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**SEN. TAYLOR SAYS NEW TWIA BOARD IS A 'LONG TIME COMING'**  
*Texas Insurance Commissioner Appoints New TWIA Board of Directors*

(AUSTIN, TEXAS) - Today, Texas Department of Insurance Commissioner David Mattax announced the appointment of six new Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) Board of Directors and renewed the appointment of three current board members. Senate Bill 900 authored by Sen. Larry Taylor (R-Friendswood) and sponsored by Rep. Greg Bonnen (R-Friendswood), directed the TDI Commissioner to adjust the composition of the board based on legislative changes during the 2015 session.

"Today marks an important milestone in an effort to revive an organization that is desperate for new leadership and equal representation among its stakeholders," said Senator Larry Taylor. "Half of all TWIA policyholders live in Senate District 11 and deserve a board that reflects their interests and understands their needs."

Previously, the TWIA Board comprised of four industry representatives, four coastal representatives, and one inland representative that many times resulted in a fixed outcome unfavorable to coastal interests and policyholders. To achieve equal representation among its members, the new TWIA board is comprised of three industry, three coastal and three inland representatives. The new board is effective as of October 1, 2015.

A copy of the Commissioner's announcement and a list of the new appointees can be found on the department's website by visiting: <https://www.tdi.state.tx.us/news/2015/twia1012015.html>.

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*Sen. Larry Taylor represents Senate District 11, comprised of parts of Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris Counties. Before his election to the Texas Senate in 2012, Sen. Taylor served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives. Sen. Taylor is Chairman of the Senate Education Committee and a member of the Business & Commerce, Finance and Intergovernmental Relations Committees.*

<http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/senate/members/dist11/dist11.htm>