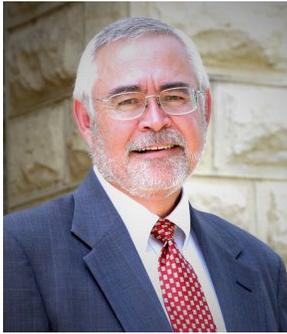




**State Representative Steve Allison** represents House District 121, succeeding former Speaker of the House Joe Straus. District 121 covers parts of north-central and northeast San Antonio, as well as the cities of Alamo Heights, Terrell Hills, and Olmos Park. Representative Allison serves on the Public Education and Public Health committees and is also a member of the House Republican Caucus Policy Committee. Steve brings significant background, community service, and leadership experience to his role in the House. He has a history of active involvement and accomplishments in numerous civic organizations and professional, business, health care, and other community interests and activities. Representative Allison has been particularly active and involved in his children’s schools and in education issues, including twelve years on the District’s Board of Trustees - with three terms as President. The year before his election to the House, Steve completed eight years as a member of the Board of Trustees of VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority, including the last two years as Vice Chairman of the Board. Professionally, Steve is a highly regarded attorney, concentrating in business litigation and health care, and is a trained and experienced mediator and arbitrator. He has been repeatedly recognized in Best Lawyers in America (“Commercial Litigation” and “Bet the Company Litigation”) and Texas Super Lawyers (“Business Litigation”).



**Jeffrey C. Arndt** is President and Chief Executive Officer of VIA Metropolitan Transit. VIA provides transportation services to the Bexar County region, including the fast-growing City of San Antonio, identified as the seventh-largest city in the United States. Arndt joined VIA in February 2012 as Deputy CEO/Chief of Business Support Services. His expertise encompasses transit service and capital facility development, training and safety, financial management and planning, labor relations, special event transit/traffic management, and transit operations. He is continuously working to bring innovations to VIA and to San Antonio that will improve the livability and sustainability of the region, to include the implementation of SmartMove, VIA’s short-term capital plan to bring multimodalism to the region. Arndt came to San Antonio from Houston where he served as General Manager of Fixed-route Transit Services for First Transit, a company under contract with the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, or Houston METRO. He previously worked for Houston METRO for 25 years and achieved the position of Senior Vice President of Operations/Chief Operating Officer. Arndt spent five years as a research scientist/research specialist at the Texas A&M Transportation Institute and was Senior Planning Manager at Parsons Brinckerhoff before joining First Transit. He currently serves on several boards, including the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Centro Alliance, Texas Diversity Council, South West Transit Association (SWTA), United Way, and San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE), and the Texas Transit Association.



**David Blackburn** retired from the City of Temple in August, 2014. David had served the City of Temple as City Manager since April, 2005. As City Manager, David was the chief executive officer for the City of Temple. The City of Temple is a full service, home-rule city with approximately 1,000 employees. Prior to his service with the City of Temple, David was City Manager for the City of Killeen. David also served as Assistant City Manager, Deputy City Manager, and City Attorney for the City of Killeen. Prior to his service in Killeen, David served as City Attorney for the cities of Texarkana, Texas and Plainview, Texas. All totaled, David's career in local government service spans almost 30 years. David has served on multiple boards and commissions over the years. Locally, he has served on the Temple Economic Development Board of Directors, as well as being an ex-officio member of the Killeen & Temple Chambers of Commerce. David's regional board and commission service includes serving on the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (a regional transportation planning body), the Brazos G Water Planning Group (a regional water planning body), and the Brazos River & Bay Basin Area Stakeholder Committee (a regional water planning group). David has also been a member of various professional organizations, to include the International City/County Managers Association, the Texas City Managers Association, the Texas City Attorney's Association (former President), and the Association of the United States Army. David has been the President of the Temple Economic Development Corporation since August, 2014.

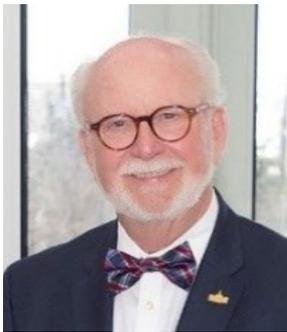


**David A. Dean, J.D.** serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Dean International, Inc., an international public policy consultancy and the principal consultancy for TEX-21. He is a member in good standing of the Dallas Bar, State Bar of Texas, and American Bar Associations. David served the State of Texas for over a decade as general counsel to both Republican Governor William P. Clements, Jr., and his predecessor, Democratic Governor Dolph Briscoe. He also served as Texas Secretary of State under Governor Clements. He has been a leader in multimodal transportation policy and project development for over 4 decades. He is currently heavily involved with High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail, the Panama Canal Expansion, The Third Coast Initiative, the development of creative transportation funding solutions including Expiring Revenue Enhancements (EREs) and a number of transportation corridor coalitions spanning the state and nation. He has experience on numerous boards, agencies and special committees throughout the United States. Mr. Dean is also an Emeritus member of the National Association of Secretaries of State; he is also an Eagle Scout.



**Reverend Dr. Michael A. Evans, Sr.** was elected Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, in December 2020. He is the proud pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Mansfield where he has served for more than 30 years. Mayor Evans received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Pre-Law) from the University of Texas at Arlington. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Texas Christian University's Brite Divinity School. He received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Baylor University, where he has also served as a member of the board of regents for the university. Mayor Evans was elected to the Mansfield

Independent School District Board of Trustees for three terms, serving from 2007 to 2016 including two years as board president. He also served as an administrator with the Tarrant County College District, with coordination and oversight responsibilities for the district's ESL and Adult Basic Education Centers. He was a member of the TCC Board of Trustees from 2016 to 2020.



**Gary Fickes** serves as Tarrant County Commissioner, and he is a native of Houston, Texas. He moved to north Texas in 1979. From 1989 to 1996, Gary served as Mayor of Southlake during which time he gained hands-on experience in helping to build a great community. He was elected Tarrant County Commissioner in 2006, then re-elected in 2008, 2012, and 2016. He is Vice Chairman of the National Association of Counties Transportation Committee, Chairman of TEX-21, former Chairman of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Transportation Council, former Chairman of the Tarrant Regional

Transportation Coalition, and a member of the Governor's Economic Development Stakeholders Committee. Commissioner Fickes formed a Senior Task Force to address the needs of senior citizens in our community and find solutions to improve their well-being.



**Juan J. Flores** has over 20 years of transportation and logistics ranging from state agency governments to private industry. He has worked in variety of federal, state, and private roles over his career in multiple institutions and disciplines across the country. In 2022, Juan joined the Texas Department of Transportation as the Freight, International Trade, Connectivity (FTC) Director in Austin. In his role, he is leading and managing the statewide freight planning, international trade activities and corridor transportation planning projects which include highways, air, marine, rail, and pipelines. He is charged with working with the state's industrial partners and public in the development of the state's budgeted work program and statewide multimodal planning initiatives. Juan received his Bachelor's from Purdue University, a Master of Science from George Mason University, and a Master of Business from Mississippi College. He has also completed his executive training in Supply Chain Management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and at the Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation at Rutgers University.



**Claudia Josefina Lagos Galindo** is the Manager of International Trade and Border Planning for TxDOT. She graduated from the Universidad de las Americas-Puebla (UDLA-P) where she received her degree in International Relations. In 1997, Miss Lagos received her B. A. in International Management from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de Mexico (ITAM). She received her Diploma on Legal Aspects on International Trade from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de Mexico (ITAM). In October 2016 she joined the State Government of Tamaulipas working on foreign trade issues for the Office of the Governor of Tamaulipas. In August of 2017, she was appointed Deputy Secretary of Competitiveness and Foreign Trade at the Ministry of Economic Development, where she is in charge of promoting investment, coordinating, analyzing and advising the state governor of Tamaulipas on issues relating to foreign trade. Claudia J. Lagos Galindo has also been a Professor at the Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, and at the Universidad Ibero Americana A.C., where she has held several chair positions for the programs in International Trade and International Business.



**Gina E. Gallegos, P.E.**, is the district engineer for TxDOT's San Antonio District. Gina graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering. She began her career at TxDOT in 1994 as an engineering assistant in the San Antonio District. She rotated as a young engineer through various sections such as design, lab, and construction. In 2006, Gallegos was selected as an area engineer for the Bexar County Area Office. In 2010, Gallegos became the director of construction over a 12-county area in the San Antonio District. In November 2017, she became the director of the Construction Division where she oversaw the functions of the Construction Division. On Jan. 1, 2021, she became the district engineer in the San Antonio District.



**Eric L. Gleason** serves as director of Public Transportation at TxDOT. Gleason formerly served as director of service development for the King County Department of Transportation, Metro Transit, in Washington State, one of the largest and most populous counties in the country. His office was responsible for the planning and implementation of public transportation services, facilities and market development programs for more than 200 routes carrying almost 100 million riders per year. Using innovative financing and incentive packages, Metro partners with employers, institutions and neighborhoods to encourage the use of alternative transportation modes and reduce congestion. Prior to joining King County Metro in 1985, Gleason was a transit planner for the Tri-County Metropolitan Transit District of Oregon. He also served two years in the Peace Corps in the Solomon Islands. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in resource economics from the University of New Hampshire in 1977 and a master's degree in city and regional planning from the University of North Carolina in 1979.



**Finley deGraffenried** currently serves as the city manager for the City of Lampasas. He has been involved in small-town management for the past 26 years, serving the communities of Bridgeport, Nebraska; Llano, Texas and Lampasas, Texas. In all of the Cities he has served, Finley has been active in transportation policy including advocating for safety and routes for the Ports to Plains corridor in eastern Colorado and western Nebraska; updates and expansion of highways 71 and 29 into Llano; and safety and relief route studies for the City of Lampasas. Lampasas, and its intersecting highways, will remain a focus for central Texas transportation solutions as traditional routes remain congested and inefficient. Elected and appointed officials are anxious to be involved in the I-14 corridor expansion to the west.



**Jim Jarratt** currently serves as the mayor of Granbury, Texas. He graduated High School in Comanche Texas and earned a B.A. from Austin College in Sherman, TX as well as a master's degree in management (MM) from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Mayor Jarratt served in the Marine Corps from 1963 to 1964. After a 10-year career of venture capital initiatives, Mayor Jarratt joined with UnitedHealth Care as VP of Customer Service, retiring in 2007. Previously, he occupied manufacturing, logistics, distribution, and industrial engineering roles at Johnson and Johnson and Frito-Lay.

Additionally, he worked in customer service and financial fraud prevention at Citi Bank and Equifax. In retirement, he served on various advisory boards for the City of Granbury, private equity boards, and the Board of Trustees for Austin College in Sherman, TX. Mayor Jarratt has three grown children and 3 wonderful grandchildren.



**Tom Lambert** joined METRO in 1979, the first full year of operation. Lambert became METRO's first chief of police and served in that position for many years before moving on to other leadership roles. These included chief administrative officer, executive vice president, and acting president and CEO. He became the permanent CEO in 2014. Since becoming president and CEO, Lambert has made taking care of his customers and "delivering a quality product every day" his personal priority, as well as the priority of every single department and employee. He oversaw the overhaul and redesign of the local fixed-route bus

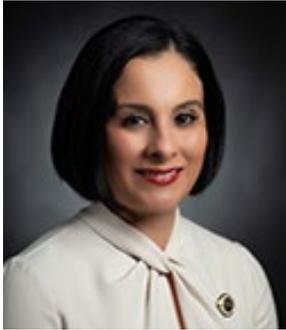
system in 2015 and demonstrated the importance of METRO in the Houston TranStar partnership during Hurricane Harvey. In 2017, Lambert established the METRO Office of Innovation to actively search out and pilot innovative transit solutions. Also in 2017, he convened 25 community meetings, during which METRO executives, employees, and board members solicited input for METRONext, the new transit plan that will take METRO, and its riders, safely and rapidly into the future.



**State Representative Ray Lopez** proudly serves House District 125 since he was first elected, in 2019. District 125 encompasses much of San Antonio's culturally diverse West and Northwest sides. Among three independent school districts, and prestigious institutions of higher education including St. Mary's and Our Lady of the Lake Universities, District 125 includes the city of Leon Valley and recently embraced a small area outside of 1604. District 125 is home to nearly 180,000 residents of many whom are military and civil service employees. In addition to years as a small business owner, Rep. Lopez is an accomplished corporate professional with over 35 years of experience in the information and telecommunications industry. Immediately following high school, he joined the United States Armed Forces where he served 14 years in the Army Reserve. In 2004, Rep. Lopez was elected to the San Antonio City Council where he represented the people of Council District 6 for four consecutive terms until reaching his term limit. Rep. Lopez has received wide recognition for his professional and civic accomplishments including being a Former Chair of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the City of San Antonio and was proud to serve on the San Antonio Mobility Coalition Executive Committee. Ray and his wife Evelyn have four grown children: Vicky, Rey Jr., Angelo, and Christopher. Besides their hobbies of golfing, sailing, and skiing, Ray and Evelyn enjoy spending time with their family and spoiling their 14 grandchildren.



**Ron Massingill** is a native Texan. He graduated from El Campo High School. He holds a BBA degree, Magna Cum Laude, from the University of Dallas and a Juris Doctorate from SMU School of Law Dallas. Prior to assuming the office of the Hood County Judge on January 1, 2019, Judge Massingill practiced law for 50 years and was a partner with the law firm of Brousseau Naftis & Massingill. Judge Massingill also served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1970-1975, 24th JAG, and is currently a member of the Hood County Sheriff's Posse, along with his wife of 30 years, Brenda. He was named a Super Lawyer in the Texas Monthly Super Lawyer Magazine from 2013-2022 and in the Best Lawyers of America for 15 years.



**Representative Ina Minjarez** was elected to serve the constituents of Texas House District 124 after a quick special election in April 2015. During her 30 days at the Capitol, Ina accomplished a great deal for hardworking Texas families. Though she was elected after the deadline to file any of her own legislation, she served as a critical swing vote in the House Committees on Transportation and State Affairs. During the 87th Legislative Session, Representative Minjarez was appointed to the House Committee on Appropriations, where she serves as Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on Strategic Fiscal Review and Federal Relief Funds, which is responsible for appropriating billions of federal COVID-19 relief dollars and overseeing comprehensive budget analysis of state agencies undergoing the strategic fiscal review process. She also serves on the executive committee of the San Antonio Mobility Coalition. Ina was born and raised in El Paso, Texas, by two hardworking parents with deep roots in social justice. Ina has had a successful career prosecuting defendants charged with crimes against children. In her private practice, Ina has represented children who were victims of abuse and neglect in Child Protective Service cases. Ina has also represented workers in employment law disputes and on-the-job injuries. She and her husband, Leo Gomez, recently celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary. She has two wonderful stepchildren, Manuel and April Gomez. In her free time, Ina enjoys running marathons and spending time with their three dogs, Pepe, Lillie, and Luna.



**Anne O’Ryan** has over 25-years’ experience in transportation, public and government affairs, and advocacy. Currently, she is the Public Policy Strategist; and, Legislative, Regulatory, and Government Affairs Advocate representing the more than 2.3 million members of AAA Texas and AAA New Mexico. Prior to joining AAA Texas in 2000, Anne was the public and government affairs director for AAA Oregon. Anne is a member of the Texas Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Task Force and several insurance committees. She has served on the Governor’s equitable transportation finance committee, several regional transportation committees, and has been a speaker at the national Mileage-Based Fees Symposium, and the UCLA Arrowhead Transportation Symposium. Before joining AAA, Anne was a journalist in radio and television news, later she produced public affairs and documentary programs for the state public broadcasting network.



**Miguel (Mike) Ephrem Rendón** is the Acting CEO for CCRTA. Before becoming the Acting CEO, Mr. Rendón was the Managing Director of Executive Affairs. He has more than thirty-five years of experience in public transportation, safety & security, and legislation. He previously served on the CCRTA Board of Directors for eight years, including four years as Board Chair. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Southwest Texas State University and is a Veteran of the U.S. Army.



**Hon. Carroll G. Robinson, Esq.** is an Associate Professor of Public Administration and Political Science in the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs at Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas. He has also taught civil procedure and constitutional law at two Texas law schools. Professor Robinson has served on the Board of Directors for numerous state and national organizations including the National League of Cities, State Bar of Texas, National Bar Association, African American Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Texas, and is a former Chairman of the Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce. Professor Robinson is a past-President of the Houston Lawyers Association, a former At-Large Houston City Council Member and a graduate of the National Law Center at George Washington University in Washington, DC. In addition to being an educator, Professor Robinson currently serves as Treasurer of the NAACP Houston Branch. He is a prolific writer on public policy and legal issues.



**Kate Rogers** is the Executive Director of Alamo Trust, Inc (ATI), the private 501(c)3 non-profit organization that manages day-to-day operations and staff at the Alamo. In this capacity, Rogers is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Alamo Plan. A lifelong Texan, Rogers joined the Alamo Trust in March 2021, bringing to the role over 20 years of leadership and a proven record as a change agent experience in the education, nonprofit, and business sectors. Before joining the Alamo, Rogers was Vice President of Community Outreach & Engagement for the Charles Butt Foundation, where she facilitated community collaboration and alignment to drive systemic change in the areas of early childhood education, K-12 academic achievement, post-secondary success, and workforce development. She has also served as founding President of The Holdsworth Center and Vice President of Communications & Health Promotion at H-E-B where she worked for 19 years. A champion of education reform and workforce development, Rogers also founded the Centers for Applied Science & Technology (CAST), developed SA Works, and created the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards.



**Dr. Helen You** is the Associate Director at the Texas Demographic Center. She is the lead scientist for the Population Estimates and Projections program. She has almost 20 years of demographic research experience with a general interest in demography and public policy in Texas. Her works cover a wide range of topics including welfare, education, migration, health and health care in Texas. Some of her projects include the Population Projections for Texas, Population Estimates for Texas, the Educational Attainment Projections of the Texas Labor Force, the Diabetes Projections and the Projections of the

Uninsured in Texas.



**Dottie Watkins** is the Interim CEO of CapMetro. She first began her transit career in 1994 – driving buses part-time while she attended the University of Texas at Austin. Prior to her current role, she was the agency's Deputy CEO, and before that Chief Customer Officer/Chief Operating Officer, and before that, CapMetro's Vice President – Bus Operations and Maintenance. She has been responsible for all aspects of the agency's contracted bus operations through active monitoring of service quality and contract compliance. Dottie holds a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Texas and a Master of Business

Administration from St. Edward's University. A native Austinite, Dottie regularly enjoys trips to the pool with her daughter and plays French Horn in a local community band.



**Nelson William Wolff** has represented Bexar County in various political offices since 1971 when he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives. Thereafter he was elected to the Texas Senate in 1973, the San Antonio City Council in 1987, and served as Mayor of San Antonio from 1991 to 1995. He currently serves as Bexar County Judge, a position he was appointed to in 2001 and has since been elected to four times. He is currently pursuing a fifth term as Bexar County Judge.

Nelson Wolff is only the second person in more than a century to serve as both Mayor of San Antonio and Bexar County Judge. With his colleagues on the Commissioners Court and with the City of San Antonio, Judge Wolff works to promote and improve economic and workforce development in Bexar County. Judge Wolff maintains continued partnerships with the 26 suburban cities to ensure all Bexar County citizens are safe and receive the best possible services. Judge Wolff firmly believes his native San Antonio is a cultural, energetic, and vibrant city. Together, Wolff and his wife Tracy, President of the Hidalgo Foundation, have six children and eight grandchildren.