

S. Javid Anwar
Member
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

(Term Expires: August 31, 2021)

S. Javid Anwar was born in Karachi, Pakistan and upon completing his high school education, he immigrated to the United States where he attended the University of Wyoming and received his degree in Petroleum Engineering. Upon graduation, Anwar began a career in oil and gas in Texas that has continued for nearly forty years and led to his foundation and ownership of several oil and gas exploration companies and related entities.

In 2011, he received the Outstanding Businessman and Entrepreneur Award from the Pakistan Chamber of Commerce-USA. In 2012, he received the Man of the Year award from Safeer-A-Pakistan. In 2014, President George W. Bush presented Anwar the Philanthropist of the Year Award from the Permian Basin Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. In that same year, then Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and Lt. Governor David Dewhurst presented him the Businessman of the Year award from the South Asian Chamber of Commerce in Houston.

In 2014, Anwar also received humanitarian awards from the Pakistan Citizens Foundation and the Human Development Foundation. This year, he received the Golden Hammer Award by Midland Habitat for Humanity.

Fred Farias III, OD, FAAO
Vice-Chair
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
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Fred Farias III, OD, FAAO of McAllen, Texas has served on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board since 2015. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the board and Chairman of the Academic and Workforce Success Committee. He also serves on the Texas Higher Education Foundation.

Dr. Farias, a Rio Grande Valley native, graduated from The University of Texas at Austin before graduating with a Doctor of Optometry from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee.

He is CEO of 20/20 Vision Care in McAllen, has served as president of the Texas Optometric Association, and is a former president of the Rio Grande Valley Optometric Society. He has served on the American Optometric Association Board of Trustees and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry.

Dr. Farias is a past gubernatorial appointee of the Texas Optometry Board where he chaired the Licensing and Administration Committee. He is a Lifetime Member of The University of Texas System Chancellor's Executive Committee and The University of Texas at Austin Development Board.

Dr. Farias also serves on the University of Texas Longhorn Foundation Athletic Advisory Council. In 2016, Dr. Farias received the National American Optometric Association Optometrist of the Year Award and the 2015 Texas Optometrist of the Year Award. He is a past recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumnus from The University of Texas at Austin, and in 2017, was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Southern College of Optometry.

This year, Dr. Farias has been named the 2019 University of Texas at Austin Moody College of Communication Outstanding Alumnus.

Dr. Farias is also active in the McAllen community, serving as chair of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Council and Leadership McAllen. He is a charter member of the Optometry Cares – The AOA Foundation. He previously has served on several boards, including those of the Vannie E. Cook Cancer Center and the Rio Grande Valley Arthritis Foundation.

Lauren C. McKenzie
Student Representative
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

(Term Expires: May 31, 2020)

Lauren C. McKenzie of Lubbock was appointed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by Governor Greg Abbott in May 2019. She will serve as the Student Representative through May 31, 2020.

Ms. McKenzie is a senior at Texas Tech University (TTU), completing a Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences. At TTU, Ms. McKenzie works as an assistant to the Office of Research Development and serves as President of the Gamma Xi Chapter of Delta Gamma Fraternity. She is an active member of the President's Gender Equity Council's Women's Leadership Initiative and Mortar Board Honor Society. Ms. McKenzie was appointed as the Director of Political Affairs for the Texas Tech Student Government Association after serving consecutive terms in the Student Government Senate.

Ricky A. Raven, J.D.
Secretary
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
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Ricky A. Raven of Sugar Land is a partner at Reed Smith. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, State Commission on Judicial Conduct, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, State Bar of Texas International Association of Defense Counsel, United States Supreme Court Bar, Houston Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, and the Arkansas Bar Association. He sits on the boards of the Houston Community College Foundation, University of Houston Alumni Association, and the Yellowstone Academy.

Additionally, he is a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the Houston Bar Foundation and member of the University of Houston Foundation Board of Trustees, Houston Police Officers' Civil Service Commission, and the Houston Golf Association. Raven received a Bachelor of Science and Juris Doctor from the University of Houston.

Mr. Raven is a member of the Complex Litigation Group and serves as Co-leader of the Mass & Toxic Torts team. He is a trial lawyer who focuses on products liability and mass tort litigation. For more than 25 years, Mr. Raven has had first-chair trial responsibilities on behalf of Honeywell International, Inc.'s national trial team in multidistrict litigation involving Bendix brakes. He is also a member of the national trial team for Union Carbide Canada involving its personal watercraft litigation. Being assigned to national trial teams, Mr. Raven works effectively with numerous local counsel in jurisdictions across the United States and North America.

Mr. Raven has first-chaired more than 120 jury trials to verdict. In 1998, a trial verdict decision in Jefferson County, Texas was designated one of the Top 10 Verdicts in the United States by *National Law Journal*. During the past three years, Mr. Raven has tried to verdict the following matters on behalf of Honeywell: a defense jury verdict in the Cuyahoga County (Cleveland) Court of Common Pleas, Ohio; a defense jury verdict in the Virginia Circuit Court for County of Albemarle (Charlottesville); a defense jury verdict in California Superior Court County of Los Angeles (Long Beach) South District; and a granting of a Motion for Nonsuit in the California Superior Court, Alameda County (Oakland) after 13 weeks of trial testimony.

Mr. Raven has represented major chemical companies in federal litigation across the United States arising under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Superfund statutes. These matters involved all facets of Superfund litigation, including issues relating to the identification of principally responsible parties, selection of remedy, cost recovery, and contribution.

As a former criminal prosecutor, Mr. Raven represented the state of Texas in criminal matters ranging from misdemeanors to capital murder. Mr. Raven maintains a significant white collar criminal defense practice. He has successfully defended the largest shopping mall owner in the United States and its senior management in a criminal prosecution involving environmental pollution. Mr. Raven has conducted internal investigations for many Fortune 100 corporations where he reported his findings directly to senior management and the board of directors.

Mr. Raven received a Bachelor of Science and Juris Doctor from the University of Houston.

Emma Wollschlager Schwartz, MPH
Member
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Emma Wollschlager Schwartz, MPH is the President of the Medical Center of the Americas (MCA) Foundation, a non-profit operating in El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico. Ms. Schwartz founded the MCA along with her board in 2006 to be the “keeper of the vision” of the newly forming medical campus in El Paso.

Since then, the MCA has completed three master plans for the medical campus and continuously oversees its coordinated planning programs. The MCA also developed the first private biomedical incubator in the region: the Cardwell Collaborative – 60,000 sf of wet-labs, dry-labs, data room, office space, collaboration spaces, etc. The facility houses its Innovation Center, Clinical Trials Consortium, BIO El Paso-Juarez, Healthcare Think Tank and STEM camps. Before the MCA, Ms. Schwartz worked in healthcare management, revenue cycle improvement, strategic planning and regulatory compliance for a variety of healthcare companies, including Tenet Healthcare in El Paso, Texas and Sinaiko Healthcare Consulting in Los Angeles, California. During this time, she published numerous articles, spoke at many venues regarding these topics, and co-edited a book on corporate compliance.

Her community involvement is extensive. Ms. Schwartz is a director on the board of WestStar Bank where she chairs the Audit Committee. She is on the board of and the former board chair of the Paso del Norte Center of Hope anti-human trafficking organization; the chair of the Youth and Education Committee for Workforce Solutions Borderplex; and a founding director of Progress321, a young professional’s organization. She is also the co-chair of El Paso’s chapter of Stanford Outreach Volunteer Alumni Link (OVAL). Formerly, she served on the selection committee for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso Founding President, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas’ Emerging Leaders Council, and the board of La Fe Preparatory School. She is also a member of the Borderplex Alliance, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, El Paso Chamber, Texas Healthcare and Biosciences Institute, and InBIA. In 2016, she was inducted into the El Paso Business Hall of Fame, and she was named 2017’s El Pasoan of the Year.

Ms. Schwartz received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Biology with a concentration in Comparative Health Policy from Stanford University. She received her Master of Public Health in Health Services Management from the University of California, Los Angeles, where she was a Foley & Lardner Fellow.

Stuart W. Stedman
Chair
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Stuart W. Stedman of Houston was appointed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on March 9, 2016, by Governor Greg Abbott. Mr. Stedman is the president of Stedman West Interests, Inc., a family investment office that manages the assets of the Stedman West family. He attended The University of Texas at Austin where he received a B.A. in Plan II (1979), a J.D. (1985), and an M.B.A (1985). He is licensed to practice law in the state of Texas (inactive status).

Mr. Stedman serves on the Advisory Board of the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute and has been involved in wildlife research and conservation for many years. He has supported and designed numerous research projects focused on the white-tailed deer and has written numerous articles on white-tailed deer management. He received the Texas Outdoorsman of the Year award in 2009, the DAR Conservation Committee award in 2012, and the Harvey Weill Sportsman Conservationist of the Year award in 2014. He is also the past chairman of Texas Parks & Wildlife's Operation Game Thief committee.

Mr. Stedman serves as the chair of the Liberal Arts Advisory Council, and he is member of the University of Texas Development Board and the Blanton Museum's National Leadership Board. He is also a former member of The Methodist Hospital Research Institute board of directors in Houston. Mr. Stedman formerly served as a trustee of the Texas Children's Hospital and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

Donna N. Williams
Member
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Donna N. Williams is a vice president and program manager for Parsons Transportation Group, Inc., a subsidiary of the Parsons Corporation, a global engineering and construction leader in facilities, advanced technology, and management processes. She has 30+ years of program and project management, business development, and engineering design and construction experience in both government and private sectors.

Mrs. Williams manages a multi-year contract with the City of Houston at George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH). The IAH Terminal Redevelopment Program (ITRP) is a \$1.3 billion dollars capital improvement program designed to modernize and expand all facilities located on the north ramp, except for Terminal A. The contract covers a wide range of project management support services for all phases of the ITRP Program (initiation, definition, design, procurement, construction, commissioning and activation, and closeout).

She has received numerous state and national accolades for her work, including: Parsons' "Engineer of the Year" award (1993); service on the Corporation's Leadership Council (1999); Women's Transportation Seminar for the Greater Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter's "Woman of Inspiration" award (2002); US Black Engineer & Information Technology recognition as One of the 100 Most Important Blacks in Technology (2006); featured in Eclipse Magazine's Tribute to "2008 Women That Mean Business"; named a Prairie View A& M University Distinguished Alumni; and served on significant initiatives of both former Governor Rick Perry and Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst. President George W. Bush appointed and the United States Senate confirmed her as a Director of the Corporation for National and Community Service (2003 - 2006).

Mrs. Williams is involved in many civic activities and professional associations, including Arlington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Dallas African American Museum (board member), Justin F. Kimball High School Academy of Hospitality and Tourism (board chairman), the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health National Board of Directors, Parsons Federal Credit Union (board member), and the Texas State Foundation (board member). An appointee of Governor Perry to the Texas State University Board of Regents, she chaired the search committee leading to the selection of the current chancellor, served two terms as vice chairman of the board (2011 & 2012) and chairman of the board (2013 & 2014).

Mrs. Williams received a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from Prairie View A&M University (1982); she and her best friend, The Honorable Michael L. Williams, former Texas Energy & Education Commissioner, and current Distinguished Leader in Residence at the University of North Texas at Dallas, celebrate 32+ years of marriage.

Welcome W. Wilson, Jr.
Member
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Welcome W. Wilson, Jr. is president and chief executive officer of Welcome Group, a real estate development firm specializing in single-tenant office buildings and industrial buildings, including lab, warehouse, and manufacturing facilities. He has extensive experience in industrial development, residential subdividing, office buildings, and retail centers. He is also the joint venture partner in Kingham·Dalton·Wilson Ltd., a Design/Build construction affiliate of Welcome Group, and is a director of River Oaks Financial Group, Inc.

Mr. Wilson currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Alamo Endowment in San Antonio, and serves as Chairman of the Alamo Trust. He also is on the Board of Directors of the Trellis Company and the Trellis Foundation in Austin, the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, and the Board of Directors of the Texas Business Hall of Fame. In addition, he is also Chairman of the Board of the Southwest Houston Redevelopment Authority, and by appointment of the Mayor of Houston, is Chairman of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #20 (TIRZ # 20).

Mr. Wilson, is the former Vice Chairman of the University of Houston System Board of Regents, is the Immediate Past Chairman of the Houston Reality Business Collation, and has served in the past as Vice Chairman of the Houston Food Bank, Chairman of the End Hunger Network, a Director of the Houston Chapter of the American Lung Association, Director of the Houstonian Club in Houston, and President of the Kinkaid School Alumni Association.

Mr. Wilson, who is a native Texan, is married and attended the University of Denver.