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Figueroa Named Chair of Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation

AUSTIN – Rick Figueroa of Brenham has been named Chair of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation. He replaces former Chairman Mike Arismendez Jr. of Shallowater, who recently resigned from the Commission.

Figueroa, who has served on the Commission since 2016, was named Chairman by Governor Greg Abbott on Thursday. He is first vice president of UBS Financial Services and is a partner with Caton Figueroa Group.

Commissioner Thomas F. Butler was reappointed by Governor Abbott to a six-year term that will expire on Feb. 1, 2025. Butler, of Deer Park, was first appointed to the Commission in 2013. He is president of USI Credit Union in La Porte.

Gov. Abbott appointed a new Commission member to replace Arismendez. Joel S. Garza Jr. of Pearland was appointed to a two-year term that will expire on Feb. 1, 2021. Garza is an associate attorney with Lee and Desenberg PLLC in Houston.

The Texas Senate will consider the confirmation of Butler and Garza, as well as Commissioners Gerald R. Callas, MD, FASA and Gary Wesson, DDS, MS, who were appointed to the Commission in 2018, when the Legislature was not in session.

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