

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
**AGENDA ITEM REQUEST**  
for Consideration of Resolution

**AGENDA REQUESTED:** September 9, 2015

**DATE OF REQUEST:** August 21, 2015

**INDIVIDUAL TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS REQUEST, IF NEEDED:** Sherry Davis, (512) 239-2141

**CAPTION: Docket No. 2015-0622-RES.** Consideration of a resolution to fill membership positions on the Galveston Bay Council (GBC).

The GBC is a 41-member advisory body to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission), whose function is to advise the Commission on the implementation of *The Galveston Bay Plan*, the Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan for Galveston Bay.

These nominations would be for 22 of the 41 members. Membership includes: representatives from federal agencies; state agencies; regional and local governments; environmental and citizen groups; the private sector; and a representative from research/academia.

These membership positions are consistent with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2110, "State Agency Advisory Committees," as well as the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act, Section 320. (Project No. 2015-006-OTH-NR) (Kerry Niemann, Celia Castro)

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# Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

## Interoffice Memorandum

**To:** Commissioners **Date:** August 21, 2015

**Thru:** Bridget Bohac, Chief Clerk  
Richard A. Hyde, P.E., Executive Director

**From:** L'Oreal W. Stepney, P.E., Deputy Director  
Office of Water

**Docket No.:** Docket No. 2015-0622-RES

**Subject:** Commission Approval for a Resolution to Fill Membership Positions on the Galveston Bay Council  
Project No. 2015-006-OTH-NR

**Requested Action:**

Staff requests approval for the appointment of 22 positions to the Galveston Bay Council (GBC). These terms will run from November 2015 through November 2019.

**Galveston Bay Council Membership Background:**

The resolution is submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission), to consider filling 22 of the 41 positions on the GBC. The GBC is an official advisory committee to the commission for the Galveston Bay Estuary Program (GBEP). The GBC was created by resolution of the commission on November 21, 1995, and expires November 15, 2015. Members serve four-year terms. The terms are staggered such that approximately half of the terms expire at the same time. Nominees submitted for approval would fill positions for the November 2015 to November 2019, four-year term, and also for other vacancies created due to retirements for the November 2013 to November 2017, four-year term.

The GBC helps guide implementation of *The Galveston Bay Plan (The Plan)*, the Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP) for Galveston Bay, developed under the 1987 Federal Clean Water Act (FCWA), §320.

Companion Project No. 2015-005-OTH-NR, consideration of a resolution to renew the GBC is being submitted concurrently.

**Galveston Bay Council Composition:**

*The Plan*, and subsequently the original resolution creating the GBC in 1995, lists 41 entities to represent diverse areas of interest in accordance with FCWA, §320. Membership positions are grouped into two categories:

- Category 1     Named entities: State and federal agencies; regional entities; and other named entities identified in *The Plan*, due to the direct impact the organization or function has on the bay (e.g., San Jacinto River Authority, Galveston Bay Foundation) or because that organization represents a coalition of members with a specific interest relevant to the bay (e.g., East Harris County Manufacturer's Association, Greater Houston Partnership, League of Women Voters)
  
- Category 2     Named interests: Positions representing a specific interest or group that provides balance and diversity (e.g., minority community, commercial fisheries, small local government)

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**Nomination Process:**

Nominations for 29 positions falling under Category 1, named entities, are made by the executive director of that respective agency or entity, or his/her delegate. If a vacancy exists under Category 1 positions, the representative nominated by that respective entity may begin serving prior to confirmation by the commission. Category 1 nominees are presented in regular font in Attachment A.

Nominations for 12 positions falling under Category 2, named interests, are solicited and reviewed by the GBC Nominations Subcommittee. Nominations are open and are taken from GBC members at large, various groups actively involved in bay related activities, and County Judges in the surrounding counties as appropriate. Nominations are based on relevant expertise, experience, capacity to represent a specific group or interest, and willingness to serve. Category 2 nominees cannot begin serving until approved by the commission. Category 2 nominees are in *italic font* in Attachment A.

Nominations are vetted through the Nominations Subcommittee and submitted to the GBC to determine which nominees will be recommended to the commission for consideration.

Nominees are listed in Attachment A. Biographical information on the nominees in both categories is included in Attachment B. Of the 22 nominees, seven are new and 15 are currently serving on the GBC.

**Under what authority are we taking this action?**

The commission is authorized to establish and maintain advisory committees under Texas Water Code (TWC), §5.107. In addition, the commission is charged with implementing *The Plan* as outlined in the Texas Estuaries Act, under TWC, §§5.601 - 5.609.

*The Plan* directs that the GBC be representative of federal, state, and local natural resource agencies; the research community; local government; citizen groups including representatives from low income and minority communities; and other Galveston Bay stakeholders.

Membership is consistent with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2110, "State Agency Advisory Committees," and with the approved CCMP. Membership also conforms to requirements of FCWA, §320 by including representatives from the groups and organizations specified in FCWA, §320.

**Is this resolution required by federal rule or state statute? Which ones?**

The resolution is not required; however, it implements *The Plan*, specifically the sections governing plan implementation and the role and make-up of the GBC.

**What issue(s) or problem(s) are we trying to solve?**

The commission is charged with implementing *The Plan*. *The Plan* calls for creation of the GBC to guide implementation. Maintaining appropriate membership on the GBC ensures compliance of *The Plan* and facilitates effective comprehensive management of Galveston Bay.

**Will there be a fiscal impact? If so, estimate.**

Federal funding for the GBEP and *The Plan*, under FCWA, §320, could be jeopardized if GBC membership is not inclusive of representatives identified in FCWA, §320.

**Key points in the proposal rulemaking schedule:**

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**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Galveston Bay Council Member Terms  
Attachment B: Biographical Information for Nominees in Attachment A.

cc: Chief Clerk, 7 copies

cc: (without attachments):  
Kelly Holligan, Director, Water Quality Planning Division  
Kerry Niemann, Manager, Planning and Implementation Section  
Celia Castro, Staff Attorney

## Attachment A: Galveston Bay Council (GBC) Member Terms

Shading identifies nominees with either expiring terms or positions which were vacated before the term expired.

Individuals denoted with \* are new to the GBC, i.e., have not served prior terms on the GBC. All other individuals are renewing their positions. GBC members serve a four-year staggered term such that approximately half the terms will expire biennially in November.

Category 1, named entities, are nominated by their respective agency or organization as listed in *The Galveston Bay Plan* and are in regular font. If a vacancy exists under Category 1, the representative nominated by that respective entity may begin serving prior to confirmation by the commission.

Category 2, named interests, are nominated by existing members of the GBC, County Judges, and other Galveston Bay partners at large, as applicable, and are in *italic font*. Category 2 nominees cannot begin serving until approved by the commission.

<b>Type Of Organization</b>	<b>Interest Represented</b>	<b>Appointee/Nominee</b>	<b>Term</b>
<b>Federal Agencies</b>	U.S. Coast Guard	Aaron Rice, MSTC*	2015-2019
	U.S. Geological Survey	Michael T. Lee	2015-2019
	National Marine Fisheries Service	Heather Young	2015-2019
	U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service	Scott Alford	2015-2019
	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Carolyn Murphy	2013-2017
	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	J. Douglas Jacobson	2013-2017
	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	John Huffman	2013-2017
<b>State Agencies</b>	Texas Department of Agriculture	Kristin Lambrecht*	2015-2019
	Texas General Land Office	Kate Zultner	2015-2019
	Texas Department of State Health Services	Kirk Wiles	2015-2019
	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Kelly Holligan	2015-2019
	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department	Rebecca Hensley	2015-2019
	Texas Railroad Commission	James Harcourt* (Charlie Teague-retired 12/2014)	2015-2017
	Texas Department of Transportation	Mark Fisher	2013-2017
	Texas State Soil & Water Conservation	Brian Koch	2013-2017
	Texas Water Development Board	Carla Guthrie	2013-2017
<b>Regional/Local Governments</b>	Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority	Lori Traweek	2015-2019
	Houston-Galveston Area Council	Jeff Taebel	2015-2019
	City of Houston	Phillip Goodwin* (Ceil Price-retired 10/2014)	2015-2019

	<i>Medium Local Governments - pop 25K-500K</i> (Galveston County Health District)	<i>Ronnie Schultz*</i> (Dennis Harris-resigned 12/2014)	2015-2019
	<i>Small Local Governments - pop &lt;25,000</i> (Chambers County)	<i>Mary Beth Stengler</i>	2015-2019
	Trinity River Authority	Glenn Clingenpeel	2015-2019
	Port of Houston Authority	Garry McMahan	2013-2017
	<i>Large Local Governments - pop &gt;500K</i> (Harris County Flood Control District)	<i>Michael D. Talbott</i>	2013-2017
	San Jacinto River Authority	Jace Houston	2013-2017
<b>Environmental/ Citizen's Groups</b>	Galveston Bay Foundation	Bob Stokes	2013-2017
	<i>Citizens-at-Large</i> (Brazoria County)	<i>Sharron L. Stewart</i>	2015-2019
	<i>Minority Community Representative</i> (City of Pasadena)	<i>Luz Locke*</i>	2015-2019
	League of Women Voters	Nancy Parra <sup>1</sup>	2015-2019
	Coastal Conservation Association	Matt Still	2013-2017
	<i>Low-income Community Representative</i> (Harris County Small Business Owner)	<i>Albert Gonzales</i>	2013-2017
	<i>Other Conservation Organizations</i> (Texas Coastal Partners)	<i>Linda Shead</i>	2013-2017
<b>Private Sector</b>	Galveston County Chambers of Commerce (Gulf Coast Economic Development District)	Charles Wemple	2015-2019
	Greater Houston Partnership (Dow Chemical)	Jarod D. Davis* (appointed to replace Beth Everage, 7/2014)	2015-2017
	<i>Utilities</i> (NRG Energy, Inc.)	<i>William Baker</i>	2013-2017
	<i>Industry</i> (Natural Land Management)	<i>Gregory Biddinger</i>	2013-2017
	<i>Marinas</i> (Marina Bay Harbor Yacht Club in Clear Lake Shores)	<i>Helen Paige<sup>2</sup></i>	2013-2017
	<i>Commercial Fisheries</i> (Oysterman-Manager of Jeri's Seafood)	<i>Tracy Woody</i>	2013-2017
	East Harris County Manufacturer's Association	Ana Partin	2013-2017
<b>Research/ Academia</b>	<i>Major Universities</i> (University of Houston)	<i>Hanadi Rafai</i>	2015-2019
	Texas Sea Grant Program	John Jacob	2013-2017

<sup>1</sup>Galveston Bay Council Chair, effective November 2015

<sup>2</sup>Galveston Bay Council Vice-Chair, effective November 2015

**Attachment B: Biographical Information for Nominees in Attachment A**

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Aaron Rice, Marine Science Technician Chief* (MSTC)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Representing the United States Coast Guard (USCG)</b></p>
<p><b>Education/Certifications:</b> Chief Rice is a qualified Pollution Responder, Federal On-Scene Coordinator Representative, Facility Inspector, Container Inspector, Port State Control Examiner, and Foreign Freight Vessel Examiner.</p>
<p><b>Experience/Responsibilities:</b> Chief Rice is a 12-year veteran of the United States Coast Guard. He has served in Port Canaveral, Miami, Boston, New York and now Houston. Throughout his time in the Coast Guard, he has been involved in countless pollution responses on every scale, he has been an integral component in hurricane preparedness and response efforts and managed one of the Coast Guard's largest hazardous waste programs. Chief Rice was assigned to the Sector Houston-Galveston, Incident Management Division in 2015.</p>
<p><b>Program Involvement:</b> Appointed by USCG in 2015 and nominated to represent the USCG.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Michael T. Lee</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Representing the United States Geological Survey (USGS)</b></p>
<p><b>Education/Certifications:</b> Texas Agricultural &amp; Mechanical (A&amp;M) University at Galveston, B.S., Marine Sciences; Texas A&amp;M University, Master of Science (M.S.), Oceanography</p>
<p><b>Experience/Responsibilities:</b> Mr. Lee is a Hydrologist Studies Chief at the USGS Texas Water Science Center, Gulf Coast Program Office near Houston, Texas. He serves as a USGS Coastal Coordinator for the Texas Gulf Coast, the USGS Gulf of Mexico Science Committee, and as the USGS Southwest Region Dive Safety Officer. The USGS is a worldwide leader in the research of the natural world and serves as the research arm of the U.S. Department of Interior. His technical background is in surface-water hydrology and the supply of freshwater, sediment, and nutrients to coastal ecosystems. Mr. Lee has been a hydrologist for the USGS since 2007, previously working as a research scientist at National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and serving as an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard.</p>
<p>Mr. Lee is interested in a wide range of water resource, water quality, and sediment research of freshwater and marine environments. Specific interests include operational studies utilizing real-time monitoring systems/networks, and coastal zone environmental and ecological research.</p>
<p><b>Program Involvement:</b> Appointed by USGS in 2013 and nominated to continue representing the USGS.</p>

**Heather Young**

**Representing the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)**

**Education/Certifications:** Texas A&M University, B.S., Marine Biology; Texas A&M University, M.S., Marine Resource Management

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Ms. Young is a biologist in the Habitat Conservation Division of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries in the Southeast region. Responsibilities include reviewing proposed coastal development projects, providing technical guidance, and making recommendations to protect and conserve marine fishery habitats and associated living marine resources. Ms. Young is also engaged in planning and leading implementation of both local and regional coastal habitat protection and restoration initiatives and on-the-ground habitat projects. Ms. Young serves as NOAA's federal facilitator for the Gulf of Mexico Alliance Habitat Conservation and Restoration Team.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by NMFS in 2003 and nominated to continue representing the NMFS.

**Scott Alford**

**Representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**

**Education/Certifications:** Stephen F. Austin State University, B.S., Forestry

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Mr. Alford serves as a Conservation Specialist for NRCS with expertise in forestry and habitat restoration. Mr. Alford is currently assisting in developing further cultivation and restoration technology that will be implemented in a variety of habitat restoration projects in the Galveston Bay system. Mr. Alford is involved in the Interagency Coordination Team for the Houston Ship Channel; Beneficial Uses of Dredge Material Work Group-Port of Houston.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by NRCS in 2008 and nominated to continue representing the NRCS.

**Kristin Lambrecht\***

**Representing the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)**

**Education/Certifications:** Texas Tech University, B.A., Public Relations

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Ms. Lambrecht is a Field Representative and works in the GO TEXAN marketing program and economic development programs for the agency.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by TDA in 2014 and nominated to represent the TDA.

**Kate Zultner**

**Representing the Texas General Land Office (GLO)**

**Education/Certifications:** Boston University, B.A., Environmental Analysis

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Ms. Zultner currently serves as the Consistency Review Coordinator for the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP) and Council Secretary for the Coastal Coordination Council. Ms. Zultner additionally serves as the coastal resources legislative liaison and helps manage grants received under the CMP. Ms. Zultner previously worked in Washington, D.C. for the Coastal States Organization (CSO) which represents the 34 coastal states on ocean and coastal issues to Congress, the Administration, and other stakeholders. At CSO, Ms. Zultner served as the Policy Coordinator working with the states on renewable energy issues and holding stakeholder meetings with the Regional Associations on advancing Integrated Ocean Observing Systems. Ms. Zultner was responsible for managing CSO's grants and program budget. As a part of the work on renewable energy, Ms. Zultner served on CSO's Coastal and Marine Renewable Energy Workgroup.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by GLO in 2011 and nominated to continue representing the GLO.

**Kirk Wiles**

**Representing the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS)**

**Education/Certifications:** Texas A&M University, B.S.

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Mr. Wiles serves as the manager of the Seafood and Aquatic Life Group. Responsibilities include, regulating the Texas seafood industry and issuing seafood consumption advisories for Texas. Mr. Wiles has been employed by TDSHS, formerly Texas Department of Health, for 39 years.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by TDSHS in 1995 and nominated to continue representing the TDSHS. Also participates on the Monitoring and Water/Sediment Quality Subcommittees of the Council. Previously involved in the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee during *Plan* development (1990-1994).

### **Kelly Holligan**

#### **Representing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)**

**Education/Certifications:** Texas A&M University, B.S., Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Mr. Holligan currently serves as the director of the TCEQ's Water Quality Planning Division. Mr. Holligan is responsible for the water quality standards, surface water quality monitoring, continuous water quality monitoring, the Clean Rivers Program, the bays and estuaries programs, the Total Maximum Daily Load program, the Nonpoint Source (319) Program, and the Houston Laboratory.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by TCEQ in 2011 and nominated to continue representing the TCEQ.

### **Rebecca Hensley**

#### **Representing the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)-Coastal Fisheries**

**Education/Certifications:** University of Texas, B.S., M.S., Biology

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Ms. Hensley currently serves as the Ecosystem Resources Program Director, under the Science and Policy Branch in Coastal Fisheries Division. Ms. Hensley coordinates TPWD coastal ecosystem issues associated with fisheries management (e.g., habitat conservation and mitigation, fish kill/pollution response and assessment, freshwater inflow analyses, wetland and storm water permit response, Coastal Expo events). Ms. Hensley previously served as Galveston Bay Ecosystem Leader with TPWD Coastal Fisheries.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by TPWD in 2008 and nominated to continue representing the TPWD.

### **James Harcourt\***

#### **Representing the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC)**

**Education/Certifications:** Utah State University, B.S., Geology; University of Phoenix, Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.); Licensed Professional Geologist Florida, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Mr. Harcourt currently serves as the technical staff member and lead well plugger for the Oil and Gas Division in the Houston District. Mr. Harcourt is responsible for permitting, compliance, and enforcement of the RRC rules for oil and gas exploration and production operations within the 26 counties of Southeast Texas. The Houston District is responsible for issuing permits, lease inspections, compliance and enforcement activities, witnessing surface casing and cementing activities, pressure tests of injection/disposal wells, well plugging and abandonment, supervision of state-funded cleanup operations, site remediation, and plugging "orphaned" wells.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by the RRC in 2014 and nominated to represent the RRC.

**Lori Traweek**

**Representing the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority (GCWDA)**

**Education/Certifications:** University of Southwestern Louisiana, B.S., Aquatic and Fisheries Biology

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Ms. Traweek serves as Manager of Operations for the GCWDA and is responsible for GCWDA's industrial operations, central laboratory, and business development team. Ms. Traweek has been employed with GCWDA for 21 years.

**Program Involvement:** First appointed to represent GCWDA on the council in 1999 and nominated to continue representing the GCWDA. Served as Council Vice Chair from 2004-2006 and was Council Chair from 2006-2008. Also participates on the Research and Monitoring subcommittee and Budget and Priorities subcommittee.

**Jeff Taebel**

**Representing the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)**

**Education/Certifications:** University of Nebraska, B.S., Life Sciences; Texas A&M University, M.S., Urban Planning

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Mr. Taebel currently serves as the Director of Community and Environmental Planning at H-GAC where he oversees the agency's community and environmental planning, socioeconomic modeling, economic development, and community enhancement initiatives. Mr. Taebel has 32 years of experience in urban and regional planning, including 28 in his current position. Mr. Taebel is actively involved in community service, professional development, and planning education.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by H-GAC in 2011 and nominated to continue representing the H-GAC.

**Phillip Goodwin\***

**Representing the City of Houston**

**Education/Certifications:** Albion College, B.A.; South Texas College of Law, Juris Doctor (J.D.)

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Mr. Goodwin advises the City of Houston regarding environmental compliance and enforcement; areas of interest include drinking water, storm water, wastewater treatment and collection; floodplain management and brownfields.

**Program Involvement:** Nominated by the City of Houston to fill a vacancy.

**Ronnie Schultz\***

**Representing Medium Local Governments (pop 25,000>500,000)**

**Education/Certifications:** University of Houston-Clear Lake, B.S.

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Mr. Schultz currently serves as Director of Environmental Health Programs at the Galveston County Health District and is responsible for directing multiple environmental programs to accomplish the goals of the Health District's Strategic Health Plan. Mr. Schultz is responsible for leading supervised programs and strengthening the environmental public services by efficiently and effectively integrating activities, cross training, planning, and managing staff in air pollution, water pollution, consumer health inspections, general sanitation, and public health laboratory.

**Program Involvement:** Nominated by the Galveston Bay Council in 2015 to fill a vacancy.

**Mary Beth Stengler**

**Representing Small Local Governments (pop <25,000)**

**Education/Certifications:** Anahuac High School, 1973

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Ms. Stengler currently serves as General Manger of the Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District. The Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District has two major functions, navigation and water supply. The Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District is the local sponsor for five shallow draft dredging projects within the district as well as fresh water supplier for local municipalities and rice production.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed in 2011 and nominated to continue representing Small Local Governments.

**Glenn Clingenpeel**

**Representing the Trinity River Authority (TRA)**

**Education/Certifications:** University of Texas, B.A., B.S., Biology; University of North Texas, M.S., Environmental Sciences; University of Texas at Arlington, M.A., Business Administration

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Mr. Clingenpeel currently serves as Senior Manager of Planning & Environmental Management Services at TRA of Texas. He joined the TRA in April 1998 and has served in a number of positions including positions as the Clean Rivers Program Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the General Manager. Mr. Clingenpeel serves on several local, state, and federal committees including the North Central Texas Council of Governments Water Resources Council, the TCEQ's Surface Water Quality Standards Workgroup, and the EPA's Region 6 Technical Advisory Panel. Mr. Clingenpeel is currently a board member with the Water Environment Association of Texas where he serves as the vice-chair of the Government Affairs Committee.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed in 2011 and nominated to continue representing the TRA

**Sharron L. Stewart**

**Representing Citizens-at-Large**

**Education/Certifications:** Texas Christian University, B.A., Education

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Ms. Stewart currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Galveston Bay Foundation, Co-Chairs the Wetland Permit Review Committee, and is a founding board member for the Galveston Bay Foundation. Ms. Stewart is the immediate past president of the Cradle of Texas Conservancy, and has served as President of the Texas Environmental Coalition, and on the Boards of the Coastal Society, Texas Committee on Natural Resources, San Jacinto Lung Association, and on the Steering Committee of the Environmental Foresight Project. Ms. Stewart participated in the negotiated rule making on natural resources for the Texas Oil Spill Act. Ms. Stewart received two Presidential appointments to the National Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere and has been appointed by Governors in the areas of Coastal Management and the Deep Water Port Authority and the Gulf of Mexico Program. Ms. Stewart served on the Executive Committee for the GLO's development of the CMP, and on their Marine Debris Steering Committee. Ms. Stewart also served on the Artificial Reef Advisory Committee. Ms. Stewart worked with the Keystone Center and Congress on the re-authorization of Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Clean Water Act, the creation of the Gulf of Mexico Program, Facility Siting and Plastics in the Marine Environment. For many years Ms. Stewart has been active state wide and nationally on issues of coastal management, deep water ports, oil spills, habitat, and wetland and estuarine protection. Ms. Stewart testified before Congress on these issues.

**Program Involvement:** Nominated to represent citizens-at-large in 1995 and being nominated to continue representing citizens-at-large. Serves as Chairman of the Consistency Review Subcommittee, on the Budget and Priorities Subcommittee. Member of the Monitoring and Research, and the Citizens' Participation Subcommittees. She was a Management Committee member and Chaired the Citizens' Participation Subcommittee during development of *The Galveston Bay Plan*.

**Luz Locke\***

### ***Representing Minority Representatives***

**Education/Certifications:** Santo Tomas University, Bogota, Colombia, South America, Civil Engineering; University of Houston, Computer Aid Drafter; San Jacinto College, American History, Politics, and Literature classes. Certified Flood Plain Manager, Certified Stormwater Inspector

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Ms. Locke currently serves as an Environmental and Engineering Divisions Project Manager for the City of Pasadena, Texas and coordinates the Stormwater and Community Rating System Programs. Ms. Locke is a member of the City of Pasadena Program for Public Information Committee, the City of Pasadena Volunteer Team, the Armand Bayou Watershed Partnership, the Pasadena Citizen Advisory Council, and the Texas Floodplain Managers Association. Ms. Locke previously worked as a contractor doing as-builts for Insta-bulk (Plastic Industry in Houston), Alcan Jamaica (Bauxite mine in Jamaica, West Indies), Maxwell House (Engineering Department, Houston, Texas), as a construction contractor for the Department of Public Works (building roads in Bogota, Colombia), and as a contractor doing as-builts for Ecopetrol (Coal Industry in Cerromatoso, Colombia).

**Program Involvement:** Member of the Public Participation and Education Subcommittee since 2008. Nominated to represent minority representatives by the Galveston Bay Council 2015.

### **Nancy Parra**

#### **Representing the League of Women Voters**

**Education/Certifications:** DePaul University, B.A.; University Of Chicago, Ph.D., English Language and Literature

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Dr. Parra currently serves as Program Vice President for the Texas League of Women Voters, is a member of the League's Natural Resources Committee, and actively participates in the formation of the League's positions on environmental and natural resource issues. Dr. Parra has been a past member of the Neartown Civic Association and served as treasurer and vice president.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by the League of Women Voters in 2006 and being nominated to continue representing the League of Women Voters. Served as the Galveston Bay Council Vice Chair 2013-2015; previously served as Chair of the GBC's Public Participation and Education Subcommittee. Nominated to serve as Chair of the Galveston Bay Council for 2015-2017.

### **Charles Wemple**

#### **Representing Galveston County Councils of Chambers**

**Education/Certifications:** University of Montana, B.S., Geology

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Mr. Wemple currently serves as Manager of the Gulf Coast Economic Development District and the Chief Operating Officer of the H-GAC Economic Development Program. Mr. Wemple is responsible for identifying opportunities to increase economic diversity and sustainability in the 13 county region (including all counties that border Galveston Bay), with an emphasis on local food, green industries, natural resources, and tourism. Mr. Wemple's project experience includes mining, power generation, environmental investigation and remediation, wetlands delineation, permitting, and disaster recovery. Mr. Wemple's background includes working in the private, non-profit, and government sectors.

**Program Involvement:** First confirmed in 2010 and nominated to continue representing Galveston County Council of Chambers. Previously served on GBEP subcommittees.

**Jarod Davis\***

**Representing Greater Houston Partnership**

**Education/Certifications:** Louisiana State University, B.S., Environmental Management; Tulane University School of Law, J.D., Environmental Law

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Mr. Davis acts as the Associate Director for Environment, Health and Safety (EH&S) Regulatory Services leader for Texas and also leads the North America Operations Regulatory Services Team. Mr. Davis is responsible for leading a team of subject matter experts who implement new or changing regulatory requirements in the U.S. Mr. Davis' responsibilities also include advocacy for Texas regulations, supporting permit approvals, and ensuring site support for various regulatory changes specific to Texas.

Mr. Davis has served The Dow Chemical Company in many critical roles. He began his career with Dow in 1999 as an Environmental Health & Safety Specialist in Pittsburg, California. He has also served as an Environmental Specialist for Dow AgroSciences in Indianapolis and a Legislative Assistant in Dow's Washington, D.C. office before moving to Midland to become a Public Policy Manager. Subsequently, Mr. Davis served as the Sustainability External Engagement Leader and North America Product Regulatory Services Leader prior to relocating to Freeport, Texas.

**Program Involvement:** Appointed by Greater Houston Partnership in 2014 and nominated to represent the Greater Houston Partnership.

**Hanadi Rafai**

**Representing Major Universities**

**Education/Certifications:** American University of Beirut, B.E., Civil Engineering; Rice University, M.S., Environmental Engineering; Rice University, Ph.D., Environmental Engineering

**Experience/Responsibilities:** Dr. Rafai currently serves as a Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at University of Houston (main campus). Dr. Rafai teaches courses in Computers, Engineering Design, Contaminant Fate and Transport and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Dr. Rafai's research has focused on characterizing and modeling industrial and municipal pollutants in urban and rural watersheds. Dr. Rafai completed numerous studies for Galveston Bay over the past 15 years, and has served in the past on TCEQ committees to develop environmental guidance, policies, and Total Maximum Daily Loads.

**Program Involvement:** First confirmed in 2010 and nominated to continue representing major universities.

# Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



**A RESOLUTION** Appointing stakeholders to fill membership positions on the Galveston Bay Council, an advisory committee to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the Commission), for the Galveston Bay Estuary Program;  
Docket No. 2015-0622-RES  
Project No. 2015-006-OTH-NR

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Water Code identifies the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as the lead state agency for the implementation of *The Galveston Bay Plan*, a comprehensive conservation management plan developed under the National Estuary Program; and

**WHEREAS**, *The Galveston Bay Plan* specifies 41 council members from various interest groups be appointed to acquire the range of expertise and interest needed for effective comprehensive management; and

**WHEREAS**, *The Galveston Bay Plan* directs that the Galveston Bay Council be representative of federal, state, and local natural resource agencies; the research community; local government; citizen groups, including representatives from low income and minority communities; and other Galveston Bay stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission appoints nominees for four-year terms, whose experience, expertise, and commitment will promote the implementation of *The Galveston Bay Plan*; and

**WHEREAS**, the membership of the Galveston Bay Council conforms with the requirements of Section 320 of the Federal Clean Water Act by including representatives from the groups and organizations specified in the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, 41 members of the Galveston Bay Council were originally appointed by the Commission, by Order of Resolution on November 21, 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 9, 2015, 22 of the 41 positions are to be filled by the persons listed in Attachment A.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** that those persons listed in Attachment A are approved with their terms expiring as noted on the attachment.

Issue date:

TEXAS COMMISSISON ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., P.E., Chairman