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Glenn Hegar, Texas Comptroller

Glenn Hegar was elected as the 36th Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts in November 2014. Hegar is Texas' chief financial officer — the state's treasurer, check writer, tax collector, procurement officer and revenue estimator.



Upon taking office, he reorganized the Comptroller's office for quicker and more effective decision-making and reduced its administrative footprint by working with the Legislature to repeal eight taxes formerly administered by his agency, eliminate some inefficient programs and transfer others that didn't fit its core missions.

Hegar is focused on his agency's constitutional duties and committed to improving its customer service and transparency. He believes a less-burdensome tax system will foster a better environment for job creation and business expansion, and thus a healthier Texas economy.

As CFO for the world's 10th-largest economy, Hegar monitors Texas' financial health to ensure it maintains strong fund balances. During his term in office, he has emerged as a passionate advocate for conservative financial management and fiscal transparency at all levels of government. Among other initiatives, Hegar founded the "Transparency Stars" program, which recognizes Texas local governments that provide the public with detailed information on various aspects of their finances.

Hegar has worked hard to bring public and legislative attention to long-term financial obligations facing the state, such as health care coverage for public school teachers and employees, infrastructure maintenance and state employee pensions — needs that have caused major financial difficulties in other states. These obligations rarely receive adequate attention in the give-and-take of Texas' biennial legislative budgeting process, and the longer the state waits to address them, the greater their ultimate costs will be to Texas taxpayers.

To avoid potential risks to the health of the state's finances and the maintenance of its triple-A credit rating, Hegar is recommending a more prudent and fiscally responsible approach to managing the state's \$11 billion Economic Stabilization Fund — the "rainy day fund" — to create a Texas Legacy Fund, a permanent endowment for the state that would earn investment income to begin paying down Texas' long-term obligations.

Hegar guided the formation of the nation's first state-administered precious metals depository, which began accepting deposits of precious metals on June 6, 2018. Hegar forged a unique public-private partnership with a Texas-based company to create a depository offering state-of-the-art security features and top-flight customer service at no cost to the state.

Before his election as Texas Comptroller, Hegar served in the Texas House of Representatives and Texas Senate, where he worked on a wide range of common-sense solutions to problems affecting Texans in areas such as public education, transportation, tax reform, government transparency, Second Amendment rights, water issues and tort reform. As chair of the Sunset Advisory Commission, Hegar eliminated inefficiencies in state agencies and abolished six, saving Texas taxpayers more than \$160 million. In his last session as a state senator, Hegar oversaw state and local revenue matters and helped cut \$1 billion worth of taxes.

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Hegar is a 1993 graduate of Texas A&M University and a graduate of St. Mary's University, where he earned a Master of Arts and his law degree. At the University of Arkansas, he earned his Master of Laws. Hegar is a sixth-generation Texan who grew up farming land that has been in his family since the mid-1800s. His upbringing taught him the core values of hard work, honesty and integrity — the same values he and his wife Dara work to instill in their three young children, Claire, Julia and Jonah. Hegar's most important title throughout his years of service is the one closest to home: Dad!

Sagar Desai, Commit Partnership, Managing Director of Operations

Sagar Desai is the Managing Director of Operations at the Commit Partnership. Sagar supports work in Dallas County focused on Postsecondary Attainment, Educator Pipelines, and Early Childhood.



Before joining Commit, Sagar worked at InsideTrack, an organization focused on improving college graduation rates through personalized student coaching. He started as an Operations Analyst, where he used data to support business development and drive operational improvements. He later became a Technical Project Manager, building systems and processes that would ultimately enable the organization to impact more students. Beyond InsideTrack, Sagar has contributed to this work in various capacities. In Chicago, he consulted for Chicago International Charter Schools (a 16-school charter network) where he developed their five-year technology strategy. He also consulted for Chicago Public Schools, identifying over \$25mm in cost savings from its transportation operations.

Sagar is an alum of the Mayors Star Council and of Leadership Dallas (LD'17). He received his M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering.

Mayor Jeff Cheney – City of Frisco

Native Texan Jeff Cheney was elected Mayor of Frisco, Texas, in May 2017, and holds the distinction of being the youngest Mayor of Frisco. Since Mayor Cheney has taken office, Frisco has been recognized as the fastest growing city in America and the #1 Best Place to Live by Money Magazine. Mayor Cheney's big initiatives are master planning the northern area of our city, keeping taxes low for our residents, developing Grand Park, working with the private sector to build a performing arts center, and dealing with density and congestion challenges with innovative mobility solutions. Previously, Cheney served on Frisco City Council 2007-2016.



Mayor Cheney and his wife, Dana, are the co-founders of The Cheney Group, a Frisco-based residential realty firm. The Cheney Group employs 14 Frisco residents, is the top residential real estate firm in Frisco and was recognized as the Frisco Small Business of the Year 2015. The Cheney Group joined forces with The Associates and offices at The Star. Professionally, Mayor Cheney has earned the distinction of Certified Public Accountant and a Registered Financial Advisor.

Mayor Cheney attended the University of Texas-Austin where he was recognized with Highest Honors for his Bachelors and Masters in Accounting.

Mayor Cheney and wife, Dana, were married in 2001 and have been blessed with three children: Zachary, Mason and Kaytlin.

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Mayor Harry LaRosiliere – City of Plano

Mayor Harry LaRosiliere (La Ross eh lee air) was elected Mayor of Plano in 2013. He was sworn in as Plano’s 39th Mayor and is the first African American to be elected to this office. In May of 2017, he was sworn in for a second term. Prior to this he proudly served his community for six years as a two-term City Council Member.



Mayor LaRosiliere is equally passionate about economic development and delivering what he calls The Plano Promise: “Our City will protect you. Our schools will educate you, and our community will nurture you.” During Mayor’s tenure, Plano has emerged as a regional employment destination. Successes in recent years include major corporate relocations such as: Toyota, Liberty Mutual Insurance, JP Morgan Chase and Co., Boeing Global Services, and FedEx Office to name a few. His desire for a sense of community has led to the launch of three key community initiatives. The Nourishing Hope Program affirms to our food insecure elementary students and their families that they will be provided access to nutritious food when needed throughout the year. Plano Families First is designed to give those families access and information on healthcare and education resources, as well as, assistance with employment opportunities. Mayor is most proud of the Plano Mayor’s Summer Internship Program, which has given over 500 senior high students real-world workplace experience through an eight-week paid internship.

Additionally, Mayor Larosiliere holds leadership positions in the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) where he currently serves as Chair on the prominent Transportation and Communications Committee. Through his involvement in the USCM, Plano has a voice in the national conversations within this bipartisan organization.

Mayor LaRosiliere is a financial advisor with a global wealth management firm. He often says, “My life is a three legged stool with family, work and public service which rests on my faith.” He lives a life of passion so he can contribute the most he can. With all of his accomplishments, he is most proud of his family. He especially enjoys spending time with his wife Tracy, and their two daughters, Brianna and Maya.

Mayor George Fuller – City of McKinney

George Fuller was elected Mayor of McKinney in May 2017. He is currently a builder and developer of custom homes and commercial properties with George C. Fuller Contracting.



Mayor Fuller is the managing construction partner for Adriatica, a 46-acre mixed-use development in McKinney. He has developed community infrastructures, retail shopping centers, condominiums, business centers and some of the most award winning and decorated homes in North Texas. Mayor Fuller has been honored with the Builder of the Year Award six years in a row by D Magazine while also receiving honors from the National Home Builder Association Awards, including “Best Craftsmanship,” “Best Overall Home,” “Best Floor Plan,” and multiple “People’s Choice” awards.

Mayor Fuller also has had several ventures outside of construction including Body Quest, Inc., an international exercise equipment manufacturing and distributing company. He co-created Everide

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Automotive Parts, Inc., an automotive heating and cooling parts company with national distribution. He also founded Airtech Heating and Cooling, Inc., a Dallas-based commercial and residential general contracting company. Currently, he owns The Guitar Sanctuary, a high-end guitar and music equipment boutique recently named one of the Top 20 Coolest Guitar Shops in the country by Premier Guitar magazine, along with The Sanctuary Music and Event Center and the Sanctuary Performance Academy.

Mayor Fuller serves as President of the Stonebridge Ranch Commercial Association. He and his wife, Maylee, are co-founders of the Love Life Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing awareness of the many tragedies inflicted upon children and identifying and supporting agencies and groups that bring relief and comfort to the young victims and their families. He is also a member of the McKinney Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and a Board Director for Meals on Wheels. He previously served as Chairman of the McKinney Community Development Corporation.

Mayor Fuller studied Business Management and Business Law at Norwich University, the nation's oldest private military academy. He and his wife live in McKinney and have four children.

Mayor Stephen Terrell – City of Allen

As Allen's mayor since 1997, Stephen Terrell has helped Allen grow from a small town of 34,000 to a vibrant city of nearly 100,000. In addition to leading the Allen City Council, Mayor Terrell represents Allen's interests through involvement in the North Central Texas Council of Governments, North Texas Commission, Regional Transportation Council and Dallas Regional Mobility Committee.



Mayor Terrell's interest in city government stemmed from his experience as a small business owner. He believed Allen needed to enhance its economic base to help alleviate the tax burden on homeowners. During his tenure, Allen has welcomed numerous major retail and employment centers, helping to create a more diverse and sustainable tax base. He understands the importance of customer service and strives to provide a timely response to questions and concerns.

Mayor Terrell and his wife, Sally, are co-owners of Terrell's Dry Cleaning. They have a son, daughter and two grandchildren.

Chris Wallace, President & CEO, North Texas Commission

Chris Wallace, IOM, CCE is President/CEO of the North Texas Commission, an unique public-private partnership that drives large impactful projects and legislative advocacy benefiting a robust 13-county region. Prior to joining the NTC, Wallace was President/COO of the Texas Association of Business, the state chamber of commerce. In this role, he managed TAB's statewide team responsible for legislative advocacy and strategy, operations, membership/marketing, as well as board and chamber relations. As a registered lobbyist, Chris led TAB's advocacy initiatives in the areas of economic development having founded the highly recognized and successful Keep Texas Open for Business Coalition. He also successfully led a nationwide campaign reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank as well as a NAFTA 2.0 initiative (Texas-Mexico Trade Coalition).



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Wallace also spent 10 years as President/CEO of the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber, the first national Five-Star Accredited Chamber in Texas, where he managed the Irving Economic Development Partnership.

Wallace is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the U.S. Chamber's Institute for Organization Management and a former Regent of Northeast Institute at Villanova University. He is among only 570 executives in the nation who have earned their CCE (Certified Chamber Executive) designation. He also serves on the national board of the Business & Industry Political Action Committee (BIPAC) and on the Texas Advisory Committee of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition.

He is a 1992 graduate of Texas Tech University and serves as a member of the Texas Tech Chancellor's Council and previously on the Professional Advisory Board of the College of Media and Communication where he was named an outstanding alumnus in 2008. He was a finalist for a 2010 White House Fellowship.

Judge Jeff Moseley, CEO, Texas Association of Business

Jeff Moseley has four decades of public and private sector experience, particularly in the transportation industry and economic development.

Currently, he serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Texas Association of Business, the largest business association in Texas, representing over 2,800 businesses, from major corporations to small start-ups. Combined those businesses employ over 2.5 million Texans and drive the economic engine of the state. Most recently, he served as state Vice President of Government Affairs for Texas Central Partners LLC, a private company developing a new high-speed rail system between Houston and Dallas/Fort Worth. He led engagement efforts with local governmental entities.



Before that, Moseley was appointed by former Texas Governor Rick Perry (R) to the five-member Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and a \$12 billion annual budget. During his tenure, Moseley served as the Vice Chairman of the Commission and was the Commission Liaison to the Texas Ports communities and chair of the Safety Advisory Committee.

Previously, Moseley was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Houston Partnership (GHP), the primary business organization for the 11-county Houston region. Under his leadership, the GHP gained national recognition as a center for economic development and became the largest chamber of commerce in the Lone Star State with a board consisting of 130 business leaders representing companies with a combined annual revenue of \$1.6 trillion. Under his leadership, the economic development initiative Opportunity Houston was launched. That campaign successfully raised \$32 million for marketing, which was recognized as the largest in the nation. Prior to joining the GHP, Moseley was Chief Executive Officer of the Office for Economic Development and Tourism for the state of Texas and served as the Executive Director of the Texas Department of Economic Development (formerly the Texas Department of Commerce).

Under his direction, the Department was instrumental in bringing the Toyota Tundra manufacturing facility to San Antonio and the move of CITGO to Houston. He was a strategic team member in the launch and administration of the \$295 million Texas Enterprise Fund. He also reestablished formal trade

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missions to Mexico with an emphasis on oil and gas. Moseley was elected to county office and served as Denton County Judge and Justice of the Peace before joining the Governor's office. During his time as County Judge he successfully secured more than \$70 million in funding from TxDOT, including a \$27 million bridge and road package, a historic first for the county. He was elected to three terms as County Judge and managed to reduce the ad valorem tax rate while piloting one of the fastest growing counties in the nation.

Jeff Moseley has served on several boards throughout his career, including the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Center for Houston's Future, the United Way of Houston, the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100 and the Texas Economic Development Corporation. Moseley is a sixth generation Texan and graduate and Outstanding Alumnus of Southern Nazarene University in Oklahoma. He is married to Jackie Barret of Comanche, Texas and they have two daughters, Joi and Jenni.

Greg Abbott, Governor

As the 48th Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott continues to build on his long record as a conservative leader who fights to preserve Texas values like faith, family and freedom.

Under Governor Abbott's leadership, Texas again leads the nation in job creation as a record number of Texans are employed even as the state's population continues its record growth.



Due in part to successes from his first legislative session that included cutting billions in taxes to stimulate job growth, improving Texas roads, focusing on quality education, securing the border and expanding protection of Texans' constitutional rights, the Texas economy is now the tenth-largest among the nations of the world.

Building on the four pillars of safety and security, education, economic advancement and the preservation of liberty, he proudly signed legislation banning sanctuary cities, reforming the child protective system, investing in early and higher education, reining in regulatory regimes that strangle innovation, and ensuring that unborn children are treated with the basic dignity human life demands. Prior to his election in 2014, Greg Abbott was the 50th and longest-serving Attorney General of Texas. As the state's chief law enforcement official, he earned a national reputation for defending religious liberty and for protecting Texas communities and children.

He also previously served as a Justice on the Texas Supreme Court and as a State District Judge in Harris County.

A native Texan and avid sportsman and hunter, Governor Abbott was born in Wichita Falls and raised in Duncanville. After graduating from The University of Texas at Austin with a BBA in finance, he earned a law degree from Vanderbilt University Law School. Shortly after graduating from law school, he was partially paralyzed by a falling tree while jogging.

Governor Abbott and his wife, Cecilia, a former teacher and principal, and the first Hispanic First Lady of Texas, were married in 1981. Their daughter, Audrey, is a college student.