



**Jeff Archer**, Executive Director of the Texas Legislative Council since 2014, has served at the council for 37 years as an attorney in the legal division and in recent years on the executive leadership team. Mr. Archer has drafted legislation and advised legislators in a broad range of subjects, including taxation, state finance, higher education, criminal law, gaming, constitutional law, legislative procedure, ethics, and redistricting. Mr. Archer has served as counsel to several investigative and oversight committees and assists the legislature in litigation support and compliance with open records laws. Mr. Archer holds a BA with highest honors in Classics from UT Austin and is a 1982 honors graduate of The University of Texas School of Law.



**Andy Brauningner** was born and raised in Port Arthur, Texas. He graduated from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration/Marketing. After graduation, Andy worked for Gulf States Utilities for two years before finding his life's calling in the maritime industry. During his career, he advanced with several companies and retired as the President of a major offshore maritime company which operated over 200 vessels worldwide. Since his retirement, Andy has gone back to work with a smaller company, serving as the President of both the holding company and the 2 operating companies on a part-time basis. Over the years, he has also served on several national maritime committees and safety organizations. Andy was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1972, is a supporter of the local Wounded Warriors Event, and is a member of the American Legion. Andy Brauningner was elected to the City Council in November 2013, elected as Mayor in December 2015, and re-elected as Mayor in 2017.



**Chris Brown** is the Executive Director for the Ark-Tex Council of Governments, serving the Northeast Texas and Southwest Arkansas areas. Since 1999, he has served his local governments, including former Council Member and Mayor for the City of Sulphur Springs, former Hopkins County Judge, and as a current Director for the Hopkins County Hospital District Board. He currently represents the region at the state and national level on various boards and organizations, including as Co-Chair for the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) Transportation Committee and a Vice-Chair for TEX-21, working to improve transportation, economic development, Ag production and overall services and quality of life for our Region.



**Carol Strain-Burk** is a dedicated citizen who has served 16 years on the Lancaster City Council. A native Texan and a lifelong resident of Lancaster, Carol Strain-Burk is passionate about preserving, promoting, and growing the community she is proud to call home. In addition to her commitment to protecting Lancaster's historical and future interests, Carol enjoys a full career and family life. She keeps herself busy as a self-employed consultant/coordinator for the State Fair of Texas, and as a freelance transportation coordinator for a number of destination management companies in the area. Carol also manages her agricultural interest in the Strain Farmstead. Carol is a graduate of Lancaster High School and earned her B.S degree in education from the University of North Texas. She is a Certified Municipal Officer and has attended countless seminars, events and conferences to further her education and municipal knowledge.



**Tom Currah** serves as Associate Deputy Comptroller for Fiscal Matters where he oversees the fiscal operations of the agency, including Fiscal Management, Revenue Estimating, Treasury Operations, the Texas Bullion Depository, the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company, and Unclaimed Property. He previously served as Chief Revenue Estimator and director of the Revenue Estimating Division at the Comptroller's office, the division responsible for producing the Biennial Revenue Estimate before each regular legislative session and informing the Texas Legislature how much money is available to be appropriated in the state budget. Tom has worked at the Comptroller's office since 1999. During his tenure, Tom has developed and led an array of in-depth, complex and award-winning data analysis and research projects related to critical issues affecting Texas and its economy. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and a master's from the University of Houston.



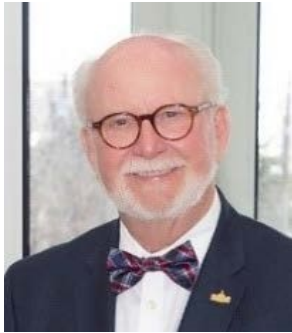
**Dr. Theresa Daniel** was sworn in on January 3, 2013, to represent the citizens as Commissioner of Dallas County Road & Bridge District 1. She was recently elected the chair of the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Commissioner Daniel has extensive expertise in public affairs, economic development, housing, transportation, education, gerontology, and local political thought. Having obtained a Ph.D. in public policy and public administration, she has studied the theories of public administration. Professionally, she served as a U.S. Congressional staff member, worked with the American Red Cross and has focused on public education for seven years. Prior to her election to Commissioners Court, Dr. Daniel worked with the Dallas Independent School District in program evaluation and accountability and was also adjunct professor of urban and public affairs at UT-Arlington.



**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.



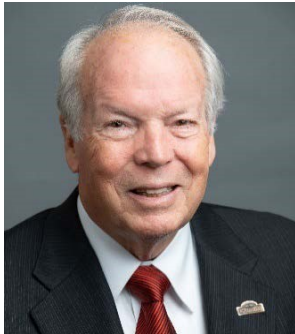
**George Dodson** is a Councilmember in Colleyville. Formerly, he was an IT Executive Management Consultant, and the Founder of IT Management Consulting. Dodson is a retired IBM Executive, and a former Executive with Perot Systems and other IT corporations. Previously, he served as President, Treasurer and Board Member of the Computer Measurement Group (CMG), an International Professional Society. Dodson is a recipient of the CMG Lifetime Achievement Award, and the A. A. Michelson Award. He loves Colleyville and is extremely pleased to have the opportunity to represent its citizens on the Council. He has been married to Vonnie for 60 years.



**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.



**James Gentry** currently serves as the Executive Director of the Crockett Economic and Industrial Development Corporation (Crockett EDC). He is a resourceful Engineering and Management professional with over thirty years of diverse and increasingly responsible experience in the power generation, oil & gas, plastics and glass bead manufacturing environments. He has demonstrated success in engineering management, capital budgeting, ERP implementation, cost control, PM/TPM, TQM, process DE-bottlenecking, technical trouble-shooting, and equipment reliability. He brings communication and leadership skills to his position, and he focuses on motivating and inspiring people. He earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Prairie View A&M University.



**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.



**Scott Norton** is the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of TexAmericas Center (TAC), which has an overall responsibility for the economic redevelopment of a 12,000 acre industrial complex in the heart of Bowie County, TX (parts of the former Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant and realigned Red River Army Depot). TAC is home to over three dozen commercial tenants and landowners, as well as components of the Red River Army Depot mission. The complex is a mixed-use development including residential, golf course, commercial and industrial development. Scott has a Master of Science in Business Administration from Texas A&M University-Texarkana and a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Texas Tech University. Scott is happily married to his wife, Melody, has a son, Ray, a daughter, Alex, and has three stepchildren, Brooke, Garrett and Abby. In his spare time, he enjoys life with his family and playing golf.





**Dr. Lloyd B. Potter** was appointed State Demographer on May 5, 2010. Dr. Potter holds a Ph.D. in Demography and Sociology from The University of Texas at Austin, a Master of Public Health Degree from Emory University, a Master of Science in Education from the University of Houston at Clear Lake and a Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M University. He is a professor in the Department of Demography at The University of Texas at San Antonio where he also serves as the director of the Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research (IDSER). He has extensive experience working as an applied demographer in several settings. His current research focuses on public policy and health related demographic topics and training applied demographers. Dr. Potter also serves as the director of the Texas Demographic Center housed at The University of Texas at San Antonio. The Texas Demographic Center program produces population estimates and projections for the State of Texas, serves as a data archive for Texas, and offers technical expertise in demographic and socioeconomic research.