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Gary Grief Named Acting Executive Director Of Texas Lottery Commission



Gary Grief accepts wholeheartedly the position of Acting Executive Director for the Texas Lottery Commission. Seated on the right are Commissioner Betsy Whitaker, Chairman Tom Clowe, and Commissioner James Cox.

(Austin, September 27) - The Texas Lottery Commission, at an emergency meeting today in Austin, named Gary Grief Acting Executive Director for the agency. Grief has been with the Texas Lottery since 1992 and served as a member of a Comptroller of Public Accounts Lottery Task Force which created the lottery in Texas.

"I'm honored to fill this position," said Grief. "I will continue our efforts to ensure the integrity and security of the Texas Lottery and the 'Games of Texas.'

Grief joined the Texas Lottery as the Statewide Claim Center Supervisor in May 1992, and was later named Lottery Operations Director in 1997. As Lottery Operations Director Grief's responsibilities included overseeing the areas of retailer licensing/accounting, instant ticket warehousing and distribution, prize payments, retailer inspections and support services.

Prior to joining the staff of the Texas Lottery, Grief worked for the Comptroller of Public Accounts from 1988 to 1992.

Grief will immediately assume the duties of Acting Executive Director.

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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

