

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

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August 21, 2025

The Honorable Vincent Perez
House of Representatives

Re: Calculation of Fines and Costs Under Rule 5, Section 3, House Rules of Procedure

Dear Representative Perez:

The House of Representatives ordered a call of the House on August 4, 2025, as a quorum was not present on the initial registration. You did not appear in response to that call and the sergeant-at-arms (and officers appointed by her) were directed to secure your attendance under a civil warrant of arrest as necessary, and a civil warrant was actually issued as authorized by the rules. The First Called Session adjourned sine die on August 15, 2025, a quorum still not being present. The House of Representatives renewed the call on August 15, 2025, as a quorum was not present on the initial registration for the Second Called Session. You did not appear in response to that call and the sergeant-at-arms (and officers appointed by her) were directed to secure your attendance under a civil warrant of arrest as necessary, and a civil warrant was actually issued as authorized by the rules. A quorum was obtained on August 18, 2025.

Accordingly, you were absent 14 calendar days for the purpose of impeding the action of the House. The Committee on House Administration has calculated your fines and pro rata share of the costs incurred in securing your attendance under Rule 5, Section 3, House Rules of Procedure as follows:

Fine (\$500/calendar day):	\$7,000.00
Costs (pro rata share of \$124,943.40)	\$2,354.25
GRAND TOTAL	\$9,354.25

As required by the Texas Constitution and House rules, you may request a due process hearing, at which you may be present with counsel, to provide any explanation as to why the full amount of fines and costs authorized by the rule should not be imposed. Alternatively, you may make a written submission to the committee in lieu of appearing personally. Any written submission should be received in my office not later than **Monday, August 25, at 12 noon.**

If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie L. Geren".

Charlie L. Geren
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

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