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## **Governor Abbott Appoints Jernigan to Board of Pardons and Paroles**

Austin, TX (January 7, 2019) — Governor Greg Abbott has appointed D’Wayne Jernigan to the Board of Pardons and Paroles for a term set to expire February 1, 2019. The board makes parole decisions for Texas prison inmates, determines conditions for parole and mandatory supervision, and makes recommendations on clemency matters to the Governor.

Mr. Jernigan, of Del Rio, TX, is a Licensed Private Investigator and Senior Advisor to the Victoria County Sheriff’s Office. He has over fifty years of law enforcement experience and has served as a Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Police Officer, Federal Sky Marshal, Special Agent-in-Charge for the United States Customs Service, Office of Investigations, and as the Customs Attaché posted to the U. S. Embassy in Rome, Italy. He has held leadership positions and is a member of both the National Sheriffs’ Association and the Sheriffs’ Association of Texas. He is a charter member of the Southwest Border Sheriffs’ Association and the Texas Border Sheriffs’ Coalition and a member of the Association of Former Customs Special Agents, Texas Association of Licensed Investigators, and the Texas Process Servers Association.

His volunteer work includes past president and member of the Border Amateur Radio Society and the Rancho Dos Countries Soup Kitchen. He has also served seven years as a board member of Heritage Academy Charter Schools, and three years as president of the Board of Trustees. Jernigan received an Associate’s degree in Police Administration, Criminal Justice, and Investigations from Cooke County Junior College.

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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