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## TWC Welcomes Newly Appointed Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez



Appointed by Governor Greg Abbott, TWC's new Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez was sworn into office on February 22, 2016.

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is pleased to welcome its new Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez of Harlingen. Commissioner Alvarez joins the three-member Commission and will represent the interests of Texas workers with respect to TWC services and ensure that their concerns are considered in all Commission actions.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the people of Texas as the Commissioner Representing Labor,” said Commissioner Alvarez. “I also welcome the opportunity to work with my fellow Commissioners to ensure that our workforce is well-trained for the existing and future opportunities that our great state has to offer.”

Commissioner Alvarez serves along with fellow Commissioners: Andres Alcantar, TWC Chairman and Commissioner Representing the Public; and Ruth R. Hughs, Commissioner Representing Employers. Together, the commissioners promote and support a workforce system that creates value and offers employers, individuals, and communities the opportunity to achieve and sustain economic prosperity.

“I am pleased to welcome Commissioner Alvarez to the Texas Workforce Commission and the Texas Workforce Solutions network,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “His leadership, knowledge and experience will be a great value to Texas workers and I am excited to work with him to address the workforce needs of our state.”

Commissioner Alvarez was [appointed by Governor Greg Abbott on February 22](#). Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Alvarez served as president and CEO of the Rio Grande Valley Partnership fostering relationships and coordinating programs to advance regional economic development. Prior to that, he served as a Texas regional director for the U.S. Senate. He has also served as a state trooper for the Texas Department of Public Safety and worked for Texas State Technical College as the director of college information.

“Commissioner Alvarez brings a great deal of knowledge and experience that will serve the Texas Workforce Commission and the state well,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “I look forward to serving alongside him in meeting the workforce development needs of our state.”

Commissioner Alvarez Appointment

Alvarez succeeds Ronny Congleton who retired in December 2015 and his term will expire on February 1, 2017. The Office of the Commissioner Representing Labor represents the Texas workers and provides a variety of resources including assistance with labor concerns.

For information and resources available to Texas workers, visit the web page of the [Commissioner Representing Labor](#) on the TWC [website](#).

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