



## **Public Utility Commission of Texas**

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### **Selection Committee Names Two New ERCOT Board Members**

**Austin, TX** – Today the ERCOT Board Selection Committee named John Swainson and Robert “Bob” Flexon as new directors of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) Board. The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) is pleased to recognize these new directors, who will govern ERCOT affairs alongside other selected directors, the Chairman of the PUC, the Public Counsel at the Office of Public Utility Counsel, and the CEO of ERCOT.

Mr Swainson is the Executive Chairman of Travelport, a business-to-business marketplace for travel information, and an Executive Partner at Siris Capital, a technology-focused private equity firm. Before serving in these roles, he was hired by Michael Dell to create and run an enterprise software division within Dell Inc., where he ultimately served as president of the Dell Software Group until its sale in 2016. Mr. Swainson’s career includes extensive experience in software, technology, and business management. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Applied Science from the University of British Columbia.

Mr. Flexon is a seasoned energy executive with expertise in the power generation and energy marketing, oil and gas, and chemicals sectors. He most recently served as President and CEO of Dynegy Inc. from 2011 through 2018. Before his leadership role with Dynegy, he was CFO of UGI Utilities and CEO of Foster Wheeler, a global engineering and construction firm, and COO and CFO of NRG Energy. Mr. Flexon currently serves as Chair of the Pacific Gas & Electric Board of Directors, Chair of Capstone Green Energy, and member of the Charah Inc. Board of Directors. He graduated from Villanova University with a degree in accounting.

The ERCOT Board Selection Committee members are Arch “Beaver” Aplin, G. Brint Ryan, and Bill Jones. These members were respectively appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker in accordance with Senate Bill 2, passed in the 87th regular session.

As the ERCOT Board Selection Committee continues its search for the final two directors, Texans interested in submitting inquiries or information related to the director positions may email the Selection Committee’s search firm at [ERCOTBoard@heidrick.com](mailto:ERCOTBoard@heidrick.com).

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