Brooke T. Paup, Chairwoman

Brooke Paup has served as a Board member of the Texas Water Development Board since February 22, 2018. Governor Greg Abbott designated her as Chairwoman on April 22, 2021.

Prior to her appointment to the Board, Paup served as the director of legislative affairs for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for the last three years. While there, she led a team of legislative professionals to address statutory tax reforms.

Paup is formerly the deputy division chief of intergovernmental relations and former special assistant for policy and research for the Office of the Attorney General, where she worked on legislative issues, special litigation, and public finance—notably House Bill 4 and Senate Joint Resolution 1 in the 83rd Legislative Session, which created the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT).

Paup has 15 years of state government experience.

She is a member of the State Bar of Texas and Symphony League and a board member of the Wine and Food Foundation of Texas Auction Committee. Paup earned a bachelor of arts from Texas A&M University and a juris doctor from Texas Tech School of Law.

She lives in Austin with her husband, Spivey, and their two children, Henry and Heidi.

Paup’s term will expire February 1, 2025.

George B. Peyton V, Board Member

George Peyton was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott as a Board member of the Texas Water Development Board on July 11, 2022.

Peyton is president of River Valley Holdings, Inc., an investment holding company. He has a background in financial analysis and investment management, including direct investing experience in public equities, energy, real estate, and credit. Previously, he led financing and strategic decisions as the president of two oil and gas exploration companies and was the founder and former managing director of Fifth Well Investment Management, LLC, where he directed manager selection and asset allocation decisions. He began his career in the finance and capital markets department at XTO Energy, Inc.

Peyton received a bachelor of science in astrophysics and a bachelor of business administration in entrepreneurial management from Texas Christian University with a distinction of magna cum laude. He earned a master of business administration from Stanford University and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

He is a board member of the Salvation Army of Austin and a member of All Saints Presbyterian Church.

Originally from Canadian, Texas, Peyton now lives in Austin with his wife, Johanna, and three children, Ainsley, G. Bailey VI, and Caroline.

Peyton’s term will expire February 1, 2027.