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Don Huffines is Texas' chief financial officer and a lifelong advocate for lower taxes, limited government, and economic freedom. Appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott, he was sworn in as Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts on Aug. 1, 2026.

A fifth-generation Texan and successful businessman, Huffines brings a private-sector mindset to public finance. As Comptroller, he oversees the state treasury, collects state taxes, certifies revenue for the budget, and roots out waste and inefficiency in state and local government. His office also manages major initiatives including the Texas Education

Freedom Accounts program, broadband expansion, opioid abatement funding, unclaimed property, public safety grants, economic development programs, spending transparency, and border security appropriations.

Gov. Abbott called Huffines "a successful businessman and proven conservative leader who puts taxpayers first," adding that his "private-sector experience and dedication to limited government make him exceptionally qualified to lead the state's finances and protect every taxpayer dollar with integrity and accountability."

Huffines previously served in the Texas Senate, where he built a reputation as one of the Legislature's strongest defenders of taxpayers and individual liberty. He helped pass legislation protecting the Second Amendment, strengthening border security, defending the sanctity of life, expanding free markets, increasing government transparency, and safeguarding private property rights. A steadfast supporter of law enforcement and firefighters, he authored the law creating a property tax exemption for surviving spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty.

Huffines is widely known for fighting government corruption. As state senator, he uncovered a corruption scheme at a Dallas-area government agency with a \$100 million annual budget, led the effort to abolish the agency, and triggered a federal bribery

investigation that resulted in multiple convictions and prison sentences. Rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse remains a central focus of his work as Comptroller.

In 1985, Huffines founded Huffines Communities, growing it into one of the largest residential real estate development firms in the Dallas-Fort Worth region and helping thousands of Texas families achieve homeownership.

Huffines holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from The University of Texas at Austin. He and his wife, Mary Catherine, have five children and 12 grandchildren.