

Arcilia C. Acosta
Member
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
(Term Expires: August 31, 2019)

Arcilia C. Acosta of Dallas is owner/CEO of CARCON Industries and Construction and STL Engineers. She currently serves on the board of directors of Energy Future Holdings Corporation, parent company of TXU Energy, Oncor Services and Luminant Power, and is also a board director of Legacy Texas Financial Group, N.A. (LTXB), a bank holding company. She also serves on the board of TPG Energy Holdings (TPGEU). Additionally, she is a member of the National Women's Energy Directors Network and a former member of the National Alumni Board for Texas Tech University.

Ms. Acosta was commencement speaker at Texas Tech University, Spring 2015; Texas Woman's University; Fall 2016; and Mountain View College, Spring 2016. She is a graduate from Texas Tech University; recipient of the Board Director certification from Southern Methodist University Southwest School of Banking; and is a graduate of the Harvard University Business School Corporate Governance Program.

S. Javid Anwar
Member
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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, O.D.
Vice-Chair
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
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Fred Farias III of McAllen, Texas was appointed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by Governor Greg Abbott in February 2015, and serves as chair for the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success. He is also a member of the Agency Operations Committee. Dr. Farias, a Rio Grande Valley native, graduated from The University of Texas at Austin before graduating 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 Association. He is an active member of the American Optometric Association and is the only Rio Grande Valley optometrist who is a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry.

In 2001, Governor Rick Perry appointed him to the Texas Optometry Board where he served for seven years, in part as chair of the Licensing and Administration Committee. Dr. Farias serves on The University of Texas (UT) Development Board, the UT System Chancellor's Executive Committee, and has served on the UT College of Communication Advisory Council. He also serves on the UT Longhorn Athletic Advisory Council and Co-Founded the UT Hispanic Alumni Committee of the Texas Exes in 2001.

Dr. Farias received the Young Optometrist of the Year Award from the Texas Optometric Association in 1998 and the Outstanding Young Texas Ex Award by the UT Alumni Association in 2002. In 2015, he was awarded the Texas Optometrist of the Year by the Texas Optometric Association. He was the recipient of the 2016 National Optometrist of the Year by the American Optometric Association and has been honored with the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award by Southern College of Optometry.

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

Michael J. Plank
Member
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
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Michael J. Plank is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Plank Companies, Inc., a diversified holding company with numerous operating entities and investments. Mr. Plank serves as Chairman/CEO of three operating companies: National Property Holdings, Rail Logix, and Speed Shore Corporation, entities engaged in Industrial Real Estate Development, Rail Services, and Construction Equipment Manufacturing, respectively.

In 2015, Mr. Plank was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to serve as a Board Member on the Governor's University Research Initiative (GURI). He was appointed by Lt. Governor Dan Patrick to serve as Chairman of the Transportation Advisory Board's Port Subcommittee in 2016, and to the Port Authority Advisory Committee in 2017. In 2018, Mr. Plank was appointed by Governor Abbott to serve on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Mr. Plank is an active member of the Young Presidents' Organization and is past Chairman of the Houston Chapter. He is also a past President of Trench Shoring & Shielding Association of America, the Houston Equipment Distributors, and the Children's Museum of Houston. Mr. Plank also serves on the President's Leadership Council for Houston's Methodist Hospital, and on the Board of the YMCA of Greater Houston.

Mr. Plank graduated with Honors from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and was inducted into the department's Academy of Distinguished Graduates in 2000. He served in 2017 as Chairman of the A&M PAC and is a long-serving Board Member of the Engineering Advisory Council. Mr. Plank also serves as a Board Member on the Commandant's Advisory Council for Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets.

Ricky A. Raven, J.D.
Member
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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.

Stuart W. Stedman
Chair
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(Term Expires: August 31, 2021)

Stuart W. Stedman of Houston was appointed to a three-year term 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.

John T. Steen, Jr.
Secretary of the Board
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
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John Steen of San Antonio is an attorney and investor who served as the 108th Texas secretary of state. He is a 30-year member and former vice chairman of the UTSA Development Board, an Executive Committee member of the Chancellor's Council of the UT System, a trustee of both the Texas Department of Public Safety Foundation and the Texas Higher Education Foundation, a member of the Philosophical Society of Texas, and a director of the P16Plus Council of Greater Bexar County. He is a member of the Distinguished Leaders Council of the World Affairs Council of San Antonio. In 2016, he was selected and unanimously confirmed by the San Antonio City Council to serve on the five-member Board of Trustees that oversees CPS Energy, the nation's largest municipally owned electric and gas utility. He was elected board chair of CPS Energy in early 2018.

A sixth-generation Texan born and raised in San Antonio, Mr. Steen received an A.B. cum laude from Princeton in 1971. At Princeton, he was selected as an undergraduate member of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs from which he received an S.P.I.A. certificate. Following his 1974 graduation from Texas Law School where he was a member of the Texas Law Review as well as Phi Delta Phi, he returned to his hometown to practice. He has been president/chairman of over 12 local nonprofits, including the Fiesta San Antonio Commission, San Antonio Academy Board of Trustees, San Antonio Performing Arts Association, Coliseum Advisory Board (now Community Arenas Board), and World Affairs Council of San Antonio. He is a past trustee and vice chairman of the San Antonio Community College District (now Alamo Colleges) and a past trustee of Austin College. He has served the state as a member of the Texas Commission on Economy and Efficiency in State Government, commissioner and chair of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, and commissioner of the Texas Department of Public Safety. While secretary of state, he was the state's border commerce coordinator and chaired the Border Trade Advisory Committee.

Formerly a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve, Mr. Steen is an honor graduate of the Army's Military Police School. Twice he received the Commander's Award for Public Service from the Department of the Army. He is a distinguished alumnus of San Antonio Academy, was honored two times for his philanthropy by the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, and received the Dream Maker Award from the Texas A&M San Antonio Foundation. He is an honorary Texas Ranger captain.

Mr. Steen and his wife, Weisie, are members of First Presbyterian Church. They have been married 39 years. They have three children, all of whom are married and reside in Houston, as well as four granddaughters, including identical twins born in 2012.

Michelle Q. Tran
Student Representative
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

(Term Expires: May 31, 2019)

Michelle Q. Tran of Houston was appointed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by Governor Greg Abbott in June 2018. She will serve as a Student Representative through May 31, 2019.

Tran is a senior at the University of Houston's Honors College, finishing her Bachelor of Science in Economics and Mathematics. At the University of Houston, Tran works as a research assistant at the Institute of Educational Policy Research & Evaluation. She is an active member of the Bonner Leaders Program and the national Bonner Advisory Board. She has also served as a member of the Student Government Association and as an ambassador to the College of Natural Science and Mathematics. She is a Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Scholar and a Phi Beta Kappa member.

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.