



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.



Kevin Evans is currently the City Manager of McGregor, Kevin grew up in Hereford, Texas. He graduated in 1973 and attended West Texas A&M in Canyon, Texas. After graduating from WTA&M, Kevin began his career in 1976 as the Assistant to the City Manager in Canyon, Texas. Since then, he has served as City Manager in the Texas cities of Shamrock, Electra, Seymour, Athens and Huntsville as well as Ardmore, OK and Maricopa, AZ. He also served as a Deputy City Manager in Grand Prairie, TX as well as President of the Ports-To-Plains Trade Corridor. His approach to his job is through the prisms of economic development and servant leadership. He and Dawn, his amazing wife of 30 years, are parents to 4 very successful adult children and one awesome 14-year-old daughter and grandparents to 7 grandsons and one granddaughter.



Mufaddal Ezzy is Senior Director of Public Affairs and State & Local Government Relations at Aurora, a technology company working to deliver the benefits of self-driving technology safely, quickly and broadly. In this capacity, Mufaddal leads a team advancing Aurora's government relations and public policy initiatives across the United States. Prior to Aurora, Mufaddal was Head of Public Policy for Western US States at Waymo and served as Google's California Manager for Public Policy and Government Relations for six years, where he was deeply involved in early policy work surrounding Google's then-Self Driving Car Project. Before Google, Mufaddal served as policy staff in the California State Senate for nearly a decade.



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.



Glenn Hegar is Texas' chief financial officer — the state's treasurer, check writer, tax collector, procurement officer and revenue estimator – a job that is particularly important these days as the state addresses budget concerns brought on by the impacts of the COVID pandemic and weakness in oil and gas markets. As the CFO of the world's 9th largest economy, Hegar is charged with maintaining the state's fiscal health. Having served in both the Texas House and Senate, Hegar has gained a reputation for customer service, transparency in government, and conservative fiscal management. During his time in both the Texas House and Texas Senate, he was a member of the TEX-21 Legislative Caucus. Hegar is a 1993 graduate of Texas A&M University and a graduate of St. Mary's University, where he earned a Master of Arts and his law degree. At the University of Arkansas, he earned his Masters of Law. Hegar is a sixth-generation Texan who grew up farming land that has been in his family since the mid-1800s. He is joining us today from his home in Katy which he shares with his wife Dara and his children Claire, Julia and Jonah.



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.



Geir-Eilif Kalhagen presently serves as the Director of the Maritime division for the Texas Department of Transportation. Geir-Eilif Kalhagen is recognized as an authoritative voice on the confluence of private maritime industry and public port management and has been a guest speaker on several topics for the American Association of Public Ports. Mr. Kalhagen brings over three decades of direct experience in the Global Supply Chain, with an emphasis and core proficiencies in the Maritime sector, global logistics and international commerce. This broad level of experience has been acquired during International deployment in S.E. Asia, Asia, North America, and Europe. Mr. Kalhagen's global experience in the private sector along with his tenure as CEO and Executive Director in the Washington State Public Port system has led to recognition and appointments to National and International organizations. He has served as the First Vice President of the Americas for the International Association of Ports and Harbors. In addition serving on the strategic sub planning committee and the northwest caucus for the American Association of Port Authorities. Kalhagen was equally recognized on the state level serving as Vice Chair for the Washington Public Ports Association. Washington Governor Jay Inslee also appointed Kalhagen to the Freight Mobility strategic investment Board.



Jeremiah Kuntz is the Senior Manager of Government Relations in Texas for Aurora where he is responsible for state and local relations. In his role he works with state and local leaders to discuss the benefits of autonomous vehicle technology and on Aurora’s mission of delivering the benefits of self-driving technology safely, quickly and broadly. He has more than 25 years of public service with 19 years in state government policy and six years in the United States Marine Corps. He served as budget advisor to Senator Todd Staples and as the transportation analyst for the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee. After leaving the Senate, he worked for the

Department of Transportation, serving as advisor to Commissioner Ted Houghton and later for Governor Perry as his transportation policy advisor. Jeremiah also worked for the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. At those agencies he served roles as a government relation liaison, the director of government and strategic communication, the director of titles and registration.



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.



Steve Montgomery is Director of Government Relations at Trinity Metro in Fort Worth, Texas. He brings 30 years of public and private sector experience in the areas of public affairs, governmental relations, and strategic communications. He applies his skills to help guide Trinity Metro through the challenging waters of shaping public policy to achieve success and growth. He interfaces with local, state, and federal elected officials and staff, as well as departmental and regulatory officials, to ensure Trinity Metro’s voice is heard as policy decisions are being made. Steve earned his bachelor’s degree in Political Science from the University of Texas-Austin and his Master’s in Business Administration

from the University of Texas-Arlington.



Robert Newsom has served as Hopkins County Judge since 2014. He earned his bachelor's degree from East Texas State University, and his JD from Texas Tech School of Law. Judge Newsom began his career as a peace officer in 1981, later serving as Assistant District Attorney and then Hopkins County Attorney until 1996. In 1997, he began what would be 15 years as District Judge of Texas' 8th Judicial District Court. Judge Newsom's latest achievement came in 2018 with his appointment by the Supreme Court of Texas and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to serve as a member of the Judicial Commission on Mental Health.



Scott Norton is the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of TexAmericas Center (TAC), which has an overall responsibility for the economic re-development 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.



Johan Petterson began his career over 10 years ago with DEC Engineering specializing as a Hydrology/Hydraulics Engineer and currently serves as Principal of the North Texas Division. Johan holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico and is a registered Professional Engineer and Certified Floodplain Manager in the State of Texas. Johan became actively involved in multiple professional organizations such as the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Currently, he serves as a member of the Board of the North

Texas Commission, Board Member of the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Grapevine Rotary Club and appointed to the Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District board. Johan and his wife, Kate, reside in DFW along with their daughter, Anna, and son, Johan.