

## Commissioner Demerson Biography

Aaron Demerson serves as the Commissioner Representing Employers for the Texas Workforce Commission. Governor Greg Abbott appointed him to the three-member Commission on August 20, 2019.

In his role, Commissioner Demerson serves as an advocate for over 565,000 Texas employers and over 2.6 million small businesses. Commissioner Demerson's team is devoted to serving as the first line of resources for all Texas employers. His office provides a variety of tools including employment law conferences and an employer hotline to help businesses start, grow and thrive in Texas. Demerson is also devoted to supporting the economic development and education that helps advance the skilled workforce that Texas demands.

Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Demerson served as the Director of the Office of Employer Initiatives at the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). In this position he provided leadership and direction to engage employers, business organizations, and the economic development community in the ongoing development of a customer-focused, market-driven workforce system.

Before TWC, he was a Senior Advisor to Governor Rick Perry and Executive Director of the Economic Development and Tourism Division in the Office of the Governor, leading a team that marketed the State of Texas as a premier destination for both business and travel.

Commissioner Demerson has a BBA in Finance from Texas A&M University-Kingsville. He also received a general banking diploma from the American Institute of Banking and is a 1991-1992 graduate of Leadership Austin. He also serves as the chair of the Governor's Advisory Council on Cultural Affairs, which identifies issues affecting Texas due to the rapid growth of the state's Hispanic population and other issues resulting from changes in demographics.