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AS ACTING COMPTROLLER ANNOUNCES ABRUPT DEPARTURE, ECKHARDT RAISES ALARM ABOUT VOUCHERS & USE OF OFFICE AS POLITICAL FOOTBALL

AUSTIN, TX — On March 7, 2025, longtime Comptroller Glenn Hegar left the office to take a Chancellorship with the Texas A&M System. **Today, Abbott appointee Kelly Hancock, who has served as acting Comptroller for just over a year, announced his resignation.** Hancock's replacement is not yet known.

State Senator Sarah Eckhardt—member of the Texas Senate Nominations Committee and Democratic nominee for Texas Comptroller—**has raised concerns with the use of the office as a political football, pointing to a series of abrupt breaks with the law throughout Hancock's tenure.**

Eckhardt criticized Hancock's efforts to exclude certain religious schools under the **\$1B private school voucher program**, a move that was subsequently blocked by court order. Eckhardt reiterated her commitment to "audit the daylights out of the voucher scheme":

"Families across Texas are scrambling as more than 120 public schools close. Someone needs to be asking harder questions about where our public education dollars are actually going; **that someone is unlikely to be an Abbott appointee.**"

Within one month of his appointment, Hancock moved to dismantle the **30-year-old Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) program** by slashing the certifications of over 15,000 women and minority-owned businesses to **fewer than 500 service disabled veteran-owned businesses.** An ongoing court challenge has granted temporary relief to affected businesses who have sued.

"State contracts should build businesses of the state and not just businesses that make campaign contributions. This is an office that must be led by someone with integrity who will follow the law *and* follow the money for Texans—**not a lapdog awaiting their next command from the Governor and the powerful interests who are backing him.**"

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