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New Commission Appointments Announced

Governor Abbott has announced three appointments to the Texas Real Estate Commission

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AUSTIN, TX – Governor Abbott has appointed Mr. Bob Leonard of San Antonio and Ms. Rayito Stephens of Pearland as broker members of the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) and has reappointed Mr. T.J. Turner of Austin as a public member with terms ending January 31, 2021.

Bob Leonard is a broker with Re/Max Associates in San Antonio. He is a member of the Texas Association of Realtors Legal Review Committee and chairs the Public Policy Subcommittee for Taxation. Previously, he served on the Texas Association of Realtors on the Board of Directors, Executive Board, and various other committees and task forces. He has represented Texas on the National Association of Realtors Board of Directors and Public Policy Coordinating Committee and is the chairman of the San Antonio Liaison Committee for Governmental Affairs. Leonard received a Bachelor of Science in Advertising from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois.

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Rayito Stephens is a broker in Pearland. During twenty-one years in real estate she has been active in many facets of the industry including home construction, tract and custom building, and new home sales for major national builders, winning numerous sales awards. She specializes in representing buyers and assisting with housing needs for individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities including veterans and those with court-created trusts. She holds an Associate in Arts from Cottey College, a Bachelor of Business Administration from Northern Arizona University, a Master of International Management from Thunderbird School of Global Management, and a Master of Jurisprudence in Health Law from Loyola University.

T.J. Turner is a partner at Cain & Skarnulis, PLLC in Austin. He is a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, and a member of the State Bar of Texas and Austin Bar Association. Additionally, he is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Austin, serving on the Board of Trustees and Administrative Board. He served as a briefing attorney for the Eleventh Court of Appeals, and has served as Assistant General Counsel to the Governor of Texas and an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas. Turner received a Bachelor of Science in Public Relations from Texas Tech University and Juris Doctor from Baylor University School of Law.

The Texas Real Estate Commission exists to protect and serve the citizens of Texas by ensuring that real estate service providers act both ethically and competently. TREC welcomes the contributions of these new volunteer members and thanks them for their willingness to serve.