

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
for Consideration of Resolution

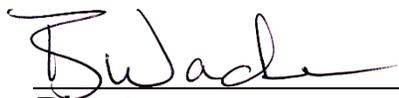
AGENDA REQUESTED: July 20, 2022

DATE OF REQUEST: June 30, 2022

INDIVIDUAL TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS REQUEST, IF NEEDED: Gwen Ricco, Texas Register/Agenda Coordinator, (512) 239-2678

CAPTION: Docket No. 2022-0343-RES. Consideration of a Resolution to appoint new members to the Water Utility Operator Licensing Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee). The resolution will appoint new members, or reappoint existing members to an additional term, to replace six outgoing members whose terms end August 31, 2022.

The Advisory Committee operates through the Occupational Licensing & Registration Division (OLRD) and provides assistance and advice to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on matters related to the training and licensing of water and wastewater operators. The Advisory Committee was created pursuant to 30 TAC Chapter 5, Advisory Committees and Groups and consists of 13 members, representing various water and wastewater regulated entities, from diverse geographic areas of the state, ethnic groups, businesses, government entities, and associations. The OLRD solicited nominees by sending direct correspondence to all interested persons in the industry, as well as by asking current members to recommend potential members. A Notice of Request for Applications was published in the January 28, 2022, issue of the *Texas Register* (47 TexReg 365). (Paul Munguia, Alicia Ramirez; Rule Project No. 2022-009-RES-NR)



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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Interoffice Memorandum

To: Commissioners **Date:** June 30, 2022

Thru: Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk
Toby Baker, Executive Director

From:  Brent Wade, Director
Office of Waste

Docket No.: 2022-0343-RES

Subject: Consideration of a Resolution to Appoint Members to the Water Utility Operator Licensing Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee)
Non-Rule Project No. 2022-009-RES-NR

Requested Action:

Executive director staff request the commission's approval for the appointment of six nominees to replace the Advisory Committee members whose terms expire on August 31, 2022. The individuals recommended to fill these six vacancies are: Harold Burris, Angel Bustamante, Melissa Loyd, Joseph McDaniel (reappointment), Cory Moose (reappointment), and Raymond Perez. These four-year terms will run from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2026.

Water Utility Operator Licensing Advisory Committee Background:

The Advisory Committee was created pursuant to 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 5, Advisory Committees and Groups, to consist of 13 members, who represent various water and wastewater regulated entities, and are from diverse geographic areas of the state, ethnic groups, businesses, government entities, associations, and industries. The Advisory Committee operates through the Occupational Licensing Section of the Occupational Licensing and Registration Division (OLRD), assisting and advising the commission on matters related to the training and licensing of water and wastewater operators. The Advisory Committee performs a vital role by facilitating communication between the commission and the water and wastewater utility industries.

Selection Process:

The OLRD solicited nominees by sending direct correspondence to interested persons in the industry, as well as by asking current members to recommend potential members. A Notice of Request for Applications was published in the January 28, 2022, issue of the *Texas Register* (47 TexReg 365).

The OLRD received a total of 45 applications to fill the six vacancies of the Advisory Committee. The detailed qualifications of these recommended nominees are provided in Attachment B.

One consideration during the selection process is striving for diverse geographic representation; however, if recommended nominees are approved there will be three Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or commission) regions that have two members. These members, while in the same TCEQ region, provide representation for different populations of Texas.

Region 4 has current member Karen Menard who works for the City of Dallas, representing an urban area, and OLRD is recommending reappointment of Joseph

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McDaniel, also in Region 4, who works for Aqua Texas, Inc. and represents 41 diverse systems. Region 10 has two current members, Robb Starr who represents the City of Beaumont and Larry Bell who works for Texas Rural Water Association and travels throughout the state offering training and technical assistance. Region 13 has current member David Harris who is the Deputy Executive Director for Guadalupe-Brazos River Authority and OLRD is recommending Raymond Perez, who is the Director of Treatment and Maintenance for the San Antonio Water System.

Summary of the Recommended Nominees' Background:

Burriss, Harold (City of Byers, TCEQ Region 3)

Mr. Burriss is the superintendent for the City of Byers. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Wastewater licenses, is a member of American Water Works Association (AWWA), Texas Water Utility Association (TWUA), and Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT).

Bustamante, Angel (City of El Paso, TCEQ Region 6)

Mr. Bustamante is an engineer and the water operations manager for the City of El Paso. He holds a TCEQ Class A Water license and is a member of TCEQ's Drinking Water Advisory Work Group and a member of Texas AWWA.

Loyd, Melissa (City of College Station, Region 9)

Ms. Loyd is the supervisor of water and wastewater production for Texas A&M Utilities & Energy Services. She holds TCEQ Class A Water and Class A Wastewater licenses and is a member of AWWA, Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA), and TWUA

McDaniel, Joseph (City of Granbury, TCEQ Region 4) (reappointment)

Mr. McDaniel is a Field Supervisor for Aqua Texas, Inc. where he supervises 41 systems with 72 wells. He holds TCEQ Class A Water, Class B Wastewater, Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, and Customer Service Inspector licenses. He is a member of Texas AWWA, TWUA, WUOLAC, and a TCEQ EnviroMentor.

Moose, Cory (City of Midland, TCEQ Region 7) (reappointment)

Mr. Moose is an Assistant Utilities Director for the City of Midland. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Class A Wastewater licenses and is a member of Texas AWWA, TWUA, Water Environment Federation - Workforce Development Committee, WEAT, and WUOLAC.

Perez, Raymond (City of San Antonio, TCEQ Region 13)

Mr. Perez is the Director of Treatment Operations and Maintenance for San Antonio Water System (SAWS). He holds a TCEQ Class A Wastewater license and is a member of WEAT.

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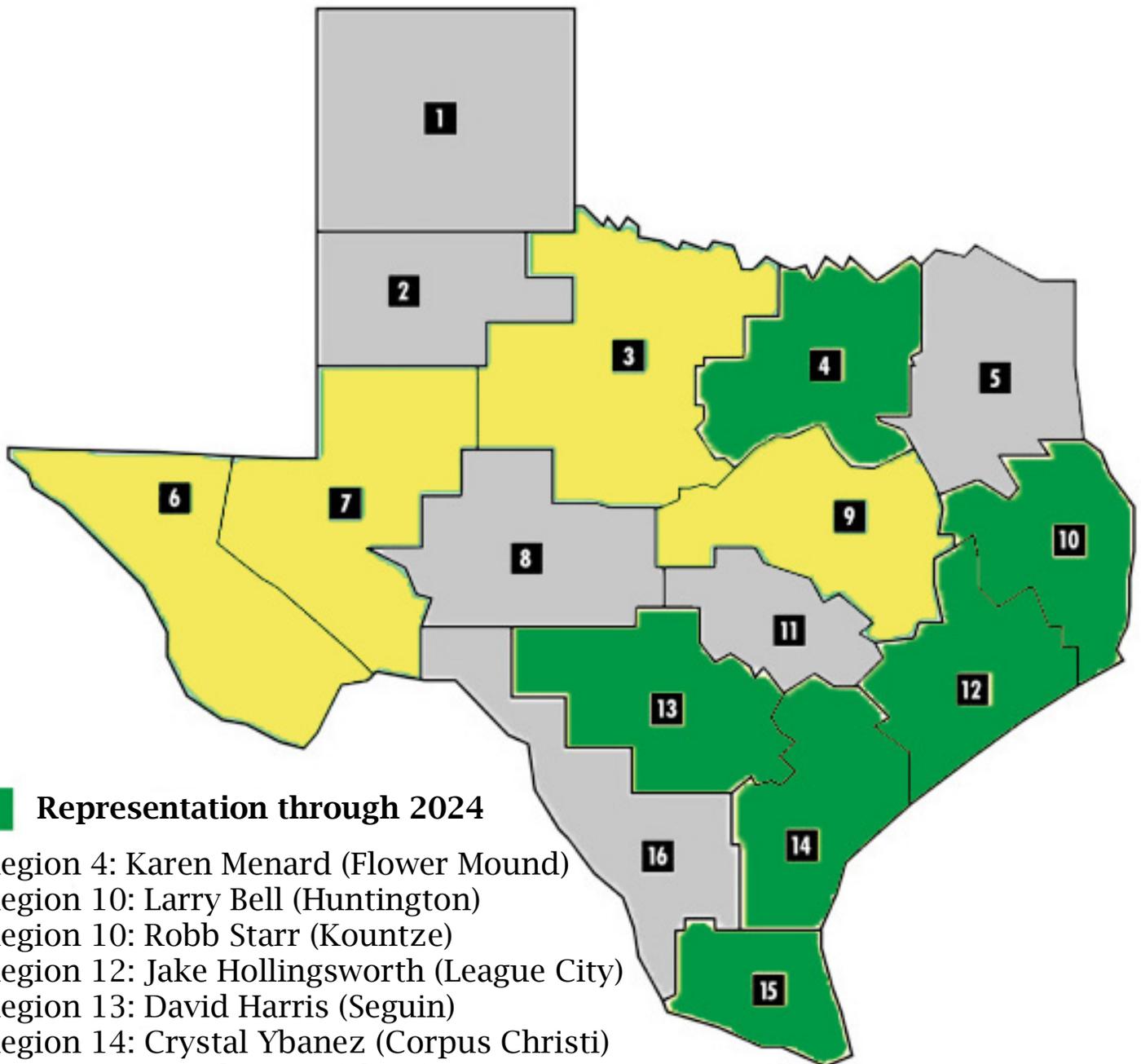
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Attachments:

- A. Map (showing the WUOLAC geographical representation throughout Texas)
- B. Recommended Nominees
- C. Summary of Current Members
- D. Summary of all Other Nominations
- E. *Texas Register* Solicitation of Nominees
- F. Draft Resolution

cc: Chief Clerk, 7 copies

WUOLAC Representation (13 members)



Representation through 2024

- Region 4: Karen Menard (Flower Mound)
- Region 10: Larry Bell (Huntington)
- Region 10: Robb Starr (Kountze)
- Region 12: Jake Hollingsworth (League City)
- Region 13: David Harris (Seguin)
- Region 14: Crystal Ybanez (Corpus Christi)
- Region 15: David Garza (Pharr)

Recommendations (would serve through 2026)

- Region 3: Harold Burris (Byers)
- Region 4: Joseph McDaniel (Granbury)
- Region 6: Angel Bustamante (El Paso)
- Region 7: Cory Moose (Midland)
- Region 9: Melissa Loyd (College Station)
- Region 13: Raymond Perez (San Antonio)

No Representation

ATTACHMENT B – Recommended Nominees

Nominees Recommended for Reappointment

McDaniel Sr., Jeremy Joseph (City of Granbury, TCEQ Region 4)

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Licenses: Class A Water, Class B Wastewater, Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, and Customer Service Inspector **Employment:** Field Supervisor for Aqua Texas, Inc. - Supervises 41 systems with 72 wells **Reason:** I would like to be considered for this position again as I think I still have a lot to offer the group. I was part of this group that helped develop the Class A Water Computer-Based Test (CBT) exam and would like to continue helping on future tests. My strong focus is on bringing in the next generation, and that is what I would like to continue bringing to the table for discussion. I feel I have a background that includes diversity; from working all over the state and communicating with employees within Aqua and within the industry. The hands-on experience I have been lucky to obtain can play a vital role in discussions within the group. **Goal:** My goal would be to help roll out the Class A Wastewater CBT exam as well as all other CBT testing that we can help with. The new generation in utilities is very tech savvy and we need to confront that aspect of this business to bring in quality workers. In the committee, I feel that every voice should be heard and that I don't represent just my voice but those within the utility industry I have been grateful enough to meet and come to know very well. **Associations:** Texas Section of American Water Works Association (TAWWA), Texas Water Utilities Association (TWUA), Water Utility Operator Licensing Advisory Committee (WUOLAC), Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT), and TCEQ EnviroMentor.

Moose, Cory (City of Midland, TCEQ Region 7)

TCEQ Licenses: Class A Water and Class A Wastewater **Employment:** Assistant Utilities Director, City of Midland **Reason:** With my broad array of operations, maintenance, and management knowledge, I can bring a unique perspective to the committee. My views on licensing duly represent the views of the Permian Basin Chapter of the TWUA which encompass Andrews, Midland, Ector, Dawson, Howard, Yoakum and other surrounding counties. **Goal:** To help guide TCEQ in making decisions impacting the water and wastewater professionals in my region. I want to ensure that all current and future license holders are properly trained to be successful and are capable of providing quality services to the public. I would like to see more Spanish tests provided and updated testing materials. **Associations:** President of TWUA Permian Basin Chapter, WUOLAC, American Water Works Association (AWWA), and Water Environment Federation (WEF)/WEAT.

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New Recommended Nominees

Burris, Harold (Byers, TCEQ Region 3)

TCEQ Licenses: Class A Water and Class A Wastewater **Employment:** Wastewater Plant Superintendent for the City of Wichita Falls **Reason:** After 37 years in water treatment, I've learned much and often see where people struggle in testing and training. I am a licensed instructor for TCEQ. I teach High School Seniors Water Treatment in Wichita Falls ISD. I want to make a positive influence in our field. **Goal:** We desperately need more younger people entering our field of work. We need more licensed operators to advance their certification levels, especially to get their "A" certification. **Associations:** TWUA, AWWA, and WEAT.

Bustamante, Angel (City of El Paso, TCEQ Region 6)

TCEQ License: Class A Water **Employment:** Water Operations Manager for the City of El Paso **Reason:** I have a passion for public health and safety. It has been ingrained in me ever since my boss, Mr. Rico, began mentoring me in 2013. This commitment to public health and safety has motivated me to get both my A Water license and my Master's degree in Environmental Engineering. Having safe and adequate supplies of public drinking water is one of the principal factors of a thriving society. Without safe drinking water, our cities and towns cannot grow and thrive. I would like to contribute to this advisory committee because I work with drinking water. I would like to help water operators learn what they need to know to make sure our water is safe to drink. Here in El Paso, our mission is to supply the City of El Paso with safe and reliable drinking water. I would like to help other operators in Texas with the same goal. **Goal:** My goal would be to help the committee with exam questions that are reflective of the skills and information that every drinking water operator should have. I would like to offer feedback on the training that I received that was instrumental to passing the exam. I would also like to offer suggestions and thoughts on how to make the exam better by asking other questions that operators should know. **Associations:** Drinking Water Advisory Work Group (DWA WG), and former TAWWA Desert Mountain Chapter President.

Loyd, Melissa (College Station, TCEQ Region 9)

TCEQ Licenses: Class A Water and Class A Wastewater **Employment:** Supervisor of Water Production & Wastewater at Texas A&M UES **Reason:** I feel it would be an honor to be a representative for my employer, Texas A&M University. I have experience as a U.S. Army Test Examiner and as a GED Examiner. I feel this knowledge will aid this committee in respect to understanding the importance of test quality and validation. I also know the importance of representing peers as I was our group's representative on University Staff Council for 4 years and Employee Advisory Committee for two years. **Goal:** My goal is to be confident that the TCEQ is putting forth the most knowledgeable employees and that the training required for licensing is

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consistent with new standards and available technologies. A personal goal is to increase job prospects and outlook of water-related fields to the community and possibly join forces with high schools and vocational institutes to get more interest in the water field. **Associations:** AWWA, TWUA, and Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA).

Perez, Raymond (San Antonio, TCEQ Region 13)

TCEQ License: Class A Wastewater **Employment:** San Antonio Water System (SAWS) Director of Treatment Operations and Maintenance **Reason:** I have been in the wastewater field for about 33 years. I would welcome the opportunity to give back to my industry and to improve the licensing program for future operators. **Goal:** My goals include to be an active participant, review test questions and make improvements & work with committee to review testing program and offer/make improvements. **Associations:** WEAT

ATTACHMENT C – Summary of Current Members

Members terms ending August 31, 2022

Eaves, Celia (TCEQ Region 11)

Ms. Eaves is a Utility Outreach Administrator for the Public Utilities Commission. She holds a TCEQ Class B Surface Water license. She is also a member of the Water Conservation Advisory Committee, and Texas Water Infrastructure Committee.

Hamilton, Russell (TCEQ Region 11)

Mr. Hamilton is the Executive Director of Texas Water Utility Association (TWUA). He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Class A Wastewater licenses and is a member of American Water Works Association (AWWA).

Hutchins, Kenneth (TCEQ Region 3)

Mr. Hutchins is the Abilene Utility System Manager. He holds a TCEQ Class A Water license and is a member of TWUA and the South-Central Membrane Association.

Kite, Paul (TCEQ Region 11)

Mr. Kite is the Assistant Director of Utilities for the City of San Marcos. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Wastewater Collection II licenses, is a member of TWUA, and is a School Board Member.

McDaniel, Joseph (TCEQ Region 13)

Mr. McDaniel is a Field Supervisor. He holds TCEQ Class A Water, Class B Wastewater, Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, and Customer Service Inspector licenses. He is also a member of TWUA, the Texas AWWA and participates in the TCEQ EnviroMentor Program.

Moose, Cory (TCEQ Region 7)

Mr. Moose is the Superintendent and Water Pollution Control Plant Manager for the City of Midland. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Class A Wastewater licenses, and is a member of TWUA, AWWA, and Water Environment Federation (WEF) / Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT).

Members terms ending August 31, 2024

Bell, Larry (TCEQ Region 10)

Mr. Bell is a Wire Circuit Rider, EPA Training Specialist, and Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA) Technical Assistant. He holds a TCEQ Class A Water license. Mr. Bell has been a part of the TCEQ Dam Inspection Sub-Committee, Cross-Connection Control Committee, Drinking Water Advisory Work Group, and is a former WUOLAC member. He has also held the position of Program Chairman for the TWUA Central East Texas Water Chapter.

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Garza, David (TCEQ Region 15)

Mr. Garza is the Director of Wastewater Systems for McAllen Public Utility. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Class A Wastewater licenses. He is also a member of TWUA, AWWA, and WEF.

Harris, David (Region 13)

Mr. Harris is the Deputy Executive Manager of Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA). He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Class A Wastewater, Municipal Solid Waste, and Customer Service Inspector licenses. Mr. Harris is a member of the Texas Municipal Utility Association (TMUA), TWUA, and TRWA. He was also a member of WUOLAC (1998) and a Texas Municipal League Affiliate Board Representative (2009-2016).

Hollingsworth, Jake (Region 12)

Mr. Hollingsworth is a strategy and performance manager for Gulf Coast Water Authority. He holds a TCEQ Class B Surface Water license. Mr. Hollingsworth is a member of AWWA, American Public Works Association, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, and Institute of Asset Management.

Menard, Karen (TCEQ Region 4)

Ms. Menard is a Wholesale Services Division Manager for the City of Dallas Water Utilities. She holds TCEQ Class A Water and Class A Wastewater licenses. Ms. Menard is the Chair of Consumer Outreach Committee for the Texas Section of AWWA, a member of WEF, WEAT, and Texas Water Development Board's Water Conservation Advisory Council.

Starr, Robb (TCEQ Region 10)

Mr. Starr is the District Manager for Lumberton Municipal Utility District (MUD). He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Class B Groundwater licenses and is a member of the TWUA. He is also the current WUOLAC president.

Ybanez, Crystal (TCEQ Region 14)

Ms. Ybanez is a Water Quality Manger at the City of Corpus Christi. She holds TCEQ Class A Water, Class A Wastewater, and Customer Service Inspector licenses. Ms. Ybanez is a member of AWWA, Texas AWWA, and participates in the TCEQ EnviroMentor Program.

ATTACHMENT D – Summary of All Other Nominations

Aguero, Michael (City of Andrews, TCEQ Region 7)

Mr. Aguero is the Director of Utilities for the City of Andrews. He holds TCEQ Class A Water, Class C Wastewater, Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester (BPAT), and Customer Service Inspector (CSI) licenses.

Albert, Charles (City of San Antonio, TCEQ Region 13)

Mr. Albert is a supervisor for the Collections/Pipeline Maintenance Division at the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority. He holds TCEQ Class B Water Distribution, Class III Wastewater Collection, and CSI licenses. He is also a member of the Texas Water Utilities Association (TWUA).

Archer, Robert (City of Fort Worth, TCEQ Region 4)

Mr. Archer is a Training Specialist with the City of Fort Worth. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Class III Wastewater Collection licenses. He is also a member of TWUA.

Baquera, Daniel (City of Beaumont, TCEQ Region 10)

Mr. Baquera is an Assistant Superintendent for the City of Beaumont. He holds a TCEQ Class A Water license and is a member of TWUA.

Byerly, Robert (City of Willis, TCEQ Region 12)

Mr. Byerly is the Water/Wastewater Superintendent for the City of Willis. He holds TCEQ Class B Groundwater Treatment, Class B Wastewater, and CSI licenses and is a member of Deep East TWUA.

Colunga, Julio (City of Fair Oaks Ranch, TCEQ Region 13)

Mr. Colunga is the Assistant Director of Public Works for the City of Fair Oaks Ranch. He holds TCEQ Class A Wastewater and Class C Groundwater licenses. He is also a member of the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT), Water Environment Federation (WEF), and the American Water Works Association (AWWA).

Crafton, Chad (City of Venus, TCEQ Region 4)

Mr. Crafton is the Operations Manager for the Bethesda Water Supply. He holds TCEQ Class C Groundwater and CSI licenses. He is a member of the Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA) and Texas Chapter of AWWA.

DeOtte, Robert (City of Fairfield, TCEQ Region 9)

Mr. DeOtte is a Plant Engineer for the City of Fairfield. He holds TCEQ Class D Water and Class D Wastewater licenses.

Eaves, Celia (City of Austin, Region 11)

Ms. Eaves is the Utility Outreach Administrator for the Public Utility Commission of Texas. She holds a TCEQ Class B Surface Water Treatment license. She is a member of the Water Conservation Advisory Committee, the

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Texas Water Infrastructure Coordination Committee, and a current member of WUOLAC.

Ferguson, Adam (City of Fort Worth, TCEQ Region 4)

Mr. Ferguson is the Assistant Water Systems Superintendent for the City of Fort Worth. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Wastewater licenses and is a member of Texas Chapter of AWWA and TWUA.

Gaby, Wanda (City of Alba, TCEQ Region 5)

Ms. Gaby is the General Manager for Bright Star-Salem Special Utility District. She holds a TCEQ Class A Water license and is a member of TRWA.

Gay, Michael (City of Baytown, TCEQ Region 12)

Mr. Gay is a Water Treatment Superintendent. He holds a TCEQ Class B Surface Water Treatment license, and is a member of TWUA, AWWA, and WEAT.

Hamilton, Loyd Russell (City of Austin, TCEQ Region 11)

Mr. Hamilton is the Executive Director of TWUA. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Wastewater licenses, participates in TCEQ's Drinking Water Advisory Work Group (DWAAG), and a current member of WUOLAC.

Harris, Doug (City of Reno, TCEQ Region 4)

Mr. Harris is the Director of Utilities for the City of Paris. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Wastewater licenses and is a member of TWUA, AWWA, and WEF/WEAT.

Heath, Michael (City of Rio Vista, TCEQ Region 4)

Mr. Heath is a Field Operations Coordinator for Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District. He holds a TCEQ Class B Water license.

High, Kenneth DeWayne (City of Cypress, TCEQ Region 12)

Mr. High is a President/CEO, General Manager, and Chief Operator. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Wastewater & CSI licenses. He participated in a TNRCC work group, served as a board member for a WSC and a MUD, and is a member of AWWA, WEF, TWUA, National Association of Environmental Professionals, and the Association of Water Board Directors.

Hodges, Ben (City of Sanger, TCEQ Region 4)

Mr. Hodges is an Assistant Director of Operations. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Wastewater licenses, and is a member of AWWA/TAWWA, WEF/WEAT, and TWUA.

Hopkins, Troy (City of Midlothian, TCEQ Region 4)

Mr. Hopkins is a Public Works Director. He holds TCEQ Class A Water, Class C Wastewater, and CSI licenses, and is a member of TWUA.

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Hubbard, Wesley (City of Euless, TCEQ Region 4)

Mr. Hubbard is the Public Works Superintendent for the City of Red Oak. He holds TCEQ Class A Water, Class B Wastewater, Wastewater Collection III, & CSI licenses, and is a member of AWWA, TWUA, and America Public Works Association (APWA).

Jordan, Bryan (City of Weatherford, TCEQ Region 4)

Mr. Jordan is a Water Plant Supervisor. He holds TCEQ Class C Wastewater and Class D Water licenses.

Kite, Paul (City of San Marcos, TCEQ Region 11)

Mr. Kite is an Assistant Director for the City of San Marcos. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Wastewater Collection II licenses. He served as a regional school board member, as President for the Panhandle District of TWUA, and is a current member of WUOLAC, TWUA, and AWWA.

Kivlan, Michael (City of Haslet, TCEQ Region 4)

Mr. Kivlan is the Water Production Superintendent for the City of Lewisville. He holds a TCEQ Class A Water license and is a member of AWWA and TWUA.

King, Trampus (City of Orange, TCEQ Region 10)

Mr. King is a Water Treatment Plant Operator. He holds a TCEQ Class A Water license and is a member of TWUA.

Miftari, Shannon (City of Dickinson, TCEQ Region 12)

Mr. Miftari is a Facility Manager. He holds TCEQ Class A Wastewater license and is a member of TWUA and WEF/WEAT.

Molly, Drew (City of Houston, TCEQ Region 12)

Mr. Molly is a Director of Drinking Water. He holds a TCEQ Class A Water license and is the Chair of the AWWA Texas Section.

Perry, Christopher (City of Hurst, TCEQ Region 4)

Mr. Perry is the Director of Utilities for the City of Hurst. He holds TCEQ Class B Water and Wastewater Collection II licenses, and is a member of TAWWA/AWWA, TRWA, and TWUA.

Riley, Michael (City of Crystal Beach, TCEQ Region 12)

Mr. Riley is a lead operator for Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District (SUD). He holds TCEQ Class B Water Distribution, BPAT, and CSI licenses.

Rouse, Kelly (City of Argyle, TCEQ Region 4)

Mr. Rouse is a utilities manager for the City of Lewisville. He holds TCEQ Class A Water & Class B Wastewater licenses. He is a member of WEAT, Texas AWWA,

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and a Water Resources Council Member for North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG).

Sheets, Brent (City of Fritch TCEQ Region 1)

Mr. Sheets is the Director of Public Works for the City of Fritch. He holds TCEQ Class C Water Distribution & Class D Wastewater licenses. He is the Panhandle Region President for TWUA, and a member of AWWA and APWA Texas Region.

Stephens, Hunter (City of Murphy, TCEQ Region 4)

Mr. Stephens is the Water Conveyance System Manager for North Texas MWD. He holds TCEQ Class A Water, Wastewater Collection Operator III, BPAT, and CSI licenses. He is a member of AWWA, WEF, and a past council member of the Water Resources Council for NCTCOG.

Striplin, Jeff (City of Merit, TCEQ Region 4)

Mr. Stephens is an assistant water treatment system manager. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and BPAT licenses. He has been a part of the TCEQ Nutrient Criteria Development Advisory Work Group (NCDAWG) in 2020, is the Cotton Belt District President for TWUA, and a member of Texas AWWA and WEF.

Tadlock, Edward (City of Houston, TCEQ Region 12)

Mr. Tadlock most recently worked as a Designer/Intern for civil engineering for Klotz Associates, Inc. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Wastewater licenses. He is a past AWWA president, and a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers, South Central Membrane Association, Texas AWWA, TWUA, and Sam Houston Water Utilities Association.

Tawil, Isaac (City of McAllen, TCEQ Region 15)

Mr. Tawil serves as the general counsel to the McAllen Public Utility and as City Attorney for McAllen, Texas. He does not hold a TCEQ occupational license.

Taylor, John (City of Magnolia, TCEQ Region 12)

Mr. Taylor is an operations manager at Oak Ridge North. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Wastewater, and CSI licenses. He is a member of TWUA and AWWA.

Thompson, Lisa (City of Point, TCEQ Region 5)

Ms. Thompson is the general manager for a combined consumers Special Utility District (SUD). She holds TCEQ Class B Surface Water, Class B Wastewater, BPAT, and CSI licenses. She is a member of AWWA, TRWA, and TWUA.

Van Riper, David (City of Friendswood, TCEQ Region 12)

Mr. Van Riper is an assistant director of Public Works for the City of Friendswood. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Wastewater licenses and is the president of the Gulf Area Utilities Association.

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Wentt, Michael (City of Mansfield, TCEQ Region 4)

Mr. Wentt is a training administrator. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Wastewater, & Wastewater Collection III licenses. He is a member of AWWA and TWUA.

White, Brandon, (City of Cameron, TCEQ Region 9)

Mr. White is a water superintendent for the City of Cameron. He holds TCEQ Class A Water, Class A Wastewater, and CSI licenses.

Wright, Chris (City of Kingwood, TCEQ Region 12)

Mr. Wright is a plant operator. He holds TCEQ Class A Water and Class B Wastewater licenses. He is a member of TWUA.

Request for Nominations - Water Utility Operator Licensing Advisory Committee (WUOLAC)

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or commission) is requesting nominations for a total of six individuals to serve on the TCEQ Water Utility Operator Licensing Advisory Committee (committee).

The committee membership represents various geographic areas of the state, ethnicities, businesses, governments, associations, and industries. If you have served on this advisory committee, nominated someone, or self-nominated in the past, you may do so again. When members' terms expire, the committee representation changes and individuals with varying backgrounds and geographic locations are needed to fill the vacancies.

The authority for the committee is found in 30 TAC Chapter 5, Advisory Committees and Groups. The 13-member committee's sole duty is to advise the commission regarding water and wastewater operator licensing and training issues and facilitate communication between the commission and the water and wastewater utility industries. The main objectives are to: 1) review training and educational materials to promote quality education and training; 2) review Job Task Analysis and exam validations; 3) advise and assist regarding licensing requirements; 4) assist with the review of rules, regulations, guidance documents, and policy statements; 5) represent a diversity of viewpoints; and 6) promote interaction with outside organizations.

All appointments will be made by the TCEQ commissioners. The committee meets, as needed, usually four times a year. Meetings are held at the TCEQ offices located at 12100 Park 35 Circle in Austin, Texas, or virtually. Meetings last approximately two to four hours. No financial compensation is available. Additional information regarding the Committee is available at the following website: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/groups/wuoc_comm.html.

To nominate an individual or to self-nominate, download and complete the Water Utility Operator Licensing Advisory Committee application from our website (previously listed), or contact us directly to request an application be mailed to you. You may submit a resume in addition to the application, but not in lieu of the application.

DEADLINE: Completed applications must be received at TCEQ by 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2022. Applications may be delivered to by email licenses@tceq.texas.gov with the Subject line "WUOLAC Nomination"; faxed to (512) 239-6272; or via United States mail to: Training Specialist, Occupational Licensing Section, MC 178, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

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Guy Henry

Deputy Director, Environmental Law Division

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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Texas Health and Human Services Commission

Public Notice - Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance Amendment effective March 1, 2022

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announces its intent to submit an amendment to the Texas State Plan for Medical Assistance, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. The proposed amendment is effective March 1, 2022.

The purpose of the amendment is to update the fee schedules in the current state plan by adjusting fees, rates, or charges for the following services:

Chemical Dependency Treatment;

Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies;

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Services;

Outpatient Hospital Services; and

Physicians and Other Practitioners.

The proposed amendment is estimated to result in an annual aggregate expenditure of \$1,756,339 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022, consisting of \$1,122,301 in federal funds and \$634,038 in state general revenue. For FFY 2023, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$3,333,559, consisting of \$1,995,802 in federal funds and \$1,337,757 in state general revenue. For FFY 2024, the estimated annual aggregate expenditure is \$3,871,363, consisting of \$2,317,785 in federal funds and \$1,553,578 in state general revenue.

Further detail on specific reimbursement rates and percentage changes is available on the HHSC Provider Finance website under the proposed effective date at: <https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/rate-packets>.

Rate Hearings. A rate hearing was conducted both in person and online on November 19, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. Information about the proposed rate changes and the hearing were published in the October 29, 2021, issue of the *Texas Register* (46 TexReg 7449). The notice of hearing can be found at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

A rate hearing was also conducted both in person and online on December 13, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. Information about the proposed rate changes and the hearing were published in the December 3, 2021, issue of the *Texas Register* (46 TexReg 8271). The notice of hearing can be found at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

Copy of Proposed Amendment. Interested parties may obtain additional information and/or a free copy of the proposed amendment by contacting Shaneqwea James, State Plan Policy Advisor, by mail at the Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box 13247, Mail Code H-600, Austin, Texas 78711; by telephone at (512) 487-3349; by facsimile at (512) 730-7472; or by e-mail at Medicaid_Chip_SPA_Inquiries@hhsc.state.tx.us. Copies of the proposed amendment will be available for review at the local county offices of HHSC, (which were formerly the local offices of the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services).

Written Comments. Written comments about the proposed amendment and/or requests to review comments may be sent by U.S. mail, overnight mail, special delivery mail, hand delivery, fax, or email:

U.S. Mail

Texas Health and Human Services Commission

Attention: Provider Finance Department

Mail Code H-400

P.O. Box 149030

Austin, Texas 78714-9030

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



A RESOLUTION To Appoint New Members to the Water Utility Operator Licensing Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
TCEQ Docket No. 2022-0343-RES
Non-Rule Project No. 2022-009-RES-NR

WHEREAS, Texas Water Code, § 5.107 provides the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or Commission) with the authority to create and consult with the Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the 73rd Texas Legislature, 1993, Regular Session, adopted Senate Bill 383, subsequently codified as Texas Government Code, Chapter 2110; and

WHEREAS, Commission advisory committees are subject to the Commission's rules regarding such committees pursuant to 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 5, Advisory Committees and Groups, the committees' sole duties are to advise the Commission, the committees have no executive or administrative powers with respect to the operation of the Commission, and all such powers and duties rest solely with the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission issued and adopted a resolution on July 20, 2020, to continue the existence of the Advisory Committee to August 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the following Advisory Committee members will expire on August 31, 2022: Celia Eaves, L. Russell Hamilton, Kenneth Hutchins, Paul Kite, Joseph McDaniel, and Cory Moose;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, that the following persons are appointed to the Advisory Committee:

Harold Burris, whose term shall be effective September 1, 2022, for a four-year term to expire on August 31, 2026;

Angel Bustamante, whose term shall be effective September 1, 2022, for a four-year term to expire on August 31, 2026;

Melissa Loyd, whose term shall be effective September 1, 2022, for a four-year term to expire on August 31, 2026;

Joseph McDaniel, whose term shall be effective September 1, 2022, for a four-year term to expire on August 31, 2026;

Cory Moose, whose term shall be effective September 1, 2022, for a four-year term to expire on August 31, 2026;

Raymond Perez, whose term shall be effective September 1, 2022, for a four-year term to expire on August 31, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY THAT the Commission has established the Water Utility Operator Licensing Advisory Committee. The Water Utility Operator Licensing Advisory Committee shall continue to function through the Occupational Licensing Section of the Occupational Licensing and Registration Division and advise and assist the TCEQ on matters related to the training and licensing of water and wastewater operators.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Jon Niermann, Chairman

Date Signed: