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Biography of James E. “Trey” Trainor, III
Commissioner, Federal Election Commission

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James E. “Trey” Trainor III was nominated by President Donald J. Trump and confirmed by the United States Senate on May 19, 2020, to the position of Commissioner on the Federal Election Commission. He served as the Chairman of the Commission in 2020.

Commissioner Trainor, of Driftwood, Texas, has practiced law for two decades, particularly in the areas of election law, campaign finance law, and ethics. He has served as General Counsel to the Texas Secretary of State and Counsel to the Texas House Committee on Regulated Industries and has represented the Texas Republican Party and two presidential campaigns. Commissioner Trainor has also served on the Advisory Board of the United States Election Assistance Commission. Prior to joining the Commission, Commissioner Trainor was a partner at Akerman, LLP, and had his own private practice.

Commissioner Trainor graduated from Texas A&M University in 1997. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Reserves in 2000 and earned his law degree from Texas A&M University School of Law in 2002.