Texas Association of Business welcomes Glenn Hamer as new president and CEO

Hamer led Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry for 14 years

AUSTIN, TEXAS—The Texas Association of Business/Texas State Chamber has named Glenn Hamer as its next president and CEO.

Hamer arrives following a 14-year tenure leading the Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry, where he led the state's business community to numerous public policy victories that have resulted in Arizona having one of country's most competitive economies.

TAB Board Chairman G. Brint Ryan, President and CEO of Ryan, an award-winning global tax services and software provider, says TAB is excited to welcome Hamer to lead the association's efforts to build on Texas' reputation as having the country's most business-friendly environment.

"As TAB Chairman for 2021, I'm very excited to work with our new CEO this year. Glenn brings a proven track record of success and I'm confident that he can lead us to a bigger, better, and more successful TAB," Ryan said. "Texas needs and deserves a strong state chamber, and this is the first step we're taking to make that happen."

Hamer's time at the Arizona Chamber was marked by tremendous membership and revenue growth and the organization's ascendance as the state's most influential business advocacy organization.

In Arizona, Hamer played a central role in major tax, education, legal, and health care victories, and was a nationwide leader in the business community's advocacy for the passage of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, or USMCA, the successor agreement to NAFTA. Recognizing the global race for talent to keep our economy strong, combined with our nation's declining fertility rate, he is also a recognized champion for reforming our country's broken immigration system.

"After an exhaustive nationwide search, the Texas Association of Business is thrilled to welcome Glenn Hamer as TAB's new president and CEO," said TAB Immediate Past Chair Becky Redman of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics. "We have every confidence that Glenn will represent Texas job creators at the state Capitol and on Capitol Hill with a genuine enthusiasm and commitment to make Texas the best state in the country to do business."

Hamer's leadership in chamber and business advocacy circles is well known. He chairs the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Committee of 100, a committee comprised of the leaders of the country's top state and metro chambers of commerce and serves on the U.S. Chamber's Board of Directors. He also served on the board of directors of the Arizona-Mexico Commission.

"I am deeply appreciative to the Texas Association of Business for this tremendous opportunity," Hamer said. "Texas' reputation for business is well-earned, but the national and global competition for jobs is fierce. I look forward to working with TAB leadership and members to ensure that TAB is
not only the state's most trusted, most influential, and most visionary business advocacy organization, but also the country's. I can't wait to get to work."

The nationwide search was conducted by Mike J.R. Wheless, Scott Watson and Michael Ballew of Anthem Executive.

"As the nation's consecutive #1 state for business, it was our firm's honor to serve the Texas Association of Business/Texas State Chamber in a nationwide CEO hunt", said Mike J.R. Wheless. "We are tremendously happy to have put to work our decades of experience in executive search to help facilitate this match between Glenn and TAB and we are confident that this will result in long lasting success."

Anthem Executive has Texas roots, conducts search nationwide, and has led several of the State of Texas' most significant CEO and executive search assignments.

About Glenn Hamer

Glenn Hamer was president and CEO of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry from 2006-2021. The organization over his decade-plus of leadership became the state's most powerful advocate for job creators. The Chamber played a leading role on behalf of the business community on a host of policy issues that have enhanced the state's competitive standing, ranging from taxation, to education, to health care, civil justice reform, business regulation, and much more.

In 2018, Mr. Hamer led the founding of Chamber Business News, a news-gathering outlet that provides original reporting on business and political news, insights and analysis throughout the state.

Mr. Hamer represents Arizona's business community on the national stage, where he serves as the chair of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Committee of 100, sits on its Public Affairs Committee, and serves on the U.S. Chamber's Board of Directors.

He also served on the board of directors of the Arizona Mexico Commission, served as the chair of the Arizona Charter Schools Association, and on the board of the Arizona Council of Economic Education. As a member of the National Association of Manufacturers' advisory committee on the modernization of NAFTA, Mr. Hamer established himself as one of the nation's most vocal advocates for international trade and for policies that strengthened Arizona's standing globally.

Mr. Hamer's leadership on international issues makes him a sought-after participant in international trade missions. He participated in Governor Ducey's first international trip in his tenure as governor to Mexico City to reinforce the importance of the Arizona-Mexico trade alliance. Other international delegation destinations with governors, mayors, and the U.S. Chamber include Canada, China, Israel, and the United Kingdom.

Mr. Hamer has been selected to serve as a business community representative to a number of public policy commissions, including Governor Doug Ducey's Water Augmentation, Innovation, and Conservation Council, the Western Governors Association's 30 GW Clean and Diversified Energy Advisory Committee, and Governor Janet Napolitano's Solar Energy Task Force.

Glenn's previous career stops include serving as chief of staff to Arizona Congressman Matt Salmon; executive director of the Arizona Republican Party during a winning U.S. Senate race; and as a legislative assistant to Arizona Sen. Jon Kyl, where he worked on a range of issues, including the
Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995. Glenn also served as the executive director of the Solar Energy Industries Association, and as director of business development and government relations for First Solar.

Mr. Hamer is a graduate of Cornell University’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations and Arizona State University’s College of Law. He and his wife, Tali, have three daughters.

**About the Texas Association of Business**

The Texas Association of Business (TAB) is the voice for public policy issues affecting business in Texas, representing several thousand businesses, 200 local chamber partners and $8 billion annually in business. TAB works to protect and enhance the Texas business climate and strengthen the state’s economy.

The Texas Association of Business is on the front lines of legislative, regulatory, and judicial issues that impact Texas businesses; crusading to bring real solutions to real challenges for private-sector growth in Texas.

TAB is proud to represent manufacturers and is the designated National Association of Manufacturing (NAM) Affiliate and the Texas State Chamber. Follow TAB on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), [Twitter](https://twitter.com), and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com).

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