



Housewarming Gifts:

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## Donors Tied to ERCOT Board Gave House Members More Than \$700,000

As the Texas House opens hearings on recent colossal failures of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) overseeing the state electric grid, one question may be too impertinent to ask. Over the past two years, powerful energy interests with seats on ERCOT’s board invested more than \$700,606 in the campaigns of the House members now investigating ERCOT—averaging \$4,671 per member. Would that money have been better spent protecting our energy grid from severe weather?

Just as foxes make the best henhouse guardians, ERCOT’s board is populated by some of the energy interests that failed so spectacularly in the recent storm. The PAC and executives of the state’s largest electric utility, Oncor, gave close to \$500,000 to current House members over the past two years, averaging \$3,205 per House member. The PAC of another big utility, American Electric Power, gave House members \$126,000.

### Top ERCOT-Board-Tied Contributions to Current Texas House Members

Amount	ERCOT-Tied Contributor (Affiliation)	City	ERCOT Board Affiliate
\$423,750	Oncor Electric Delivery Co	Dallas	Mark Carpenter
\$126,000	American Electric Power Co.	Columbus OH	Wade Smith
\$49,000	Erle Allen Nye Jr/Sr (Oncor Electric)	Dallas	Mark Carpenter
\$37,900	ExxonMobil Corp	Irving	Glen Lyons
\$33,500	Tenaska Inc	Omaha NE	Keith Emery
\$11,500	Calpine Corp	Houston	Steven Schleimer
\$4,500	Matthew O Henry (Oncor Electric)	Dallas	Mark Carpenter
\$3,500	Jim Alan & Stella Greer (Oncor Electric)	Keller	Mark Carpenter
\$3,000	Darrell Bevelhymer (Tenaska Inc.)	Fort Worth	Keith Emery
\$2,606	Robert L Book (ExxonMobil)	Dallas	Glen Lyons
\$1,250	Clifton & Kelly Karnei (Brazos Elec. Power Coop)	McGregor	Self

ERCOT-tied donors gave \$83,000, or 12 percent of their House haul, to Speaker Dade Phelan, who has enormous influence over the hearings. The chairs of two committees heading up the ERCOT investigation also rank among the top recipients. Energy Resources Chair Craig Goldman landed \$13,800 from ERCOT-tied donors, while State Affairs Chair Chris Paddie received \$11,000. Members of those two committees received an average of \$6,804 in ERCOT contributions, well above the House average. Researchers did not find any ERCOT-tied contributions to 10 House members listed at the bottom of the table below.

### ERCOT-Board-Tied Contributions to Every Texas House Member

Last	First	Party	Dist.	Amount	Key Committees
Phelan	Dade	R	21	\$83,000	
King	Phil	R	61	\$20,500	State Affairs
Meyer	Morgan	R	108	\$19,500	
Goldman	Craig	R	97	\$13,800	Energy Resources Chair
Raymond	Richard Pena	D	42	\$12,500	State Affairs
Price IV	Four	R	87	\$12,000	
Paddie Sr	Chris	R	9	\$11,000	State Affairs Chair
*Springer Jr	Drew	R	68	\$10,500	
King	Tracy	D	80	\$9,000	Energy Resources
Darby	Drew	R	72	\$8,800	Energy Resources
Herrero	Abel	D	34	\$8,800	Energy Resources
Button	Angie Chen	R	112	\$8,750	
Guerra	Bobby	D	41	\$8,500	
Hunter	Todd	R	32	\$8,000	State Affairs
Larson	Lyle	R	122	\$8,000	
Parker IV	Tan	R	63	\$7,500	
Thompson	Senfronia	D	141	\$7,500	
Rodriguez	Eddie	D	51	\$7,250	
Ellzey	Jake	R	10	\$7,000	Energy Resources
Kacal	Kyle	R	12	\$7,000	
Romero Jr	Ramon	D	90	\$6,750	
Ramos	Ana-maria	D	102	\$6,506	
Fischer	Trey Martinez	D	116	\$6,500	
Fruzzo	John	R	84	\$6,500	
Turner	Chris	D	101	\$6,500	
Deshotel	Joe	D	22	\$6,300	State Affairs
King	Ken	R	88	\$6,300	
Moody	Joe	D	78	\$6,250	
Leach	Jeff	R	67	\$6,150	
Shaheen	Matt	R	66	\$6,150	State Affairs
Bailes IV	Ernest	R	18	\$6,000	
Canales	Terry	D	40	\$6,000	
Geren	Charlie	R	99	\$6,000	Energy Resources
Harless	E State Affairsm	R	126	\$6,000	State Affairs
Hefner	Cole	R	5	\$6,000	
Rogers	Glenn	R	60	\$6,000	
Kuempel	John	R	44	\$5,800	
Holland	Justin	R	33	\$5,650	
Anchia	Rafael M	D	103	\$5,500	Energy Resources

Lambert	Stan	R	71	\$5,500	
Lucio III	Eddie	D	38	\$5,500	State Affairs
Harris	Cody	R	8	\$5,450	
Hernandez	Ana	D	143	\$5,250	State Affairs
Turner	John	D	114	\$5,250	
Ashby	Trent	R	57	\$5,150	
Burns	Dewayne	R	58	\$5,000	
Collier	Nicole	D	95	\$5,000	
Craddick	Tom	R	82	\$5,000	Energy Resources
Munoz Jr	Sergio	D	36	\$5,000	
Stucky	Lynn	R	64	\$5,000	
Vandeaver	Gary	R	1	\$5,000	
Capriglione	Giovanni	R	98	\$4,600	
Bell	Keith	R	4	\$4,500	
Cyrier	John P	R	17	\$4,500	
Dominguez	Alex	D	37	\$4,500	
Guillen	Ryan	D	31	\$4,500	
Longoria Jr	Oscar	D	35	\$4,500	Energy Resources
Lozano	J M	R	43	\$4,500	
Morrison	Geanie W	R	30	\$4,500	
Martinez	Armando (mando)	D	39	\$4,300	
Landgraf	Brooks	R	81	\$4,250	
Zwiener	Erin	D	45	\$4,150	
Coleman	Garnet F	D	147	\$4,000	
Dean	Jay	R	7	\$4,000	
Frank	James B	R	69	\$4,000	
Gonzalez	Jessica	D	104	\$4,000	
Huberty	Dan	R	127	\$4,000	
Klick	Stephanie	R	91	\$4,000	
Krause	Matt	R	93	\$4,000	
Leman	Ben	R	13	\$4,000	Energy Resources
Murphy	Jim	R	133	\$4,000	
Oliverson	Tom	R	130	\$4,000	
Smith	Reggie	R	62	\$4,000	
Cain	Briscoe	R	128	\$3,800	
Patterson	Jared	R	106	\$3,650	
Shine	Hugh D	R	55	\$3,600	
Cole	Sheryl	D	46	\$3,250	
Metcalf	Will	R	16	\$3,050	State Affairs
Beckley	Michelle	D	65	\$3,000	
Bowers	Rhetta Andrews	D	113	\$3,000	
Bucy III	John H	D	136	\$3,000	
Cason	Jeff	R	92	\$3,000	
Davis	Yvonne	D	111	\$3,000	
Gonzalez	Mary E	D	75	\$3,000	
Hinojosa	Gina	D	49	\$3,000	
Johnson	Julie	D	115	\$3,000	
Johnson	Jarvis D	D	139	\$3,000	
Meza	Terry	D	105	\$3,000	
Morales	Christina	D	145	\$3,000	

Neave	Victoria	D	107	\$3,000	
Raney	John	R	14	\$3,000	
Rose	Toni	D	110	\$3,000	
Schaefer	Matt	R	6	\$3,000	
Sherman Sr	Carl O	D	109	\$3,000	
Slaton	Bryan	R	2	\$3,000	
Smithee	John	R	86	\$3,000	State Affairs
White	James	R	19	\$3,000	
Bell Jr	Cecil	R	3	\$2,500	
Bonnen	Greg	R	24	\$2,500	
Clardy	Travis	R	11	\$2,500	
Howard	Donna	D	48	\$2,500	State Affairs
Murr	Andrew S	R	53	\$2,500	
Paul	Dennis	R	129	\$2,500	
Sanford	Scott	R	70	\$2,500	
Rosenthal	Jon E	D	135	\$2,300	
Swanson	Valoree	R	150	\$2,300	
Thompson	Ed	R	29	\$2,300	
Allen	Alma A	D	131	\$2,000	
Allison	Steve	R	121	\$2,000	
Biedermann	Kyle	R	73	\$2,000	
Gates Jr	Gary	R	28	\$2,000	
Gervin-hawkins	Barbara	D	120	\$2,000	
Lopez	Ray	D	125	\$2,000	
Minjarez	Ina	D	124	\$2,000	
Noble	Candy	R	89	\$2,000	
Ortega	Evelina (Iina)	D	77	\$2,000	
Perez	Mary Ann	D	144	\$2,000	
Thierry	Shawn Nicole	D	146	\$2,000	
Toth	Steve	R	15	\$2,000	
Vasut	Cody Thane	R	25	\$2,000	
Walle Jr	Armando Lucio	D	140	\$2,000	
Wilson	Terry M	R	20	\$2,000	
Wu	Gene	D	137	\$2,000	
Goodwin	Vikki	D	47	\$1,800	
Buckley	Brad	R	54	\$1,600	
Anderson	Charles (doc)	R	56	\$1,500	
Dutton Jr	Harold V	D	142	\$1,500	
Israel	Celia	D	50	\$1,500	
Vo	Hubert	D	149	\$1,500	
Slawson	Shelby	R	59	\$1,150	State Affairs
Johnson	Ann	D	134	\$1,050	
Bernal	Diego	D	123	\$1,000	
Campos	Elizabeth (liz)	D	119	\$1,000	
Cortez	Philip	D	117	\$1,000	
Morales Jr	Eddie	D	74	\$1,000	
Pacheco	Leo	D	118	\$1,000	
Perez	Claudia Ordaz	D	76	\$1,000	
Stephenson	Phil	R	85	\$1,000	
Burrows	Dustin	R	83	\$500	

Talarico	James	D	52	\$100	
Cook	David	R	96	\$0	
Crockett	Jasmine	D	100	\$0	
Fierro	Art	D	79	\$0	
Hull	Lacey	R	138	\$0	
Jetton	Jacey	R	26	\$0	
Middleton	Mayes	R	23	\$0	
Morales Shaw	Penny	D	148	\$0	
Reynolds	Ron	D	27	\$0	Energy Resources
Schofield	Mike	R	132	\$0	
Tinderholt	Tony	R	94	\$0	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$700,606</b>	

\*Springer moved to Senate, leaving Dist. 68 seat vacant.