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Thomas F. Butler



Gary Wesson, DDS, MS

Senate approves two appointments to Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation

AUSTIN – The Texas Senate voted 30-0 on Wednesday to approve the appointments of Thomas F. Butler of Deer Park and Gary Wesson, DDS, MS of Bastrop to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation.

Commissioner Butler was reappointed to the Commission by Governor Abbott in 2018 during the legislative interim. Butler has been a member of the Commission since 2013 and serves as vice chair. Butler is chairman of T.F. Butler & Company. He has served as chair of the Texas Credit Union Commission and is a former vice chair of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly in Harris County. He holds bachelor of business degrees in accounting and in management information systems.

Commissioner Wesson was nominated for appointment by Governor Greg Abbott during the legislative interim. Wesson is a retired orthodontist and former assistant clinical professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Dental School. He holds doctor of dental surgery and a master of science in orthodontics from the University of Texas Health Science Center Dental School in Houston, as well as a bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

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