



## Glenn Hegar

Elected in November 2014, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is a strong advocate for job growth and greater diversification of the Texas economy. A staunch supporter of government transparency, Hegar believes all levels of government should be open and accountable to those who pay the bills — Texas taxpayers. Hegar serves as Texas' chief financial officer, treasurer, check writer, tax collector, procurement officer and revenue estimator.

In the Texas Senate, Hegar oversaw state and local revenue matters during the 83rd legislative session and was instrumental in cutting \$1 billion in taxes for Texas taxpayers and businesses. As a business owner, Comptroller Hegar knows first hand that individuals, not government, will make better decisions with their hard-earned tax dollars and in turn help boost the economy.

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 character, honesty, integrity and hard work. These are the same values that he and his wife, Dara, work to instill in their three young children: Julia, Jonah and Claire.



## Dawn Buckingham

Dr. Dawn Buckingham made history in 2016 when she triumphed in a tough campaign to earn a place in history as the first Republican from Travis County ever elected to the Texas Senate, and the first woman ever elected to represent Senate District 24. Dr. Buckingham's independent spirit and tenacious nature made her a natural Texas Senate leader on strengthening border security, keeping taxes low, defending the 2nd amendment, and improving public education.

Dr. Buckingham's family were among the first settlers to Texas seven generations ago, and that tough, independent, pioneer spirit is deeply rooted in her personality. True to her Texas roots, her commitment to service began early, serving as a volunteer firefighter, and attending the Texas A&M Fire School. She is also an avid hunter and outdoorswoman.

She graduated from UT Austin Magna Cum Laude & debt-free. It was during college that she met the love of her life and husband of 30 years, Ed Buckingham. Dawn and Ed both received their medical degrees from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, and they have two children. Her commitment to service and recognition for her work has allowed her to hold leadership positions in local, state, and national organizations.



## Sid Miller

An 8th generation farmer and rancher, Sid Miller is the 12th Commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). He has devoted his life to promoting Texas agriculture, rural communities and the great state of Texas.

A recognized community leader, Miller was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2000. He quickly earned a reputation as a staunch defender of Texas agriculture, constitutional freedoms and individual liberties for all Texans.

He was elected statewide as the 12th Texas Agriculture Commissioner in 2014 and re-elected to his second term in office in 2018.

Since taking office as Agriculture Commissioner, Commissioner Miller has brought real, common sense reform to TDA. Within six months in office, he eliminated a 2 1/2-year backlog in organic certifications. He reshaped field operations to maximize efficiency for Texas taxpayers. This included increasing the number of consumer protection inspections by as much as 183 percent while slashing the miles traveled by TDA inspectors by more than half a million miles a year.

He and his wife, Debra, have been married for 44 years. They have two sons, two daughters-in-law and five grandchildren. They are active members of the Cowboy Church of Erath County, where Commissioner Miller also serves as an elder.



## Wayne Christian

A lifelong conservative businessman, Wayne Christian was elected as our 50th Texas Railroad Commissioner in November 2016. Throughout his first term, Christian developed a strong record of fighting against frivolous regulations and standing strong for free markets and American Energy Dominance!

In 1996, Christian was elected to the Texas House of Representatives as the first Republican elected from Deep East Texas since Reconstruction after the Civil War. During his time in the House, Christian played a key role in electing a Republican majority to the Texas Legislature and kickstarting the conservative renaissance in the State of Texas.

As state representative, Christian served as the President of the Texas Conservative Coalition and earned a reputation as one of the most conservative, liberty-minded elected officials in the State of Texas with A-Ratings from the National Rifle Association, leading pro-life groups, and conservative watchdog and business organizations.

Wayne Christian is married to his wife, Lisa, and together they have three daughters and five grandchildren. The Christians are members of the First Baptist Church in Center, where he has served as a member of the Texas Baptist Men's Laity Board and as a board member of the Shelby County Senior Citizen Corporation of Texas.



## Dan Patrick

Dan Patrick was first elected Lt. Governor of Texas in 2014 and re-elected in 2018. A preeminent voice for principled conservative policies both in Texas and across the nation, Lt. Gov. Patrick is leading the fight for life and liberty in Texas including securing the border, reducing property and business taxes, standing up for the Second Amendment and addressing Texas' infrastructure challenges to assure that our state continues to flourish economically.

Lt. Governor Patrick presided over what have been called the most conservative and productive sessions of the State Senate in Texas history. Focusing on strategies to keep Texas families and communities safe & the state economy strong, under his leadership, the Senate passed legislation to dramatically increase support for border security and reduced the franchise tax by 25% on a pathway to eliminating it all together.

Lt. Gov. Patrick has been married to his wife Jan, a former schoolteacher, for 46 years. They are the proud parents of son Ryan & daughter Shane, & the grandparents to seven grandchildren.



## Jenny Garcia Sharon

I want to champion the cause for middle-class Americans locally and nationally; our brave veterans, police officers, firefighters, schoolteachers, and those often forgotten by career politicians. I am a proud American of Mexican descent, born and raised in the great state of Texas. I am a third-generation immigrant on my mother's side and a fourth-generation immigrant on my father's side. We are a diverse family; my parents are Republicans and most of my extended family are Democrats. I grew up listening to my father's stories of his youth and my mother's stories of the hard-working entrepreneur my grandfather was, which instilled in me the foundation of my conservative values.

I believe in this great nation of Ours, the First Amendment, the Second Amendment, the Fifth Amendment, legal immigration, and the right to life from conception to birth. I believe in capitalism, equal pay, Medicare for the elderly and disabled, freedom of choice for healthcare, and freedom of choice for education. I strongly stand against socialism, communism, and endless wars. I love the United States with unwavering passion and my platform is one that seeks to keep America the strong, prosperous, free country that our founders intended. I vow to fight for the rights of all and I will honor the constitution of the United States of America.



## Ken Paxton

In 2014 Ken Paxton became the 51st Attorney General of Texas. General Paxton is consistently recognized as a conservative, stalwart leader with a deep passion and respect for our U.S. Constitution through his previous service in the Texas House and Senate and now as Attorney General. He is known for his principled and uncompromising devotion to America's founding values.

Once elected, Ken immediately went to work fulfilling his campaign promises to protect the 10th Amendment, fighting efforts by President Obama and his administration to infringe upon Texas' state sovereignty. He has been a prominent voice in the defense of religious liberty during multiple attacks by the Obama Administration and also more recently supporting the current Administration's policies defending religious liberty. A defender of our free enterprise system, General Paxton also continues to fight against overreaching government regulations which harm Texas jobs and economic growth.

Ken lives in McKinney with his wife, Angela, a guidance counselor at Legacy Christian Academy in Frisco. The Paxtons have four children: Tucker, Abby, Mattie, and Katie. Ken and Angela are members of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano.



## Greg Abbott

Named "Best Governor in the Nation" in 2020, Governor Greg Abbott continues to build on his record as a strong conservative leader who fights to preserve Texas values and ensure the Lone Star State remains the best place to raise a family, build a business, and create greater opportunity for all.

Before his election in 2014 as the 48th Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott was the 50th Attorney General of Texas, earning a national reputation for defending religious liberty and 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, 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. From his faith and family, he gained strength, recognizing "our lives are not defined by our challenges, but by how we respond to them."

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 recent college graduate.



## Perla Hopkins

Perla was born in California, the oldest of six children and a 1st Generation Hispanic-American, to parents from Mexico and Guatemala. Her family eventually moved to Louisiana and the stellar education she received in public schools in both states helped spark her passion for education. After high school, she enlisted in the US Air Force and began a chapter of her life that would have her living in Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, South Carolina, and Germany.

While serving, she met her husband Bart, a native Texan, and during 21 years of marriage they've added three amazing kids to the family. Perla is Catholic and serves as a Religious Education leader at St. Margaret Mary.

Perla feels called to continue serving, this time as SBOE District 5 representative. She has already developed good working relationships with lawmakers and analysts and hopes to fight for improvement in education in the district.

She plans to champion the removal of the Obscenity Exemption found in Penal Code 43.24 that currently permits graphic sexual material in public schools and continue fighting any CRT practices or ideologies inundating Texas classrooms. Dependable and Hard-working, she will fight for the rights of Parents in their children's education and continuous improvement of the education system.



## Pete Flores

A former leader of Texas Parks and Wildlife's statewide law enforcement division with strong ties to Central, South and West Texas, Pete Flores sees the Texas State Senate as another way he can serve the region. Pete Flores grew up in South Texas and graduated from Texas A&M.

As Colonel Game Warden for Texas Parks and Wildlife, Flores built a strong reputation for implementing community-based law enforcement protocols and successfully coordinating law enforcement operations with local, state, and federal law enforcement officials. Pete Flores has the experience in the state senate to work with local leaders to ensure our part of Texas gets the resources we need to pull through these tough economic times.

The first Hispanic Director of Law Enforcement for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Flores is a graduate of the Governor's Executive Development Program and the National Conservation Leadership Institute's Fellowship Program and served as vice president of the National Association of Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs (USA).

Pete's favorite quote is "There are two sides to every tortilla".

He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Pleasanton and have two adult daughters and two grandsons.

He has a personal interest in wildlife, antiques, and books.



## Michelle Evans

Michelle is a married mother of three, small business owner in Williamson County, and a fierce advocate for families and freedom.

As the mother of a child with special healthcare needs, she has witnessed first-hand how services earmarked for the most vulnerable are log-jammed by bureaucratic red tape and wasteful spending. In 2015, she and two other mothers founded Texans for Vaccine Choice, which has grown to be one of the most influential and effective organizations in our state.

She is running to serve you in the Texas House by upholding our Texas values, strengthening education, supporting our police and first responders, and streamlining services for the most disadvantaged. She looks forward to giving back to the community that has given so much to her over the years, and hopes to earn your support!



## Bill Gravell

Bill Gravell is a Williamson County native who has served as County Judge since 2019. From 2013-2019 Bill served as Justice of the Peace. In 2016 Bill Gravell was selected as "Judge of the year in Texas".

In this capacity under Texas law, the County Judge serves as chief executive officer of the county and is involved in almost all aspects of county government, including the County budget and presiding over Commissioners Court. The County Judge is also the administrator over the County Departments and Senior Department Heads that report directly to the Commissioners Court. He serves as well as the head of Emergency Management.

As your County Judge, Bill fights every day for the people of Williamson County. Bill has provided law enforcement with the resources they need to keep Williamson County families safe. Bill Gravell opposes any radical efforts to defund the police. Bill is committed to lowering property taxes and with fellow Republicans lead the charge to raise the homestead exemption for our residents in Williamson County. Bill is fighting for the most vulnerable in our community. Let's keep him on the job.



## Nancy Rister

Nancy Rister has been your County Clerk for 24 years bringing home 23 years (so far) of awards from the State of Texas Vital Statistics Section of the Department of State Health Services.

She believes in using technology to be the most efficient office possible. While not completely paperless, over 80-90% of all documents filed are filed electronically in the courts and Official Public Records. This eliminated scanning, and the handling of paper for processing and mailing. Nothing gets lost in the mail when it is filed electronically.

The increased volume due to our county's growth keeps her staff of forty-four very busy. Clerk's offices are hard working as is Nancy. She has always juggled her time between priorities. She has a strong work ethic learned from her mom and dad in a small West Texas town.

Going to college while working 40 hours per week presented a challenge but objectives can be accomplished when you set your mind to it. After obtaining her bachelor's degree in Accounting and Information Systems she became involved in civic clubs like the local battered women's shelter.

Married for 39 years with two daughters and four grandchildren, she juggles family and work priorities.

For more info go to [www.NancyRister.org](http://www.NancyRister.org)



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