

Texas Lottery Commission Press Release - September 26, 2002

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Media Advisory

(Austin, September 26) - Linda Cloud, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission, submitted her resignation effective 5:30 p.m. today, Thursday, September 26, 2002.

"We wish her well in her future endeavors," said Texas Lottery Commission Chairman Tom Clowe.

"We appreciate all that Ms. Cloud has contributed in her nearly five years as Executive Director, and her tenure with the agency over the last decade."

Chairman Clowe has requested that the agency staff call an [emergency meeting of the Commission](#) for 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27, to consider the appointment of an Acting Executive Director.

In her letter of resignation to Chairman Clowe and to Commission members Betsy Whitaker and Jim Cox, Cloud said:

"...In light of my testimony at the Sunset Hearing on Tuesday, September 24, 2002, and the subsequent articles that appeared in newspapers yesterday and today, I am submitting my resignation to you as Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission (TLC).

"I feel that my valuable reputation as Executive Director of this agency has been compromised. To continue being an effective Executive Director of a lottery, one cannot have that happen."

Cloud joined the Texas Lottery during startup in 1992 after five years with the Florida Lottery.

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The Texas Lottery, the 4th largest selling lottery in North America, is "Focusing on the Future of Education, One Ticket At A Time." By providing the 'Games of Texas' for more than 10 years, the Texas Lottery Commission (TLC) has generated more than \$10 billion for the state and paid nearly \$17 billion to players in prizes. For more information about the TLC, please visit the official website at <http://www.txlottery.org>