



**Item 6:
Review of ERCOT's Governmental Relations
Efforts**

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Human Resources and Governance Committee
Meeting

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Texas Election Results

New Statewide Officeholders in January

- Wayne Christian, Railroad Commissioner

- All incumbents retained their congressional seats
- All incumbents retained their Texas senate seats
 - The Texas Senate will have three freshman senators
- The Texas House will have 24 freshman representatives

Legislative Session

- November 14, 2016: Pre-filing of legislation for the 84th Legislature began
- January 10, 2017: 1st day of session
- Friday, March 10, 2017 (60th day): Deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills that have been declared an emergency by the Governor
- May 29, 2017(140th day): Last day of the 85th Regular session; corrections only in the House and Senate
- June 18, 2017: Last day the Governor can sign or veto bills passed during the regular legislative session
- August 28, 2017 (91st day after adjournment): If not otherwise specified, this is the effective date of passed legislation.
- The Texas Constitution allows the Governor to call a special session as necessary. During a called session, which cannot exceed 30 days, the Legislature may consider legislation only on matters specified in proclamations issued by the Governor.