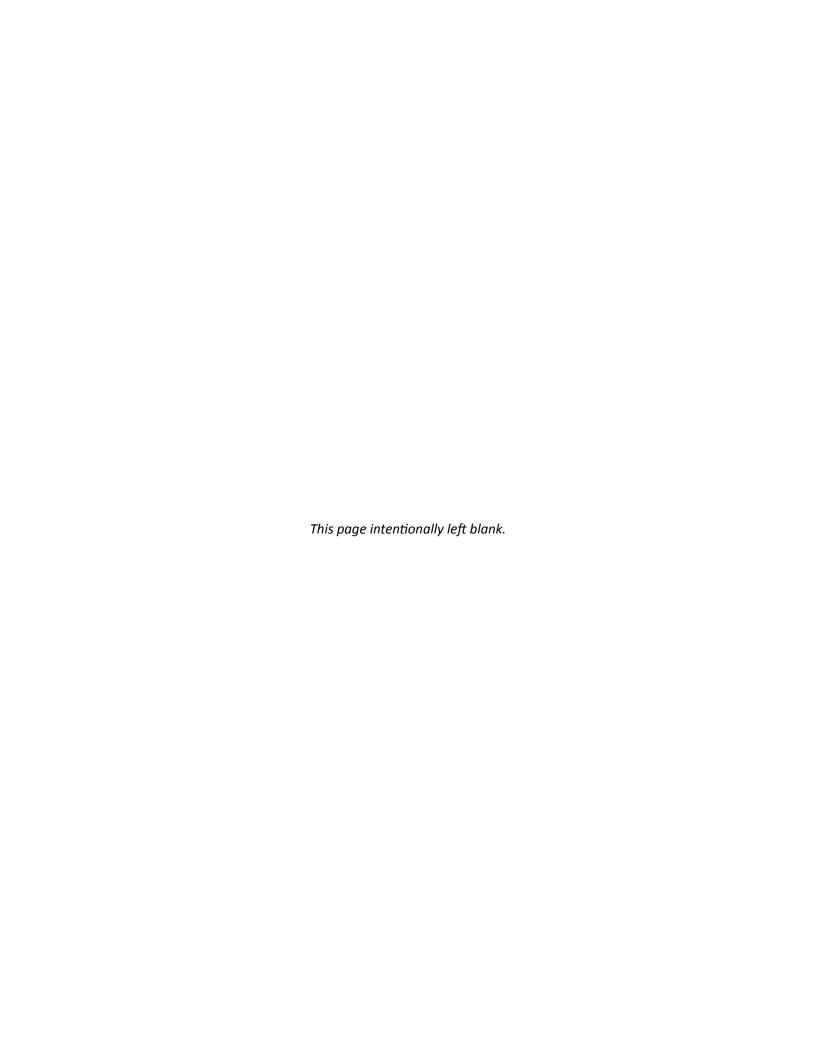
Composition: 7 members

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