



February 1, 2022

Emma Lewis  
American Oversight  
records@americanoversight.org

*Sent via email only*

Dear Ms. Lewis:

The Governor's Office received your public records request on December 9, 2021. You requested the following for the period of September 29, 2021 through September November 1, 2021:

- "all email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, and calendar invitations) sent by Governor Mark Gordon or anyone communicating on his behalf such as chief of staff, scheduler, or assistant, regarding his trip to the US-Mexico border on or about October 6, 2021."
- "records reflecting any expenses and costs incurred or paid by your office related to Governor Gordon's trip to the US-Mexico Border on or about October 6, 2021."

All responsive records are attached. Personal contact information and contact information for security has been redacted as confidential under W.S. 16-4-203(d)(i) and 16-4-203(b)(vi). Additionally, non-responsive information appearing on the aircraft invoice from page 21 through page 24 of the production has been redacted. No records have been withheld. No fees have been assessed for this production.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emily Soli".

Emily Soli  
Special Counsel

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**To:** [governor@wyo.gov](mailto:governor@wyo.gov)  
**Subject:** Accepted: FLIGHT: Wheels Up (Weslaco, TX) @ Wed Oct 6, 2021 4:30am - 9am (MDT) (governor@wyo.gov)  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 10:50:39 AM  
**Attachments:** [invite.ics](#)

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**FLIGHT: Wheels Up (Weslaco, TX)**

*When*

Wed Oct 6, 2021 4:30am – 9am Mountain Time - Denver

*Where*

Mid Valley Airport-KTXW, 1909 Joe Stephens Ave, Weslaco, TX  
78599, USA [L](#)

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*Who*

**Arriving: 10:00 am CT**  
TXW Mid Valley  
FBO: Weslaco Mid Valley Airport  
1909 Joe Stevens Drive  
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(956) 969-0291

**10:30am -11:15 am CT (45 minutes): Law Enforcement Briefing with Governors and DPS Director Steve McCraw**

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**Departing: 3:30pm CT**

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**Security Advance POC:**

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**Subject:** Declined: Governor & Staff to Texas @ Wed Oct 6, 2021 4:30am - 6pm (MDT) (buck.mcveigh@wyo.gov)  
**Date:** Friday, October 1, 2021 4:42:43 PM

**buck.mcveigh@wyo.gov has declined this invitation with this note:**

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## Governor & Staff to Texas

When Wed Oct 6, 2021 4:30am â 6pm Mountain Time - Denver

Calendar [buck.mcveigh@wyo.gov](mailto:buck.mcveigh@wyo.gov)

Who

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**Subject:** Fwd: Daily Agenda for Karen Hayes as of 5am  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 10:00:24 AM

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**To:** Karen Hayes <[karen.hayes@wyo.gov](mailto:karen.hayes@wyo.gov)>



[karen.hayes@wyo.gov](mailto:karen.hayes@wyo.gov), here is your schedule for:

## Wed Oct 6, 2021

Sat Oct 2	
All day	Fri Oct ON-CALL TROOPER: Jonathan Russell [REDACTED] Governor
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4:15am	Security: Transport Gov to Aeronautics (1580 Airport Pkwy, Cheyenne, WY 82001, USA) Governor
4:30am	
4:30am	FLIGHT: Wheels Up (Weslaco, TX) (Mid Valley Airport-KTXW, 1909 Joe Stephens Ave, Weslaco, TX 78599, USA) Governor
9am	
8am	Touch-Base Reminder w/Buck (Governor's office) Governor
8:15am	
8:15am	CANCELLED: Virtual Meeting w/Department of Health Governor
9am	
9am	Governor & Staff to Texas (10:00am CT/9:00am MT) Governor
2:30pm	

               	<p>2:30pm - 7:07pm</p> <p>4pm - 5pm</p> <p>7:10pm - 7:20pm</p>	<p>FLIGHT: Wheels Up (Cheyenne) 3:30pm CT/2:30pm MT (1580 Airport Pkwy, Cheyenne, WY 82001, USA)</p> <p>CANCELLED: In-Person Weekly Leadership Meeting w/BBR (Governor's Conference Room)</p> <p>Security: Transport Gov to Residence (Governor's Residence)</p>	<p>Governor</p> <p>Governor</p> <p>Governor</p>
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# WYDOT AERONAUTICS

## Aircraft Passenger Summary Report

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Aircraft used in this report:

N101WY	CITATION
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# WYDOT AERONAUTICS

## Passenger Itinerary

Trip#: 008098  
 Trip Date: WED 06 OCT 2021  
 Aircraft: N101WY - CITATION  
 Printout: 10/01/2021 04:16PM  
 Note:

Crew: BRUCE WITT  
 KORY FOGG



Leg	Departure	Time	Arrival	Time	Dist	ETE	Pax
WED 06 OCT							
1	CHEYENNE, WY CYS CHEYENNE RGNL/J OLSO FBO: WYDOT AERO 1580 AIRPORT PARKWAY CHEYENNE, WY 82001 Phone: 307-777-3951 Fax: 307-637-7352	4:30A MDT	OMAHA, NE OMA EPPLEY AIRFIELD FBO: SIGNATURE FLIGHT SUPPORT 3636 WILBUR PLAZA OMAHA, NE 68110 Phone: 402-422-6789 Fax: 402-342-2172	6:44A CDT	402	01:09	5
2	OMAHA, NE OMA EPPLEY AIRFIELD FBO: SIGNATURE FLIGHT SUPPORT 3636 WILBUR PLAZA OMAHA, NE 68110 Phone: 402-422-6789 Fax: 402-342-2172	7:04A CDT	WESLACO, TX TXW MID VALLEY FBO: WESLACO MID VALLEY AIRPORT 1909 JOE STEVENS DRIVE WESLACO, TX 78596 Phone: 956-969-0291 Fax: 956-973-1854	10:00A CDT	914	02:46	7
3	MC ALLEN, TX MFE MC ALLEN MILLER INTL FBO: MCCREERY AVIATION CO INC 2400 S. 10TH STREET P.O. BOX 1659 MC ALLEN, TX 78503 Phone: 956-686-1774 Fax: 956-686-3221	3:30P CDT	CHADRON, NE CDR CHADRON MUNI FBO: A&M AVIATION 100 AIRPORT RD CHADRON, NE 69337 Phone: 308-432-8128 Fax: 308-432-8166	5:51P MDT	1028	03:11	7
4	CHADRON, NE CDR CHADRON MUNI FBO: A&M AVIATION 100 AIRPORT RD CHADRON, NE 69337 Phone: 308-432-8128 Fax: 308-432-8166	6:31P MDT	CHEYENNE, WY CYS CHEYENNE RGNL/J OLS FBO: WYDOT AERO 1580 AIRPORT PARKWAY CHEYENNE, WY 82001 Phone: 307-777-3951 Fax: 307-637-7352	7:07P MDT	127	00:27	5

Passenger Names

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1	GORDON, MARK (GOV)	X	X	X	X
2	SECURITY, GOV	X	X	X	X
3	CREAGER, ROB	X	X	X	X
4	MCVEIGH, BUCK	X	X	X	X
5	SECURITY	X	X	X	X
6	RICKETTS, PETE (GOV)		X	X	
7	SCHMITZ, JOHN (Security)		X	X	

FLIGHT INFORMATION



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Leg 1	GOV (TIE) - Toni Bell 777-7435 / [REDACTED] After Hours Contact: Lt. Clay Barker [REDACTED] Security: 1- Jonathan Russell [REDACTED] 2- Allen Wallace [REDACTED]						
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**From:** [Toni Bell](#)  
**To:** [Flight Scheduling](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Trip #008098 - Wednesday, 6 October 2021 - Nebraska & Texas  
**Date:** Friday, October 1, 2021 7:55:09 PM

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Hi, Connie!

Would you mind sending me an updated flight itinerary first thing Monday? The one I have still shows them getting to Texas at 9:30 a.m.

The attire for this trip is Emergency Response Attire (Long pants or jeans, boots or tennis shoes, and short sleeved or fishing shirt). (NO TIES!!)

Thank you!

~Toni

On Fri, Oct 1, 2021 at 4:05 PM Flight Scheduling <[flightscheduling@wyo.gov](mailto:flightscheduling@wyo.gov)> wrote:

Hi Toni,

Bruce said that with the 20 minute stop in Omaha, there will be plenty of time for the Cheyenne passengers to deplane and use the facilities. The FBO in Omaha Eppley Field is open 24 hours a day. Then they can get back on the plane along with the Omaha passengers.

Attached is an updated itinerary with the above changes, and the change to drop the passengers in Weslaco and pick them up in McAllen.

Let me know if you have questions.

Thanks!  
Connie

*Connie Golden, Flight Coordinator  
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For additional information please see our website:  
<http://www.dot.state.wy.us/home/aeronautics.html>*

On Fri, Oct 1, 2021 at 3:21 PM Toni Bell <[toni.bell@wyo.gov](mailto:toni.bell@wyo.gov)> wrote:

Hi, Connie!

I have a couple of changes for this flight. (Shocking, right?!)

They now need to be in McAllen, TX, by 9:30 a.m.

Please add Allen Wallace to all legs of the flight. He's one of our security detail.

What is the break called when they have time between flights? I'd like for my people to be able to have a restroom break before the 3-hour flight to Texas. There's a fancy

name for it and I can't remember it.Â Respite break?

Thank you!

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**From:** [Toni Bell](#)  
**To:** [Hoffner](#); [Rylin](#)  
**Subject:** Updated Flight Itinerary to Texas  
**Date:** Friday, October 1, 2021 4:51:01 PM  
**Attachments:** [Governor - October 6 - Texas \(1\).pdf](#)

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Hi, Rylin~

Attached is an updated itinerary. I heard through the security detail that the Security Briefing location has changed. It will now take place at:

Texas Department of Public Safety - South Texas Region  
2525 N. International Blvd.  
Weslaco, TX 78596

I've changed the flight to land at Mid Valley Airport (5-minute drive to DPS HQs). They will depart from McAllen Airport, which is about a 15-minute drive from the border.

Enjoy your weekend.

Toni

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**From:** [Toni Bell](#)  
**To:** [Jonathan Russell](#); [Allen Wallace](#); [Clayton Barker](#); [Odell Trooper](#)  
**Subject:** Governors' Border Event Briefing  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:30:26 PM  
**Attachments:** [10.6.21 GOVS Border Event Briefing - Gov. Gordon.docx](#)

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Hello, DivO!

LT Barker and Craig may already have this, but I want to make sure all the Executive Protection Detail who will accompany the Governor on Wednesday have this information.Â Â

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards and be safe!  
Toni

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Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Governors Border Visit Briefing

**RGPPC Contact:** Laura Ciciarelli, COO & Governors Liaison  
(732) 272-7159 (cell) / lciciarelli@rga.org  
*NOTE: For any press related questions, please reach out to Jesse Hunt at  
jhunt@rga.org or (978) 895-7488 (cell).*

**Texas DPS Contact:** Travis Considine, DPS  
(512) 541-8451 (cell) / travis.considine@dps.texas.gov

**Accommodations:**

Hilton Doubletree Suites  
1800 S 2nd Street, McAllen, Texas 78503  
(956) 686-3000

Security contacts for hotel:

Danny Rocha, Assistant General Manager, (956) 270-1738 (cell)  
Edward Lopez, General Manager, (956) 655-5360 (cell)

**Total Time:** 10:30am CT – 1:15pm CT

**Locations:** McAllen, Weslaco, and Mission, TX

**Purpose:** To visit the border with fellow governors and hold a joint press conference to call out President Biden for his open border policies that have created a national crisis. The Governors will criticize President Biden for his lack of response to their request for a meeting and will offer concrete solutions for how the border crisis could end.

**Background:** On September 20, 2021, 26 Republican governors sent a letter to President Biden requesting a meeting at The White House within 15 days, which tolls on October 5, to discuss ending the border crisis. On behalf of the governors, Governor Doug Ducey (AZ)'s office emailed the letter to White House/Intergovernmental Affairs staff; to date, The White House has given no acknowledgement of receipt or other response to the joint letter. The Governors' visit to the border will be on October 6 as a direct and immediate reaction to the President's lack of response. On September 24, White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki stated, "There are a lot of Republicans out there giving speeches about how outraged they are about the situation at the border. Not many who are putting forward solutions or steps that we could take. So we're a little tired of speeches." This event will provide governors with the opportunity to provide specific solutions that President Biden could implement immediately.

**Governors Confirmed (11):**

- (1) Governor Doug Ducey, Arizona
- (2) Governor Brian Kemp, Georgia
- (3) Governor Brad Little, Idaho
- (4) Governor Kim Reynolds, Iowa
- (5) Governor Greg Gianforte, Montana
  - a. First Lady Susan Gianforte, Montana
- (6) Governor Pete Ricketts, Nebraska
- (7) Governor Mike DeWine, Ohio
  - a. First Lady Fran DeWine, Ohio
- (8) Governor Kevin Stitt, Oklahoma
- (9) Governor Greg Abbott, Texas
- (10) Governor Mark Gordon, Wyoming

**Staff:**

Daniel Ruiz, Chief of Staff, Arizona  
Darbi Jenkins, Policy Director, Arizona  
Daniel Coulson, Aide, Arizona  
CJ Karamargin, Communications Director, Arizona  
Cody Hall, Communications Director, Georgia  
Adjutant General Tom Carden, Georgia  
Zach Hauge, Chief of Staff, Idaho  
Marissa Morrison, Press Secretary, Idaho  
Sara Craig, Chief of Staff, Iowa  
Taryn Frideres, Chief Operating Officer, Iowa  
General John Harris, Ohio  
Eric Porter, Director of Visual Communications, Ohio  
Eve Mueller, Deputy Director of Communications, Ohio  
Christianne Haas, Director of Community Engagement, Oklahoma  
Charlie Hannema, Chief of Communications, Oklahoma  
Chase Horn, Digital Content Manager, Oklahoma  
Aaron Scheibe, Chief of Staff, South Dakota  
Mark Miner, Communications Director, Texas  
Rena Eze, Press Secretary, Texas  
Michael Hull, Policy Advisor, Texas  
Aimee Snoddy, Executive Director, Public Safety Office, Texas  
Rob Creager, Senior Policy Advisor, Wyoming  
Patricia Kramer, Office Manager, Wyoming

**Attending RGPPC Staff:**

Dave Rexrode, Executive Director  
Jesse Hunt, Communications Director  
Rebecca Schimsa, Policy Director  
Laura Ciciarelli, COO & Governors Liaison  
Kaitlin Price, Press Assistant  
Adam Scheidler, Creative Content

Brendan Miller, Creative Content

**Agenda:** *The border visit will include up to four components.*

- Briefing by Texas law enforcement at DPS headquarters in Weslaco, TX (45 minutes).
- Carpool motorcade to the border site (40 minutes).
- Press conference at the Rio Grande River (45 minutes).
- OPTIONAL boat or helicopter tour (up to 30 minutes). Note that governors may choose either but not both or may choose to return to the airport to depart (20 minutes to McAllen airport or 40 minutes to Mid Valley Airport).

**Suggested Attire:** Emergency response attire is suggested, including long pants or jeans, boots or tennis shoes, and short sleeves, e.g., fishing shirt. Please do not wear sunglasses during the press conference. Hats may be worn at personal preference. Current forecasts project full sun with a high of 93 degrees.

**Personal Note:** Governors are encouraged to eat beforehand since no lunch, snacks, or other food will be provided (although some water and snacks will be available onsite if needed). Due to the hot temperatures and outdoor venues, Governors are also encouraged to be well-hydrated and bring their own bottled water, if needed. Bringing a bandana or small towel to keep dry would also be recommended.

**Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Law Enforcement Briefing with DPS Director Steve McCraw**

**RGPPC Contact:** Laura Ciciarelli, COO & Governors Liaison  
(732) 272-7159 (cell) / lciciarelli@rga.org

**Time:** 10:30am – 11:15am CT (45 minutes)

**Location:** DPS Headquarters Weslaco: 2525 North International Blvd., Weslaco, TX 78596

**PLEASE NOTE ROOM CHANGE: Room: H-108.10 (first floor)**

**Set-Up:** Governors will be seated at a U-shape table behind table tents/name placards. *See seating chart below.* Backdrop will include television screens with Office of the Texas Governor seal as well as US and Texas flags. Large screens will be used for video and slides during the presentation. Staff will stand in the side/back; some perimeter seating may be available. Bottled water will be available. If your First Lady is attending, she will have a seat reserved for her on the perimeter.

**Press:** The event is open to a small group of press for B-roll only. Likely outlets include FOX News for video footage and 1-2 print outlets reporting on background. *NOTE: RGPPC will also have a videographer in the room, all other press will be waiting at the Press Conference site.*

**Timeline:**

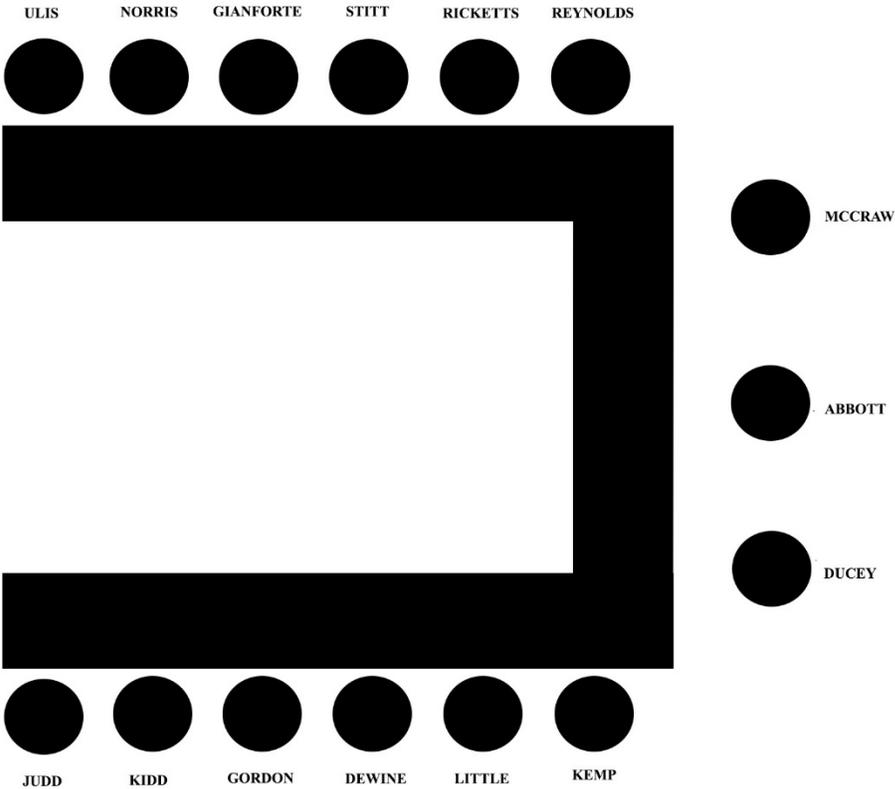
- 10:30 am CT: Opening Remarks by Governor Greg Abbott (TX) – 5 minutes.
- 10:35 am CT: Law Enforcement Briefing and Presentation by Director Steve McCraw – 15 minutes.
- 10:50 am CT: Open Q&A with Governors (off-the-record; candid questions and conversation are encouraged and appropriate) – 20 minutes.
- 11:10 am CT: Overview of the Press Conference by Governors Greg Abbott (TX) and Doug Ducey (AZ) to ensure all governors are on the same page for logistics and messaging – 5 minutes.
  - *Note: Jesse Hunt, RGPPC Comms Director, will provide Governors with a short run-through of the press conference event.*
- 11:15 am CT: Briefing concludes, and Governors depart for Anzalduas Park.

**Attendees:** Governor Doug Ducey, Arizona  
Governor Brian Kemp, Georgia  
Governor Brad Little, Idaho  
Governor Kim Reynolds, Iowa  
Governor Greg Gianforte, Montana  
First Lady Susan Gianforte, Montana  
Governor Pete Ricketts, Nebraska  
Governor Mike DeWine, Ohio

First Lady Fran DeWine, Ohio  
 Governor Kevin Stitt, Oklahoma  
 Governor Greg Abbott, Texas  
 Governor Mark Gordon, Wyoming  
 Director and Colonel Steve McCraw, Department of Public Safety  
 Adjutant General Tracy Norris, Texas Military Department  
 Deputy Adjutant General Monie Ulis, Texas Military Department  
 Chief Nim Kidd, Texas Division of Emergency Management  
 Brandon Judd, President, National Border Patrol Council

Talking points: GGA's team to write them for the governor.

Seating Chart:



**Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Carpool Motorcade**

**RGPPC Contact:** Laura Ciciarelli, COO & Governors Liaison  
(732) 272-7159 (cell) / lciciarelli@rga.org

**Time:** 11:15am – 11:55am CT (40-minute drive from Weslaco to Anzalduas Park  
– Anzalduas Dam Road, Mission, TX 78572; 5 minutes to load/unload).

**Transportation:** Governors should ride in their own vehicles to the site. The cars will  
proceed in one line led by Texas DPS. Ample parking will be available.

**Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Press Conference**

**RGPPC Contact:** Laura Ciciarelli, COO & Governors Liaison  
[REDACTED]

**Time:** 12:00pm – 12:45pm CT (to allow news outlets to take the shot live).

**Location:** Anzalduas Park – Anzalduas Dam Road, Mission, TX 78572

**Set-Up:** Governors will be standing in the open area of the park with Guard and DPS vehicles as the backdrop. The main speakers will be placed in the center of the group. There will be no podium or standing mics, only boom mics will be used.

**Timeline:**

- 12:00 pm CT: Remarks by Governor Greg Abbott (TX) – 5 minutes.
- 12:05 pm CT: Update from TX DPS Commissioner Steve McCraw – 5 minutes.
- 12:10 pm CT: Remarks by Governor Doug Ducey (AZ) – 5 minutes.
- 12:15 pm CT: Remarks by Governor Kim Reynolds (IA) – 5 minutes.
- 12:20 pm CT: Remarks by Governor Pete Ricketts (NE) – 5 minutes.
- 12:25 pm CT: Questions from press to All Governors – 20 minutes (or approximately 5-8 questions).
- 12:45 pm CT: Press Conference concludes, and Governors proceed to border boat or aerial tour if they wish to do so. Governors who are not touring the border are free to depart for the airport—McAllen International airport is a 20-minute drive and Mid Valley Airport is a 40-minute drive.

**Attendees:** Governor Doug Ducey, Arizona  
Governor Brian Kemp, Georgia  
Governor Brad Little, Idaho  
Governor Kim Reynolds, Iowa  
Governor Greg Gianforte, Montana  
Governor Pete Ricketts, Nebraska  
Governor Kevin Stitt, Oklahoma  
Governor Greg Abbott, Texas  
**Governor Mark Gordon, Wyoming**  
Director and Colonel Steve McCraw, Department of Public Safety  
Adjutant General Tracy Norris, Texas Military Department  
Deputy Adjutant General Monie Ullis, Texas Military Department  
Chief Nim Kidd, Texas Division of Emergency Management  
Brandon Judd, President, National Border Patrol Council

## **Additional Press Information**

**Press Advisory:** Governor Abbott’s Comms Team released a Press Advisory in advance of the event. All confirmed governors were named in the press advisory. The RGPPC Comms staff has followed up with national reporters to maximize attendance.

**Press Credentialing:** Registration is mandatory for all reporters, and Governor Abbott’s Communication’s Team will be tracking and credentialing all press with lanyards. Governors may choose to ask a limited number of state reporters to attend the press conference.

**Internal Videographers & Photographers:** The RGPPC will have a videographer and photographer on scene to take footage that Governors’ Offices will be able to access following the event. Governor Abbott’s Communications Team will also be on scene to take B-roll and make content available to other offices as well.

## **Major Messaging Themes**

- *Joe Biden continues to ignore the border crisis he created and now is ignoring our states. Over half of our nation’s governors asked to meet with him, and we’ve heard nothing. He is lurching from crisis to crisis and refuses to meet with us because it would mean he would have to acknowledge the severity of the problem.*
- *This is an immediate humanitarian and security crisis right here in our country, and he would rather attack Republican governors and find ways to spend trillions and trillions of taxpayer dollars we don’t have rather than find solutions to the problems at the southern border. And the solutions are simple: we were prepared to offer him a list of 10 ideas of our own—10 concrete solutions to protect America, restore security, and end this crisis.*
- *His lack of leadership and lack of action is self-destructing his entire administration. Where is the President? Where is the Vice President? They have not been to the border. Heck, Joe Biden has spent his life in politics, and we learned recently he has never been to the southern border. They have not seen what we’ve seen. They don’t take this issue seriously. And the American people deserve to know why.*
- *We are here today because Republican governors will not sit by while there are steps Joe Biden can take right now that would end the crisis at the southern border. It’s time to address this crisis head on, and we will not allow our states to continue to suffer because of weakness and ineffectiveness in Washington, DC.*

## **This is Biden’s Border Crisis:**

- The crisis at the southern border is a direct result of President Biden’s and Vice President Harris’ failed policies and refusal to address the issue.
- In the Biden White House, the border is out of sight and out of mind, but border state governors and Republican governors across the country are stepping up state resources to compensate for the inadequate federal response.
- Biden’s and Harris’ border crisis is putting our country at risk.
  - Drug smuggling is at a dangerous level as drug seizures along the southern border [continue to increase](#).

- [771 pounds of fentanyl](#) and [17,792 pounds of methamphetamine](#) was seized at the southern border in July alone.
- Intelligence officials have warned [individuals with ties to terrorist groups](#) are taking advantage of the "porous border."
- Migrant smugglers are increasingly evading Border Patrol by [driving through school zones](#) to get Border Patrol to stop the chase.
- Border apprehensions have increased every single month since Joe Biden has been in office, disproving any notion the increases were seasonal. August's statistics paint a dismal picture of the Biden administration's failure to protect our nation's borders.
- Initial border numbers show [208,887 illegal migrants](#) were apprehended attempting to cross the southern border in August.
  - This is the [highest August number in 21 years](#).
  - August is the second month in a row encounters have surpassed 200,000.
  - August 2021's figure marks a [317%](#) increase over August 2020.
  - This is a 340% increase from the average number of August apprehensions during the Trump administration.
  - Since Joe Biden took office [over 1.2 million](#) illegal immigrants have been caught attempting to cross the border. This is a higher total than [any year](#) since 2001.
- Children are suffering under Biden's and Harris' watch.
  - [18,847 unaccompanied children](#) were apprehended at the border in August.
  - More than 112,448 children have been encountered since February 1.
  - The Biden administration has already lost contact with [1 in 3 migrant children](#) they released between January and May of this year.
  - A whistleblower [report](#) on living conditions in HHS run children's facilities in Texas found children are being denied bathroom trips and have reported burnt and blistered skin from "skin lightening" lotion.
- Biden's reckless open borders agenda has led to [COVID-positive illegal immigrants](#) flooding into American communities.
  - In recent weeks, "[more than 18% of migrant families and 20% of unaccompanied minors](#)" tested positive for COVID.
  - One Texas county reported a [107% increase](#) in COVID infections in a week among unaccompanied minors in its facilities.
  - While Biden is pushing a vaccine mandate for American citizens, he left out [mandating the vaccine for illegal migrants](#).

### **We have 10 Policy Solutions to Protect America, Restore Security, and End Biden's Border Crisis:**

- Biden could help address the crisis immediately with policies that are known to work.
- Biden should continue to invoke Title 42, initially issued by President Trump, to refuse entry to individuals coming into the country due to the COVID-19 public health risk they may pose.
  - Reports estimate more than 40,000 COVID-19 positive migrants have been relocated within the U.S. to states across the nation.
- Federal resources must be allocated to eradicate human trafficking and drug trafficking.

- The increase in cartel activity has led to dangerous drugs and human traffickers flooding the border, and additional resources are needed to arrest offenders, support victims, and keep dangerous drugs from reaching American cities.
- All known criminals must be deported.
  - Biden has prioritized aggravated felons, gang members, and terrorists, while allowing all other criminals to remain in the U.S.
- This doesn't take Congress to act – it takes a President who wants to get serious about a crisis affecting countless Americans throughout the country.

### **Border Letter/Press Event FAQs– If asked**

#### **Q. Why did you call on President Biden to meet with you within 15 days?**

A. Month after month, we have seen historic increases in illegal crossings and illegal activity spill into our country. Last month's CBP numbers reached a devastating milestone—more than 1 million illegal crossings. This is an emergent crisis that is only getting worse, and as governors, we called on our President to meet us in the middle and work with us to find a solution.

#### **Q. Why do you think the President did not accept your offer for a meeting?**

A. We hoped he would have accepted—or even acknowledged—our request for a meeting. A request from more than half of America's governors (26 governors) should mean something to him, but clearly it doesn't. He is the leader of our country, and we are the leaders of our states, and as the United States of America, it's his job to work with us.

#### **Q. Why now? Why were you asking for a meeting now, not earlier in the year?**

A. This has been an issue all year. Back in May, 20 Republican governors sent a letter to President Biden asking that he take immediate action to end to the crisis at the border. He never responded. In fact, he kept in place in the policies that have encouraged illegal crossings and incentivized drug cartels and human trafficking rings to do business. America cannot afford another eight months—much less three more years—of unenforced borders.

#### **Q. Why weren't your Democratic counterparts involved in this effort?**

A. That is a question for our Democrat colleagues. This should be an issue they are concerned about. More than 1.3 million have people crossed our border—that's higher the population of nine U.S. states. This is a big deal, and we know it is impacting their states regardless of whether they speak up and speak out.

#### **Q. Your state of [enter state name] is not a border state. Why do you think the border crisis is important to your state? Or, how exactly has your state been negatively impacted by the border crisis?**

A. The President has allowed lawlessness to take root in our country, and that decision is coming from the very top—from the Oval Office. His Administration has done nothing to enforce our existing laws on the books, maintain basic law and order, or protect our border, something which every other country in the world does. He manufactured this crisis, and his lack of leadership to fix the problems he created is now a problem for all of us.

- *[Share any state-specific data applicable.]*
- We are facing COVID surges in many of our states, and President Biden has allowed 40,000 COVID-positive migrants into our cities—18% of families are positive for COVID when released from Border Patrol custody.
- We have to deal with more fentanyl in our streets, we have to deal with migrants being secretly transported in many our states, and our colleagues in Arizona and Texas are asking for help.

When the federal government fails, the states have to step in—we don't have a choice, so that's what we're doing.

**Q. Have you spoken with/worked with Leader McConnell or Congressional Republicans about the border crisis?**

A. To be honest, this is not a problem for Congress to solve. Congress has done its part by writing laws that secure our border; it's the President who has failed. He has directed that the federal government not enforce federal law, and as governors, we simply cannot condone, respect, or accept that behavior. The law is the law, and our borders are our borders.

- *[Share any insights into conversations with your state's Congressional Delegation, if applicable.]*

**Q. What about the immigration system, writ large? How would you reform the system? E.g., Any question referencing Dreamers, refugees, asylum seekers, special visas, citizenship, root causes of migration, etc.**

A. We are not talking about the larger immigration system, which is the purview for the federal government, including President Biden and Congress—not the states. We are simply talking about ending the crisis and stopping the surge of migrants across the border. As a nation, we have to stop the tidal wave and turn off the spigot before we fix and reform the larger system. We have our own jobs in our states to do, so we leave that up to the President and Congress as our Constitution designates.

**Q. What is the solution to the border crisis? What do you think President Biden should be doing that he's not doing?**

A. The solutions are so simple and so clear and so easy that the President could take action today, if he wanted. We have 10 ideas of our own—specific policies that he, and he alone, can implement. Simply put, he should reinstate every policy that he reversed from the prior administration, which over the course of the four years, we saw worked and worked well. All he had to do was do nothing, and instead, he reversed all of these policies, ended these programs, and created this crisis, himself.

- *[Name any of the 10 solutions from the Joint Policy Framework you would specifically like to advocate.]*
- He should continue to invoke Title 42, he should deport all criminals, he should end catch and release, he should re-enter agreements with our Northern Triangle partners and Mexico, and most importantly he should direct more resources to the border to stem the tide and more resources around the country to eradicate the surge in drug trafficking and human trafficking affecting every state.

**Q. What recourse do governors have if the Biden Administration does not act?**

A. The buck stops with President Biden—he's said it himself, which is why we asked to meet with him. We requested an open and constructive dialogue, and we hoped he would have accepted.

**Q. Many states are also starting to receive refugees from Afghanistan. How does that issue play into the migrant surge from the southern border?**

A. We should be careful not to mix up policies for international refugees with policies for illegal crossings. Our refugee system requires that those individuals be vetted, and we depend on our federal government to do its job. Similarly, our country requires that our borders be secure, and we depend on our federal government to do its job, which clearly is failing us.

**Press Handout****JOINT POLICY FRAMEWORK ON THE BORDER CRISIS***10 Policies to Protect America, Restore Security, and End the Crisis*

1. **Continue Title 42 public health restrictions:** The Biden Administration should continue to invoke Title 42 to refuse entry to individuals coming into the country due to the COVID-19 public health risk, which was initially issued by the previous administration. Title 42 currently expels approximately 44% of apprehensions. In July, more than 18% of migrant families and 20% of unaccompanied minors tested positive for COVID-19 upon being released from Border Patrol custody. Reports estimate that the Biden Administration has placed approximately 40,000 COVID-19 positive migrants into American cities.
2. **Fully reinstate the Migrant Protection Protocols:** The Biden Administration should comply with recent federal court rulings and fully reinstate the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) established by the prior administration, which require asylum seekers to return to Mexico to await their court hearing outside of the United States, serving as a deterrent to cross. Upon taking office, President Biden issued a directive to terminate the MPP, and although litigation may continue, the Biden Administration should halt any attempts to appeal and fully reinstate the policy.
3. **Finish securing the border:** The Biden Administration should reopen construction contracts to continue building the border wall and invest in infrastructure and technology, such as lights, sensors, or access roads, to complete the border security system. Upon taking office, President Biden terminated the national emergency at the border, stopped all border construction, and redirected funds to build the wall.
4. **End catch and release:** The Biden Administration should end the Obama-era policy of catching and releasing apprehended migrants into U.S. cities along the South Texas border, leaving illegal immigrants paroled and able to travel anywhere in the country. Upon taking office, President Biden issued an Executive Order reinstating catch and release policies that incentivize illegal immigration and make deportation laws difficult to enforce.
5. **Clear the judicial backlog:** The Biden Administration should dedicate additional judges and resources to our U.S. immigration courts to end the growing backlog and expedite court appearances for illegal migrants. Reports indicate backlogged cases total more than 1 million, the most ever.
6. **Resume the deportation of all criminals:** The Biden Administration should enforce all deportation laws of criminally convicted illegal aliens. Upon taking office, President Biden issued an Executive Order ordering the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to prioritize only the deportation of aggravated felons, gang members, or terrorists, leaving other criminals to remain in the United States.
7. **Dedicate federal resources to eradicate human trafficking and drug trafficking:** Due to the rapid increase of cartel activity, the Biden Administration should dedicate additional resources to eradicate the surge in human trafficking and drug trafficking, arrest offenders, support victims, and get dangerous drugs—like fentanyl and methamphetamine—off our streets.
8. **Re-enter all agreements with our Northern Triangle partners and Mexico:** President Biden should re-enter the prior administration's agreement with the Northern Triangle countries (El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras) and Mexico. The countries agreed to enforce their respective

borders, fix their asylum systems, and receive migrants seeking asylum before they journey north to the United States. Upon taking office, President Biden issued an Executive Order terminating the agreements.

9. **Send a clear message to potential migrants:** President Biden, Vice President Harris, and Biden Administration officials at every level should state clearly and unequivocally that our country's borders are not open and that migrants seeking economic opportunity should not attempt to abuse or misuse the asylum process. Prior to and after taking office, President Biden blatantly encouraged illegal immigrants to come to the United States.
10. **Deploy more federal law enforcement officers:** Due to overwhelming needs at the border, the Biden Administration should deploy more and provide greater resources to U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents. Due to a lack of federal resources, Arizona and Texas have had to initiate an Emergency Management Assistance Compact to request law enforcement resources directly from states, receiving offers from eight states, to arrest and detain illegal trespassers.

**Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**OPTIONAL Boat or Aerial Tour of the Border**

**RGPPC Contact:** Laura Ciciarelli, COO & Governors Liaison  
[REDACTED]

**Time:** 12:45pm – 1:15pm CT (30 minutes).

**Location:** Anzalduas Park – Anzalduas Dam Road, Mission, TX 78572

**Set-up:** Following the press conference, Governors may choose to take either a boat tour on the Rio Grande or an aerial tour on helicopters. There will only be two helicopters available for the tours with two spots on each—one spot for the governor and/or staff/security. The helicopter tour can last anywhere from 10 minutes to 30 minutes. In addition, there will be three boats available that can carry six passengers at a time and will depart from the dock at the park, a short distance from the press conference. The boat tours will last up to 30 minutes, and each governor can bring a staffer or detail for B-roll purposes, but only one staffer or detail not both. There may be some press that need to ride in the boats, if that is the case, we ask that no staff or security attend with the governor in order to make room. We will have an RGPPC staffer available to take B-roll. Texas DPS will be operating the boats and will be fully armed, please make your security aware. If uninterested in a tour, Governors may choose to return to the airport individually to depart. McAllen International airport is a 20-minute drive and Mid Valley Airport is a 40-minute drive.

**Attendees for aerial border tour:**

None confirmed.

**Attendees for boat border tour (boats below):**

Governor Doug Ducey, Arizona  
Governor Brad Little, Idaho  
Governor Kim Reynolds, Iowa  
Governor Greg Gianforte, Montana  
First Lady Susan Gianforte, Montana  
Governor Pete Ricketts, Nebraska  
Governor Kevin Stitt, Oklahoma  
Governor Mark Gordon, Wyoming

**Boat 1**

1. Governor Stitt
2. Chase Horn, Oklahoma
3. Governor Ducey
4. AZ Staffer or Trooper
5. Adam Scheidler for B-roll, RGPPC

6. TBD Press

**Boat 2:**

1. Governor Ricketts
2. Governor Gordon
3. Rob Creager, Wyoming
4. Governor Reynolds
5. Taryn Frideres, Iowa
6. Brendan Miller for B-roll, RGPPC

**Boat 3:**

1. Governor Little
2. Marissa Morrison, Idaho
3. Governor Gianforte
4. Mrs. Gianforte (*may not be able to attend the boat tour if another governor confirms or if we add press*)
5. Chris Benson, Montana
6. Dave Rexrode or Jesse Hunt for B-roll, RGPPC