



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.



Texas State Representative Terry Canales was elected to the House of Representatives in 2012 to represent District 40, which encompasses the heart of Hidalgo County. The cities within District 40 include Edinburg (Hidalgo County Seat), Elsa, North Pharr, San Carlos, La Blanca, Faysville, and portions of McAllen and Weslaco. In 2019, Representative Terry Canales was appointed by Texas Speaker of the House Dennis Bonnen to serve as Chairman of the powerful House Transportation Committee, the first Latino to hold that position. Canales completed his Bachelor's Degree at the University of The Incarnate Word and his law degree at St. Mary's School of Law. Upon passage of the Texas State Bar Exam, Rep. Canales opened his own law practice in Edinburg, Texas, where he lives with his wife, Erica E. Canales, and is raising five children: Juliana, Terry Andres, Caleb Ezra, Trigo, and Catalina. As he often shares "I'm an attorney by day, a representative in the afternoon, a chairman during the night and a father, a husband, a son, a brother and a friend sometime in between."



Theresa Daniel was sworn in as the Dallas County Commissioner on January 3, 2013, and re-elected in 2016, to represent the residents of Dallas County Road & Bridge District 1. 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. Dr. Daniel has been a social science researcher and involved in public organizations for over three decades. Prior to her election to Commissioners Court, Dr. Daniel worked with the Dallas Independent School District in program evaluation and accountability and was also an adjunct professor of urban and public affairs at UT-Arlington.



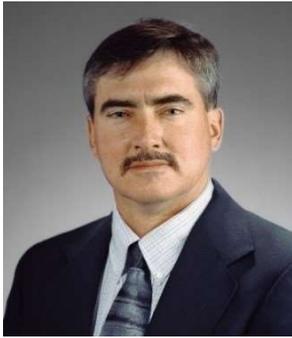
Kevin Evans is currently the City Manager of McGregor, Kevin grew up in Hereford, Texas. He graduated in 1973 and attended West Texas A&M in Canyon, Texas. After graduating from WTA&M, Kevin began his career in 1976 as the Assistant to the City Manager in Canyon, Texas. Since then, he has served as City 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.



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, Vice 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.



Ken Fulk was elected mayor in November 2020. He has actively served the Allen community since 1984. His service includes previous terms on Allen City Council, where he served four years as Mayor Pro Tem. He previously served on the City's Planning and Zoning Commission and the Allen Economic Development Corporation board, in addition to various volunteer positions with other groups such as Boy Scouts, First United Methodist Church of Allen, Rotary and the Allen Independent School District. Mayor Fulk holds a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University and a M.A. degree in Business Management from Central Michigan University. A consulting engineer and former U.S. Air Force captain, he and his wife Susan have lived in Allen since 1984.



Bill Hale, P.E., serves as TxDOT's chief engineer. In this role, he is responsible for management and control of the Engineering & Safety Operations, District Operations, and Project Planning & Development divisions. Hale joined TxDOT's Ellis County Area Office in the Dallas District in 1983 and became the area engineer for Southeast Dallas County in Hutchins in 1992. In January of 1999, Hale was appointed district engineer for the Abilene District and then later appointed district engineer for the Dallas District in 2003. During his time at University of Texas at Arlington, Hale earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1983, and his master's degree in the same field in 1989.



Wes Mays was first elected to the Coppell City Council in 2012. In 2021, he was elected Mayor. president of the Arbor Manors Homeowners Association and the Westbury Manor Homeowner Association. He is a graduate of Leadership North Texas. He has served as the city liaison to Coppell Independent School District (ISD), the North Central Council of Governments, the Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD/Lewisville ISD, and the Metrocrest Community Clinic. Wes holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Texas A&M University. He is an executive engineering manager responsible for the advanced electronic designs and strategies. He is a multiple patent holder encompassing a broad variety of technical expertise including Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID), radio frequency design, and communication design. He is a registered professional engineer in the State of Texas.



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.



Johan Petterson is a Principal of Corporate Development at DEC. A company that is built on a legacy of innovation, leadership, client service, and engineering excellence. His expertise in the civil engineering industry and knowledge of the markets in which our company operates, paired with his experience overseeing the successful performance of our North Texas Division in his previous role, have equipped him to facilitate and oversee business development efforts and identify new opportunities for company growth. He has served as Principal-in-Charge on numerous projects and has experience in the coordination, supervision, and oversight of many projects that include drainage impact analysis (DIS), GIS mapping of infrastructure, roadway and bridge drainage design, modeling and design of detention facilities, and storm sewer systems.



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.



United States Representative Pete Sessions was born and raised in Waco, Pete attended Waco public schools until the ninth grade, playing sports, becoming an Eagle Scout, and throwing newspapers for the Waco Tribune – Herald. After graduating from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, Pete joined the Southwestern Bell Telephone company, where he worked for 16 years, never missing a day of work, and taking early retirement as District Manager, just prior to running for Congress. In 1994, Pete ran for Congress by challenging Democrat congressman John Bryant in a district that stretched from east Dallas to many counties now in the 17th Congressional District. Falling just shy of pulling off an upset, Pete ran again in 1996, winning that year and serving in Congress from 1997 to January of 2019. He led the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) as its chairman from 2009

through 2012. He also served as Chairman of the House Rules Committee. Pete and his wife Karen reside in Waco. Pete is the proud father of two sons and three stepsons.



Ben White has been City Manager of Farmersville since December of 2011. Prior to becoming City Manager, he operated as the City Public Works Director. He is a dedicated public servant that believes serving his community is a privilege. Ben has 4 years of previous experience as a water and sewer system engineer with Daniel & Brown Inc. here in the city of Farmersville. Other employment included 27 years of experience in various engineering disciplines including missile systems engineering, quality engineering, testability engineering, systems engineering, and test engineering. Notably Ben has an extensive background as a Six Sigma Black Belt and a corporate level Six Sigma Champion. Ben is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Ben went on later to obtain his Professional Engineering license and his Certified Public Manager certificate. Ben is a past Rotary Secretary and was a past Farmersville Chamber of Commerce President. Ben and his lovely wife Carol of 39 years have two children, Jessica, and Daniel. They also have 3 beautiful grandchildren.



Tom Whitten is the County Commissioner of Bowie County. As commissioner, Whitten has led efforts to implement a resurfacing program on county roads. He has also worked with the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Texas Department of Transportation on several major infrastructure projects.