



## **Harrison Keller, Ph.D.**

Texas Commissioner of Higher Education/Chief Executive Officer  
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Dr. Harrison Keller is the Commissioner of Higher Education for the state of Texas. He has more than two decades of experience in educational budget and policy, digital learning, senior university administration, management, fundraising, and building effective coalitions among school districts, community colleges, universities, systems, and policymakers.

Keller is a recognized innovator in policy and programs to improve college readiness and success, especially for low-income and first-generation college students. He came to the Coordinating Board from The University of Texas at Austin, where he held several positions, including Deputy to the President for Strategy and Policy and a Professor of Practice.

Before his time at UT-Austin, Keller was the Director of Research for the Texas House of Representatives and Senior Education Advisor for the Speaker of the Texas House. He also has taught at Georgetown University, St. Edward's University, and The University of Texas at Austin.



## **Stuart W. Stedman, J.D.**

Chair

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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.



## **Fred Farias III, OD, FAAO**

Vice-Chair

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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.





## **Nichole Bunker-Henderson, J.D.**

General Counsel  
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Nichole Bunker-Henderson serves as General Counsel for the Higher Education Coordinating Board. Prior to joining the Coordinating Board, Nichole served the Office of the Attorney General for 15 years, rising from law clerk to Chief of the Administrative Law Division, and most recently the Associate Deputy Attorney General for Civil Litigation.

Nichole has worked on diverse matters as a trial and appellate attorney and general counsel to state agencies. She is a frequent speaker on administrative law topics. During her 20 years of government service, Nichole has also served as the Deputy General Counsel at the Texas Education Agency and worked for the Texas Senate and Texas Legislative Council.

She earned a bachelor's degree in government from The University of Texas at Austin and a law degree from The University of Arizona. Nichole enjoys spending her weekends chasing her husband and two children on foot at full speed around Lady Bird Lake.



## **Ray Bonilla, J.D.**

General Counsel  
The Texas A&M University System

Ray Bonilla leads the Office of General Counsel of The Texas A&M University System, and also oversees the System Ethics and Compliance Office. In these roles, Ray manages the entire range of legal issues facing the A&M System, including regulatory compliance, litigation matters, real estate, contracts and business law, employment, student affairs and governance matters.

Ray joined the A&M System in 2011, and since that time has managed a number of highly significant legal matters, including the negotiation and execution of a \$285 million contract with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services providing for the creation of pandemic vaccine and bioterrorism response facilities in College Station; completion of a series of transactions and regulatory filings relating to the acquisition of the Texas A&M University School of Law; and the multimillion dollar acquisition of a biotechnology company previously owned by the A&M System and the State of Texas through the Emerging Technology Fund, by a FUJIFILM Corporation subsidiary. In November 2015, Ray was recognized for professional achievement by the Texas General Counsel Forum as the Outstanding General Counsel for a Non-profit or Government Agency.

Prior to joining the Office of General Counsel, Ray was a partner in the law firm of Ray, Wood & Bonilla in Austin. Ray previously served as General Counsel of the Texas Comptroller's Office, where he acted as the primary legal advisor to Comptroller Sharp in his role as the State's chief tax administrator and chief financial officer. Prior to his service at the Comptroller's Office, Ray served on the Washington staff of former U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen, and as an attorney at the law firms of McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore and Baker & Botts.



## **Amanda Cochran-McCall, J.D.**

Deputy Vice President for Legal Affairs  
University of Texas at Austin

Amanda Cochran-McCall serves as the Deputy Vice President for Legal Affairs where she performs the duties of deputy general counsel to The University of Texas at Austin. She regularly advises university officials on all aspects of higher education law.

Prior to joining the university, Cochran-McCall served in various roles over almost a decade at the Texas Attorney General's Office. She managed and directed twelve civil litigation divisions of over 600 employees, 30,000 active litigation matters, and a \$40 million budget. Cochran-McCall provided strategic legal guidance and direction on various matters including First Amendment, Due Process, Equal Protection, Title IX, employment law, and higher education issues for university systems and component institutions, state elected and appointed officials, and state agencies. As trial attorney, she directed and performed all aspects of litigation in state and federal court.

Cochran-McCall is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin and Oklahoma City University School of Law.





## **Dona Hamilton Cornell, J.D.**

**Vice Chancellor/Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel  
University of Houston System**

Dona Hamilton Cornell became vice chancellor for legal affairs and general counsel for the University of Houston System and vice president for legal affairs and general counsel for the University of Houston in 2002. In these roles, she is responsible for legal services in all areas including contracts and conveyances, employment law, constitutional law, real estate, construction, intellectual property, federal research, tax, gift matters, athletics, governance, open government issues and other matters applicable to higher education law including Title IX. She also has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston. Prior to her appointment, she served as deputy chief of the General Litigation Division for the Texas Attorney General's office, was a partner in an Austin-based law firm and was also an Assistant Attorney General from 1987-1992.

Cornell earned her undergraduate and law degrees from The University of Texas at Austin. Prior to receiving her law degree, she served as a committee clerk and legislative aide in the Texas Legislature.



## **Pamela Anglin, Ed.D.**

President  
Paris Junior College

Dr. Pamela Anglin has served as President of Paris Junior College since 2003. She is a Certified Public Accountant. Prior to becoming president of PJC, she served as CFO and Executive Vice President of Grayson College, Vice President of Business Services at Blinn College, Accounting Faculty and Division Director at Navarro College and Director of Managerial Finance at Texas Christian University. Anglin has served two terms on the AACC Board of Directors and two terms on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Board of Trustees. She chaired the Community and Technical College Formula Funding Advisory Committee in 2019-2020.

Dr. Anglin's tenure at PJC has included the college participating in Achieving the Dream, being recognized twice as one of the fifty fastest growing community colleges in the nation and the college being recognized with the 2012 Excellence in Education Award from the Texas Association of Businesses. PJC was selected at one of thirty community colleges nationwide to participate in the AACC Guides Pathways Project in 2016.





## **Van Miller, Ed.D.**

Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs  
North Central Texas College

Dr. Van Miller serves as Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs and is Chief Financial Officer at North Central Texas College. Before joining North Central Texas College, he was Vice President of Administrative Services and Chief Financial Officer at Temple College for seven years.

Dr. Miller currently serves as the President of the Texas Association of Community College Business Officers and is a TACC Metrics Task Force member. He was also a member of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Formula Advisory Committee from 2010-2012 and 2017-2019. He served as Chairman of the Board for Texell Credit Union and was on the Board of Directors for the Central Texas Orchestral Society in Temple, Texas.

Dr. Miller holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Baylor University and an MBA from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Miller earned his Doctorate in Education from Baylor University.



## **Teri Zamora**

**Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs  
San Jacinto College**

Teri Zamora was named Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Affairs in January 2018. She came to San Jacinto College from Houston Community College (HCC) where she served as senior vice chancellor of finance and administration.

In her role at San Jacinto College, Zamora oversees facilities services, contracts and purchasing, auxiliary services, internal audit, safety and risk management, budgets, accounting and financial services, grants management, and the police department.

Mrs. Zamora has more than 20 years of increasingly responsible senior leadership experience in higher education. At Houston Community College, she was at the center of reimagining the institution as the college moved through a complete transformation process. She has also served at Paris Junior College as vice president of business services and in the Texas State Technical College System as executive vice president of financial and administrative services and associate vice chancellor of institutional research.

Mrs. Zamora embraces her role in higher education, and is excited about the role of the community college in impacting the lives of our students. She works to further the community college influence by serving as Treasurer of the Texas Association of Community College Business Officers (TACCBO), and sitting on the Community College Constituency Council of the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO).

Prior to entering higher education, Zamora had a career as a controller in the maquiladora industry in Mexico, and was also part owner of her family's retail business for many years. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from the University of North Texas, and a Master of Accountancy from the University of Texas – Pan American.



## **William Serrata, Ph.D.**

President  
El Paso Community College

Dr. William Serrata was named the President of the El Paso County Community College District effective August 1, 2012. Dr. Serrata holds a Bachelor's Degree from Texas A&M University – College Station, a Master's Degree from the University of Texas at Brownsville, and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Educational Human Resource Development from Texas A&M University – College Station.

Dr. Serrata comes to EPCC from South Texas College in McAllen where he served as the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management for over seven years. During his career, Dr. Serrata has provided enrollment management leadership in fostering enrollment growth as well as increases in student retention, dual credit enrollment, and graduation rates with an emphasis on first-generation and Hispanic populations and establishing a college-going culture.

Dr. Serrata is an active member of the El Paso community and currently serves as a member of the Board for Workforce Solutions Borderplex, Board of Directors for the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors of the United Way of El Paso, the Board of Directors of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and, Member of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas – El Paso Branch, serves as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Hospitals of Providence East Campus, as well as serving as the East Campus Representative on the Combined Board for the Hospitals of Providence.

Dr. Serrata and his wife Jessica have been married for over 15 years and are blessed with two wonderful sons, Nathan and Joshua. Dr. Serrata enjoys fishing, reading, and spending time with his family.





## **Brenda Hellyer, Ed.D.**

Chancellor  
San Jacinto College

In 2009 Dr. Brenda Hellyer was appointed chancellor of San Jacinto College. She began her involvement with the College in 1996 as an inaugural director for the San Jacinto College Foundation. She served in a number of executive positions at the College, including Executive Vice President for Resource Development, Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs, Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice Chancellor before being appointed chancellor.

Prior to joining San Jacinto College, Hellyer worked in the corporate world as an accountant in both the private and public arena. Her experience ranged from mom and pop businesses and Fortune 500 companies, to governmental agencies and entrepreneurial ventures in East Harris County.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas, a master's degree in business administration from the University of Texas at Austin and a doctorate degree in community college leadership from the University of Texas at Austin. She received the Distinguished Graduate Award from the College of Education at the University of Texas at Austin in spring 2009. She is also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensed in Texas.

Hellyer has served on a variety of community boards and committees including chambers of commerce, economic development councils, city and county government and non-profit organizations. Her current board appointments include: Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, Economic Alliance of the Houston Port Region, Greater Houston Partnership, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and the Texas Association of Community Colleges. She previously served as a member of AACC's 21st Century Initiative Implementation Team and Commission on Academic, Student and Community Development. She is also a Rotarian and believes in being involved in the community through chambers of commerce, non-profit organizations and her church.



## Roberto Zárate

Trustee  
Alamo College

Roberto Zárate, Alamo Colleges Trustee District 5, is a retired educator with more than 36 years experience. He has served on the Alamo Colleges' board for 13 years, since he was appointed to the District 5 seat in August 2003. He was subsequently elected to the seat in May 2004, and was most recently reelected in May 2012 to serve until May 2018. He was elected chair of the Alamo Colleges board from 2006 to 2008, and also has held positions as secretary, vice-chair and chair of the Academic Accountability and Student Success committee. He currently chairs the Audit, Budget and Finance committee.

In October 2015, Zárate was sworn in as the first Alamo Colleges' trustee and the second Hispanic to chair the board of directors of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). He will be only the second trustee from Texas to be elected chair. He was chosen as chair-elect by a unanimous vote in 2014 and will have served a one-year term before becoming chair. Zárate also served as vice chair of the ACCT board and as Western Region chair.

Zárate educational career included serving as the principal at Mary Hull Elementary School in the Northside School District (NISD) in San Antonio for 16 years. Under his guidance, Mary Hull Elementary was honored as a Texas Recognized School, a Commended Title I School, a Texas Blue Ribbon School and a National Blue Ribbon School. It also received the Hispanic Magazine Exemplary School Award in 1999.

Zárate holds a master's degree from San Diego State University and a bachelor's degree from Howard Payne College in Brownwood, Texas. He and his wife Jane Ann are the parents of a daughter and three sons.



## **Daniel Harper**

Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer  
Texas State University System

Daniel Harper, vice chancellor and chief financial officer, is responsible for the System's financial management, including budget, treasury, debt management and risk management functions. He also assists the System with budget and policy issues before the Texas Legislature.

Prior to his arrival at TSUS in 2012, he spent eight years in the Texas Senate Finance Committee, focusing on education-related budget and policy.

He received his B.A. in Economics from Austin College and his M.B.A in Finance from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is the proud father of three children.





## **Carlos Hernandez, Ed.D.**

Chief Financial Officer and Sr. Vice President for Operations  
Sam Houston State University

Dr. Hernandez has worked in higher education for more than 26 years, carrying out a variety of financial accounting and administrative roles. He has been active in the development and implementation of administrative and fiscal policy; budget development and management; financial reporting; business analytics; treasury and cash management; and debt financing, among many other areas.

A certified public accountant, he previously served as CFO and vice president for finance and administration at the University of North Texas-Dallas; associate vice president and controller for the University of North Texas and controller for the UNT System; and associate vice president and comptroller at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Dr. Hernandez earned his bachelor's degree in accounting, his master's degree in higher education administration and his doctorate in education, all from the University of Texas at El Paso.



## **Julie Eklund, Ph.D.**

**Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning  
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board**

Dr. Julie A. Eklund joined the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in 2005 and was appointed Assistant Commissioner for the Strategic Planning and Funding Division in December 2015. She is currently Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning. Julie's work has focused on the areas where higher education data and policy intersect.

Julie supervises the work of three teams: the Educational Data Center which is responsible for ensuring accurate and timely institutional data collection, and two Strategic Planning Data Analytics teams which are responsible for a wide range of data output related to the P-16 pipeline, higher education, and workforce and also support the Texas Higher Education Accountability System, Almanac and research-related efforts. The Strategic Planning area also oversees and supports the activities of the Education Research Center's (ERCs) and ERC Advisory Board; Julie serves as chair of that Board.

Julie holds a Bachelor's Degree from Amherst College, a Master's from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a PhD in Educational Administration (higher education specialization) from The University of Texas at Austin.



## **Stacey Silverman, Ph.D.**

**Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce  
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board**

Stacey Silverman is the Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Academic Quality and Workforce at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Dr. Silverman provides leadership on statewide policy initiatives related to undergraduate and graduate education with a focus on achieving the state's goals for higher education. Dr. Silverman has authored several studies on issues related to higher education focused on undergraduate and graduate education.

Dr. Silverman oversees more than \$100 million in state-funded grant programs, including the Graduate Medical Education Expansion, Family Practice Residency Program, Family Practice Rural Rotation Program, Joint Admissions Medical Program, Statewide Preceptorship Programs, Autism Grant Program, Emergency and Trauma Care Program, Nursing Allied Health Research Program, and Minority Health and Research Program.

Dr. Silverman led the Coordinating Board's effort in convening the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium and serves as the agency's appointee. She also represents the agency on the Texas Statewide Health Coordinating Council and the Texas Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council.

Prior to joining the staff of the Coordinating Board, Dr. Silverman was Director of Legislative Affairs for the Texas Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Silverman is a graduate of TCU, Midwestern State University, and received her PhD from The University of Texas at Austin.