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Governor Abbott appoints Gutiérrez Chair, names Robertson Member of Board of Pardons and Paroles

Austin, TX (August 31, 2015) — Governor Greg Abbott announced today his reappointment of David Gutiérrez of Belton, TX, to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles and his new commission as Presiding Officer, with a term set to expire Feb. 1, 2021. Additionally, the governor appointed Ed Robertson of Pflugerville, TX, Board Member with the same term.

Gutiérrez has served on the Board of Pardons and Paroles since 2009. He has 35 years of experience in criminal justice and law enforcement, including 11 years as sheriff of Lubbock County. He formerly served as chair of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards and the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments Advisory Board, and he is past president of the Texas Corrections Association and the Texas Jail Association. Sheriff Gutiérrez received a Bachelor of Science from Wayland Baptist University.

Robertson is a 22 year veteran of public service. He is currently an advisor in the governor's planning and policy office. Previously, he served as a budget and performance analyst for the Legislative Budget Board and as a budget analyst for the City of Austin. He volunteers as an assistant coach for the Pflugerville Little League and as a parent volunteer at Hendrickson High School. Robertson received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Science from Trinity University.

The Board of Pardons and Paroles, established by the Texas Constitution, decides which eligible offenders to release on parole, the conditions for parole and whether to revoke parole if conditions are not met, as well as recommendation of resolution of clemency matters to the Governor. For more information, please visit: <http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/bpp/index.htm>

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