



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. 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 holds a Master of Arts in Public Administration from the University of Houston, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame. 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.



Bob Baulsir became President and Chief Executive Officer of Trinity Metro in April 2019. Prior to his current position, he served as Senior Vice President for the agency. Baulsir joined Trinity Metro in 2014 as TEXRail Project Manager with more than 30 years of experience overseeing large transit projects, including rail development, construction, rail facilities and Bus Rapid Transit. He also has managed transit system procurement, operations and maintenance facilities, safety and security. Before working at Trinity Metro, he served as General Manager of Administration for the Nashville MTA and the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee in 2014. He holds a Bachelor of Science in business management from the University of Phoenix with coursework at the State University of New York. He has training in transit related areas including safety and security. Bob has worked in public agencies in New York and Ohio, including the Metro Regional Transit Authority in Akron.



Bob Bruggeman is a lifelong resident of Texarkana, Texas. He was appointed to the Texarkana Texas City Council in 2005, representing Ward 4 and has served as Mayor since 2012. Bob also serves as Chairman of the Texarkana Urban Transit District, which oversees operation of the local T-Line bus system and he is a member of the Intergovernmental Advisory Council, which oversees operations at the Bi-State Justice Center. Bob is also President of the Council For Regional Health Education Centers and serves on the local Metropolitan Planning Organization Board. Bob has been active in the community for many years serving on numerous boards and commissions. He is employed with Red River Federal Credit Union as Commercial Lender and Public Relations Officer. Bob has been married to his



wife, Jackie, for 35 years. Bob and Jackie have two daughters and two grandchildren. Bob and his family attend First Baptist Church where Bob serves as Head Usher.



Jorge G. Cruz-Aedo is the Chief Executive Officer for the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA). He has been with the CCRTA for more than a decade and has served as CEO since 2015. A U.S. Navy Veteran, Jorge brings more than forty years of experience in private and public finance, and administration to the CCRTA. Under his leadership, the CCRTA has grown to \$90 million plus in total organizational assets, and serves more than 5.4 million passenger trips annually. He is currently the President-Elect of the Texas Transit Association and a member of the Corpus Christi Visitors Bureau Board of Directors. Jorge has served as President of the Government Finance Officers Association for both the state of Texas and Arizona, and as a Board Member of the Government Treasurers Organization of Texas.



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.



Gary Fickes Tarrant County Commissioner is a native of Houston, Texas. He graduated from Sam Houston State University in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. 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, Past Chairman of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Transportation Council, Past 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.



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 1999, Hale was appointed district engineer for the Abilene District and then later appointed district engineer for the Dallas District in 2003. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1983 from the University of Texas at Arlington, Hale earned his master's degree in civil engineering

from the university in 1989.



Nin Hulett, a resident of Granbury for over 20 years, relocated with General Motors as a Business Manager and chose to make Granbury his home. Nin was elected to the Granbury City Council in 2011. He was chosen by fellow Council Members to serve as Mayor Pro Tem in November 2012 and assumed Mayoral duties the following month. Nin was then elected as the Mayor of Granbury in November 2013 and continues to serve as Mayor. Nin is an Army Veteran and has a BA Degree in Business. He is an avid golfer, enjoys playing guitar, and remains involved and active in many community, regional and state level organizations. He and his wife Jan share 4 children and 7

grandchildren spread between Houston and Odessa.



Cal Jillson received his Ph.D. in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park, in 1979. He taught at Louisiana State University (1980-87) and the University of Colorado (1987-95). Professor Jillson chaired the Department of Political Science at the University of Colorado, Boulder, from 1989 to 1993, before joining the faculty of Southern Methodist University in July 1995, where he served as Chair in the Department of Political Science and Director of the John G. Tower Center for Political Studies from 1995 to 2001. He is the author of seven books and

editor of six more. His recent books are [American Government: Political Development and Institutional Change](#) (10th ed., 2019) [Texas Politics: Governing the Lone Star State](#) (7th ed., 2019), [Lone Star Tarnished: A Critical Look at Texas Politics and Public Policy](#) (3rd ed., 2018), and [The American Dream in History, Politics, and Fiction](#) (2016). He speaks frequently to civic,



corporate, and professional groups and is interviewed by the media hundreds of times each year. He currently serves as Professor of Political Science at Southern Methodist University.



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.



Adam McGough serves as the District 10 Dallas City Council representative. A native of Nacogdoches, Texas, Adam earned a B.A. in Economics as a University of Texas at Austin Longhorn before earning his J.D. from the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. Since 2007, Adam has served as the Director of Conflict Management at El Centro College and as an Adjunct Faculty member at SMU in Dispute Resolution. In 2013, Mayor Mike Rawlings asked Adam to join his office as Chief of Strategic Initiatives and lead GrowSouth, a program dedicated to improving education and economic development in

Southern Dallas. He is a sought after speaker and conducts trainings across the country for judges, attorneys, and professionals in negotiation, mediation, and dispute resolution.



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.



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.



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.



David Sweet is currently serving his second term as the Rockwall County Judge after reelection in 2018. Prior to his 2014 election, he served four years as the Mayor of the City of Rockwall after being a member of the city council for two terms. He was employed as a Sales Manager for 20 years with Coca Cola, Pepsi and Bimbo Bakeries. The Sweet family attends First Baptist Church of Rockwall. Judge Sweet is on the Executive Board serving as Secretary for the North Central Texas Council of Governments. He serves on the Board of Directors for the



Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Rockwall Noon Rotary. In addition to being a member of the Rowlett and Royse City Chambers of Commerce, he is a former board member of Rockwall Meals on Wheels, Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County and the Rockwall County YMCA. He is also part of the broadcast team responsible for broadcasting Rockwall ISD sporting events.



Gary C. Thomas is president/executive director of Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART). He is responsible for a 13-city transit system covering 700-square mile service area with bus, light rail, commuter rail, and paratransit services. Under his leadership DART has doubled its light rail system - twice - to become the nation's longest at 93 miles. Thomas joined DART in November 1998. He was a consulting engineer for 19 years prior to that. He has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Bachelor of Architecture from Texas Tech University. He serves on the Transportation Research Board Executive Committee and the Subcommittee on Planning and Policy Review for the TRB. He is a past chair of the American Public

Transportation Association, RailVolution and the South West Transit Association.