



Jay Barksdale is a public affairs veteran. Barksdale brings more than two decades of experience as a public affairs professional working with municipal, state and federal governments. He led the Dallas Regional Chamber’s public policy efforts and is working for Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority (DART) as part of the team that brought light rail to the Dallas area in the late 1990s. Previously, he served as executive vice president of government relations at the Davis Advocates, where he led legislative advocacy efforts, focusing on economic development, transportation, natural resources, and other business-related policy issues. Jay also served as mayor and councilmember for the City of

Waxahachie.



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.



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.



Darrell Hale was elected Commissioner of Collin County in November 2018 and took office for an unexpired term election. He was valedictorian of his high school as well as a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. After service as a field artillery officer and finishing at the final rank of Captain, Commissioner Hale came to the DFW area and worked in a variety of telecom executive positions for fifteen years. He also started his own company and ran it for five years before selling and assuming his elected position. He has a beautiful wife of nearly twenty years and four great girls that span from a Senior in high school to second grade. When he isn't busy with family life he likes to read, bike, and play competitive online strategy games.



Senator Bob Hall, father of four boys and husband to Kay Hall, taught his family the importance of faith, family and hard work. Senator Hall graduated from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina with a degree in Electrical Engineering and received a Regular Commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Air Force. While a cadet at the Citadel he received numerous awards for leadership. Upon graduation, Bob began his active duty as a Systems Engineer working to develop the Minuteman Missile System during the Cold War at Norton AFB in California, where he achieved the rank of Captain. After the Air Force he worked in the Aerospace industry as a systems engineer and business development manager. In 1982 he left the corporate world and began working as an independent proposal consultant to aerospace and defense corporations. Then in 1984 he formed his own company, *Professional Proposal Management, Inc.* A compelling sense of duty, shaped by his military service, business experience, and love for this country, drives him to leave behind the legacy of a patriotic servant for his children and grandchildren. Envisioning their futures compelled him to become actively involved in the state's political process and strongly believes it is time to stand in the gap for our children, our liberties and our future.



Stanley Jaglowski is the Deputy Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmember for District 2 in Lancaster, TX. Stanley was elected in 2017 and has made many contributions during his time on City Council. He has been recognized for earning the prestigious Certified Municipal Official (CMO) distinction. He has a strong passion for local government and his priority is paying attention to the best interests of his Community at all times.



Travis Kelly, a native Texan and graduate of Baylor University, Travis has been working to bring high-speed trains to Texas for more than 10 years. He currently serves as Vice President of Stakeholder Engagement, and supports the company's state and local government and regulatory affairs. Travis was Texas Central's first employee and was recently identified as one of Progressive Railroading's Rising Stars.



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.



Eron Linn graduated from Naaman Forest High School in 1993 and received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Texas Tech University in 1998. He works for Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) in the Government Relations Department. Mr. Linn is a long-time Richardson resident and homeowner, living in the Yale Park neighborhood since 2007. He and his wife, Alyson, have three elementary-aged children who all attend public schools in RISD. Eron Linn is a trusted and active member of the Richardson community. He serves as a Youth Sports Coach at the Richardson, YMCA and attends First United Methodist Church of Richardson. Mr. Linn is an Eagle Scout and a former member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. He is also a member of the Richardson Masonic Lodge.



Caroline Mays serves as the Director of Freight and International Trade Connectivity Section of TxDOT. She has guided the department's efforts in elevating freight transportation and border planning as a critical component of the state's economic vitality. She provides leadership by acting as liaison with the Governor's Office, Secretary of State's Office and other elected officials in trade and international relations efforts, as well as assists the administration and transportation commission in developing freight transportation and border strategies and initiatives. She is a Transportation Planner with 20 years of experience in freight transportation planning, International trade, cross-border transportation, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) planning, systems management, operations and incident management, transit planning, access management planning, and aviation planning.



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.



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.

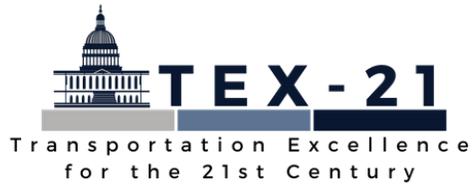
Professor Robinson is a past-President of the Houston Lawyers Association, a former At-Large Houston City Council Member and a graduate of the National Law Center at George Washington University in Washington, DC. In addition to being an educator, Professor Robinson currently serves as Treasurer of the NAACP Houston Branch. He is a prolific writer on public policy and legal issues.



Ed Thatcher is the City Manager for the City of Mount Pleasant. Ed was nominated and unanimously approved by City Council on December 3, 2019. Ed has previously held the same position in other Texas cities: Rosenberg, Greenville, and Heath.



United States Congressman Marc Veasey proudly represents Texas' newly drawn Congressional District 33 in the U.S. House of Representatives. Congressman Veasey was appointed in the 117th Congress to serve on the Committee on Energy and Commerce and Armed Services Committee. Prior to his committee appointments, Rep. Veasey served on the Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Science Space and Technology. Throughout his time in Congress, Rep. Veasey founded the first Congressional Voting Rights Caucus to address the immediate need to eliminate the barriers and discrimination too many Americans face at the polls. In the 117th Congress, he accepted his appointment as an Assistant and Regional Whip. In the 117th Congress, the Congressman was appointed to serve as a Whip for the Gun Violence Prevention Taskforce. He also co-launched the Blue Collar Caucus with Congressman Brendan Boyle to find solutions to problems too many middle-class Americans are facing. The Blue Collar Caucus supports unions and focuses on addressing wage stagnation, offshoring, and job insecurity for those in the manufacturing and building trades. Rep. Veasey served in a number of leadership positions



including Democratic Whip and Chair of the Democratic Caucus. Issues he championed included fighting for affordable healthcare, funding for better schools, and advocating for a livable wage. Prior to serving four terms in the Texas House of Representatives, Rep. Veasey worked as a congressional staffer in North Texas for Congressman Martin Frost. The Congressman was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas. He and his wife Tonya live in the Metroplex and have a thirteen-year-old son, Adam. Rep. Veasey earned a BS from Texas Wesleyan University, where he majored in Mass Communication.