

Gov. Perry Appoints Three to Finance Commission of Texas

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Gov. Rick Perry has appointed three members to the Finance Commission of Texas for terms to expire Feb. 1, 2018. The commission ensures banks, savings institutions, consumer credit grantors and other state-regulated financial entities operate responsibly to enhance the financial well-being of Texans.

Darby Byrd Sr. of Orange is retired president and CEO of Orange Savings Bank, and current vice chairman of the bank's board of directors. He is a past member of the Texas Bankers Association and a past board member of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas. He is also a board member of the Malloy and Slade foundations, a board member and treasurer of the Lamar College-Orange Foundation and Francis Ann Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts, and a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Orange. Byrd is a graduate of the American Institute of Banking and East Texas State University Bank Operations Institute. He is being reappointed.

H. "Jay" Shands III of Lufkin is president and CEO of First Bank and Trust East Texas, and board chairman of First Bank of Conroe and Balcones Recycling. He is a member of the American Bankers Association, Independent Community Bankers of America, and Independent Bankers Association of Texas, and a member and past board member of the Texas Bankers Association. He is also a trustee of the TLL Temple and Fairchild foundations, and a board member and past chairman of the Angelina County Economic Development Partnership, City of Lufkin 4B Economic Development Board and Angelina College Board of Directors. He is also past chairman of the Memorial Health Center of East Texas Board of Directors. Shands received a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and is a graduate of the Southern Methodist University Southwestern Graduate School of Banking. He is being reappointed.

Victor Leal of Amarillo is president and CEO of V. Leals's Management and Leal's Mexican Restaurants, and is former mayor of the City of Muleshoe. He is a member of the Texas Restaurant Association, National Federation of Independent Business, and Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. He is also a board member of the Amarillo/Canyon Care-Net Crisis Pregnancy Advisory Board, a past member and vice chair of the Texas Facilities Commission, and a past board member of the Texas Economic Development Corporation. He is also a past member of the Muleshoe Hospital District Board and past vice president of Texas Municipal League Region 3. Leal attended Texas State University.