

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Interoffice Memorandum

To: Commissioners **Date:** March 22, 2023

Thru: Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk
Erin E. Chancellor, Executive Director

From: Cari-Michel La Caille, Director
Office of Water

Subject: Docket No. 2022-1629-RES / Non-Rule Project No. 2023-010-RES-NR
Highlight and Strikethrough Version of Commission Consideration of
Resolution to Fill Membership Positions on the Galveston Bay Council
Agenda Documents

The attached Agenda Item Request, Executive Summary, and Resolution to Fill Membership Positions on the Galveston Bay Council was updated to change the members being approved from 18 to 17 and the number of vacancies from 3 to 4. These changes are reflected throughout the adoption documents as follows:

- Agenda Item Request
 - Page 2: The first sentence of the third paragraph of the caption is amended to read: “The nominations are for **17** of the 41 members.”
- Executive Summary
 - Page 3: The first paragraph is amended to read “The resolution is submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) to consider approval to fill **17** of the 41 positions on the Galveston Bay Council (GBC).”
 - Page 4: The fourth paragraph is amended to read “Nominees are listed in Attachment A. Attachment B provides biographical information on the nominees in both categories. Of the **17** nominees, **4** are new.
- Attachment A
 - Page 6: The appointment for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is changed to “**vacant**”
- Attachment B
 - Page 8: The biographical information for the former appointment for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has been removed.
- Resolution
 - Page 14: The last sentence on the page is amended to read “WHEREAS, on March 31, 2023, **17** of the 41 positions are to be filled by the persons listed in Attachment A.”

This project was moved from the February 22, 2023, commissioner’s agenda to the March 31, 2023, commissioner’s agenda. Original back-up materials for this non-rulemaking project were filed on February 3, 2023.

Attachments:
Agenda Item Request
Executive Summary
Attachment A
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Resolution

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

AGENDA REQUESTED: March 31, 2023

DATE OF REQUEST: March 10, 2023

INDIVIDUAL TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS REQUEST, IF NEEDED: Gwen Ricco, Agenda Coordinator, (512) 239-2678

CAPTION: Docket No. 2022-1629-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 and Management Plan for Galveston Bay.

The nominations are for 17 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. (Lisa Marshall, Aubrey Pawelka; Non-Project No. 2023-010-RES-NR)

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Thru: Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk
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From: Cari-Michel La Caille, Director *CML 3/20/2023*
Office of Water

Docket No.: 2022-1629-RES

Subject: Commission Consideration of Resolution to Fill Membership Positions on the Galveston Bay Council
Non-Rule Project No. 2023-010-RES-NR

Requested action:

The resolution is submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) to consider approval to fill **17** of the 41 positions on the Galveston Bay Council (GBC).

Galveston Bay Council Membership Background:

The GBC is a 41-member advisory body to the commission whose function is to advise the commission on the implementation of *The Galveston Bay Plan*, the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) for Galveston Bay. The GBC was created by resolution of the commission on November 21, 1995, and expires November 15, 2035. Members serve four-year terms. The terms are staggered such that approximately half of the terms expire at the same time. Two new members were appointed by their specific entity for vacancies due to job changes or retirements. Two new members were nominated by the GBC to fill the Large Local Governments (population >500,000) and Small Local Governments (population < 25,000) vacancies due to a retirement and a job change, respectively.

The GBC helps guide implementation of the CCMP first published in 1995 and revised in 2018 with a second edition.

Galveston Bay Council composition:

The CCMP, and subsequently the original resolution creating the GBC in 1995, lists 41 entities to represent diverse areas of interest in accordance with federal Clean Water Act (CWA), §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 CCMP, 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., commercial fisheries, small local government).

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Nomination process:

Nominations for the 11 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, 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 the 6 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, partners 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. Attachment B provides biographical information on the nominees in both categories. Of the 17 nominees, 4 are new.

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. Additionally, the commission is charged with implementing the CCMP as outlined in the Texas Estuaries Act, Senate Bill 708, 76th Texas Legislature (1999), under TWC, §§5.601 - 5.609.

The CCMP directs that the GBC be representative of federal, state, and local natural resource agencies; the research community; local government; the private sector, including representatives from nature tourism; citizen groups, including representatives from underrepresented communities; and other Galveston Bay stakeholders.

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

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

The resolution is not required by federal rule or state statute; however, it implements the CCMP 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 CCMP. The CCMP calls for the creation of the GBC to guide implementation. Maintaining appropriate membership on the GBC

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ensures compliance of the CCMP and facilitates effective comprehensive management of Galveston Bay.

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

Federal funding for the GBEP and the CCMP, under the federal CWA, §320, could be jeopardized if GBC membership is not inclusive of representatives identified in the federal CWA, §320. The GBEP grant amount can fluctuate each fiscal year, however for fiscal year 2023, the federal amount awarded was approximately \$750,000.

Key points in the resolution schedule:

Anticipated agenda date: **March 31, 2023**

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Attachments:

Attachment A, Galveston Bay Council Nominees
Attachment B, Biographical Information for Nominees in Attachment A

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Attachment A: Galveston Bay Council Nominees

Shading identifies nominees for a vacancy in a 2021 - 2025 term or for a 2023 - 2027 term.

Individuals denoted with * are new to the Galveston Bay Council (GBC), i.e., have not served prior terms on the GBC. GBC members serve a four-year staggered term such that approximately half the terms will expire biennially in November. Mid-term nominees will serve the remainder of the term they are appointed/nominated to fill.

Category 1, named entities, are appointed by the executive director of that respective agency or entity, or his/her delegate, as listed in *The Galveston Bay Plan*, the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for Galveston Bay and are in regular font. If a vacancy exists under Category 1, the representative nominated by that entity may begin serving prior to confirmation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (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.

Type of Organization	Interest Represented (listed alphabetically)	Appointee/Nominee	Term
Federal Agencies	National Marine Fisheries Service	Charrish Stevens	2023-2027
	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Andrea Catanzaro	2021-2025
	U.S. Coast Guard	Matthew Tilimon	2023-2027
	U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service	Scott Alford	2023-2027
	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Lisa Rickards	2021-2025
	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Scott Williams	2021-2025
	U.S. Geological Survey	Michael T. Lee	2023-2027
State Agencies	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Vacant	2023-2027
	Texas Department of Agriculture	Kristin Lambrecht	2023-2027
	Texas Department of State Health Services	Kirk Wiles	2023-2027
	Texas Department of Transportation	Sue Theiss	2021-2025
	Texas General Land Office	Dianna Ramirez*	2023-2027
	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Vacant	2023-2027
	Texas Railroad Commission	Audrey Kuklenz	2021-2025
	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	Brian Koch	2021-2025
	Texas Water Development Board	Caimee Schoenbaechler	2021-2025
Regional/Local Governments	City of Houston	Winfred T. Colbert	2023-2027
	Gulf Coast Authority	Elizabeth Fazio Hale	2023-2027

	Houston-Galveston Area Council	Todd Running*	2022-2027
	Large Local Governments - pop >500K (Harris County Flood Control District)	<i>Jonathan Holley*</i>	2022-2025
	Medium Local Governments - pop 25K-500K (Galveston County Health District)	<i>Ronnie Schultz</i>	2023-2027
	Port Houston Authority	Garry McMahan	2021-2025
	San Jacinto River Authority	Shane Simpson	2021-2025
	Small Local Governments - pop <25K (Keep Dickinson Beautiful)	<i>Julie Masters*</i>	2023-2027
	Trinity River Authority	Glenn Clingenpeel ¹	2023-2027
Environmental/ Citizen's Groups	Citizens-at-Large (Brazoria County)	<i>Sharron L. Stewart</i>	2023-2027
	Coastal Conservation Association	Taylor Rieck	2021-2025
	Galveston Bay Foundation	Bob Stokes	2021-2025
	League of Women Voters	Vacant	2023-2027
	Low-income Community Representative (Harris County Small Business Owner)	<i>Albert Gonzales²</i>	2021-2025
	Other Conservation Organizations (Texas Coastal Partners)	<i>Linda Shead</i>	2021-2025
	Underrepresented Communities - (Community-Industry Partnership)	<i>Vacant</i>	2023-2027
Private Sector	Commercial Fisheries (Oysterman-Manager of Jeri's Seafood)	<i>Tracy Woody</i>	2021-2025
	East Harris County Manufacturer's Association	Ana Partin	2021-2025
	Greater Houston Partnership (Dow Chemical)	Maria Valdez	2021-2025
	Industry (Kuraray America, Inc.)	<i>Vance Darr</i>	2021-2025
	Marinas (Marina Bay Harbor Yacht Club in Clear Lake Shores)	<i>Helen Paige</i>	2021-2025
	Nature Tourism - replaced Galveston County Chambers of Commerce (Chambers County Commissioner)	<i>Rusty Senac</i>	2023-2027
	Utilities (NRG Energy, Inc.)	<i>Jeff DallaRosa</i>	2021-2025
Research/ Academia	Major Universities (University of Houston)	<i>Hanadi Rafai</i>	2023-2027
	Texas Sea Grant Program	Pamela Plotkin	2021-2025

¹Galveston Bay Council Chair, effective November 2019; renewed in 2021

²Galveston Bay Council Vice-Chair, effective November 2019; renewed in 2021

Attachment B: Biographical Information for Nominees in Attachment A

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<p style="text-align: center;">Charrish Stevens Representing National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)</p>
<p>Education/Certifications: Texas A&M University at Galveston, B.S., Marine Biology and Biological Oceanography</p>
<p>Experience/Responsibilities: Ms. Stevens currently serves as a Fisheries Biologist at NOAA's NMFS Habitat Conservation Division. She has over 14 years of experience working in the government sector as a Fish and Wildlife Biologist for United States (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service and now as a Fisheries Biologist for NOAA NMFS managing natural resources in freshwater and marine ecosystems. Her job responsibilities include: preservation, conservation, and restoration of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) along the Texas Coast by way of U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) permit reviews or early consultation with partners and stakeholders, EFH Consultation for various projects, freshwater mussel conservation, listing and recovery work with federally listed species, designing and implementing long-term monitoring sites within river systems for species of concern, providing conservation comments and recommendations for USACE permit issuance, conducting natural resource damage assessments during oil spills, and assisting with wetland and marsh restoration projects with various state and private partners.</p>
<p>Program Involvement: Appointed by NOAA in 2020 and nominated to continue representing NOAA.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Matthew Tilimon Representing U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)</p>
<p>Education/Certifications: Florida State University, B.S., Business Management; A.A., Marine Science; University of Phoenix, MBA</p>
<p>Experience/Responsibilities: Mr. Tilimon currently serves as the regional Response Marine Safety Specialist providing training, operational, and administrative guidance to three area Marine Safety Units and Sector Houston-Galveston. He has 20 years of service in the USCG, 18 years on the Gulf Coast; and 14 years within the greater Sector Houston-Galveston area.</p>
<p>Program Involvement: Appointed by the USCG in 2019 and nominated to continue representing the USCG.</p>

Scott Alford
Representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

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

Experience/Responsibilities: Mr. Alford currently serves as a conservation specialist for NRCS with expertise in forestry and coastal habitat restoration. He assists in developing cultivation and restoration technology that will be implemented in a variety of habitat restoration projects along the Texas coast. Mr. Alford works with partners to help grow plant species that are needed for varying habitat restoration projects. He is a member of the Interagency Coordination Team for the Houston Ship Channel and the Beneficial Uses of Dredge Material Work Group for Port Houston.

Program Involvement: Appointed by NRCS in 2008 and nominated to continue representing USDA NRCS. Mr. Alford currently serves as the Vice-Chair for the Natural Resources Uses subcommittee.

Michael T. Lee
Representing the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Education/Certifications: Texas A&M University at Galveston, B.S., Marine Sciences; Texas A&M University, M.S., Oceanography

Experience/Responsibilities: Mr. Lee currently serves as the Gulf Coast Branch Chief at the USGS Oklahoma-Texas Water Science Center (OK/TXWSC). In this role, Mr. Lee coordinates and facilitates the scientific, technical, and administrative direction of all operations in the branch including those carried on in cooperation with local, state, and other federal agencies. He conducts research and other scientific/technical work related to water resources development and conservation and ensures that scientific activities meet the needs of the federal government, the OK/TXWSC, cooperating state and local agencies, and the general public. His technical background is in hydrologic research and data collection including water resource, water quality, and environmental/ecological monitoring; utilizing real-time systems, networks, and innovative technology for developing monitoring solutions for hydrologic research. The USGS is a worldwide leader in research of the natural world and serves as the research arm of the U.S. Department of Interior. He has been a Hydrologist for the USGS since 2007, previously working as a research scientist at National Aeronautics and Space Administration and serving as an officer in the USCG.

Program Involvement: Appointed by USGS in 2013 and nominated to continue representing USGS. Mr. Lee currently serves as the Vice-Chair for the Monitoring and Research (M&R) subcommittee.

Lori Hamilton
Representing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Education/Certifications: Stephen F. Austin State University, B.S., Environmental Science; M.S., Environmental Science

Experience/Responsibilities: Ms. Hamilton currently serves as the Deputy Director of TCEQ's Water Quality Planning Division (Division). The Division preserves and improves the quality of the state's surface waters by establishing water quality standards; monitoring, assessing, and reporting conditions; and implementing plans to reduce pollution and improve water quality. She has approximately 18 years of experience at TCEQ and has worked in various areas at the agency, including Water Rights Permitting, Water Quality Standards, 401 Water Quality Certification, and the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program. Prior to her role as Deputy Director, she served as the Manager for the Water Rights Permitting and Availability Section in TCEQ's Water Availability Division. Ms. Hamilton also previously worked as the Operation Division Manager for a river authority managing wastewater treatment facilities and drinking water facilities as well as working with the Clean Rivers Program.

Program Involvement: Appointed by TCEQ in 2019 and nominated to continue representing TCEQ.

Kristin Lambrecht
Representing the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)

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

Experience/Responsibilities: Ms. Lambrecht currently serves as a field representative and works with the GO TEXAN marketing program and economic development programs for the agency.

Program Involvement: Appointed by TDA in 2014 and nominated to continue representing TDA.

Kirk Wiles
Representing the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS)

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

Experience/Responsibilities: Mr. Wiles currently serves as the Manager of the Seafood and Aquatic Life Operations Group. Responsibilities include, regulating the Texas seafood industry and issuing seafood consumption advisories for Texas. He has been employed by TDSHS, formerly Texas Department of Health, for 46 years.

Program Involvement: Appointed in 1995 and nominated to continue representing TDSHS. Mr. Wiles also participates on the M&R and Water and Sediment Quality (WSQ) subcommittees. He was previously involved in the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee during the *Galveston Bay Plan* development (1990-1994).

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

Education/Certifications: Texas A&M University at Galveston, B.S., Marine Biology & Marine Fisheries; University of Houston-Clear Lake, M.S., Environmental Biology

Experience/Responsibilities: Ms. Ramirez currently serves as the Regional Manager of Coastal Field Operations for the Upper Coast Field Office of the Texas GLO, located in LaPorte, TX. She oversees a team that manages the state-owned submerged lands of Texas located within the Upper Coast of Texas. Ms. Ramirez joined the GLO in 2010, serving as a biologist prior to becoming the Regional Manager.

Program Involvement: Appointed in 2023 to represent GLO.

Winfred T. Colbert
Representing the City of Houston

Education/Certifications: Yale University, B.A., Political Science; Columbia University Law School, J.D., Certificate of Achievement in International Law; Member, State Bar of Texas

Experience/Responsibilities: Mr. Colbert currently serves as Senior Assistant City Attorney for the City of Houston. His responsibilities are focused on environmental matters. Mr. Colbert is a broadly experienced attorney, mediator, and arbitrator whose legal experience has encompassed all areas of environmental health and safety law and regulation, corporate and business counseling, and governmental/regulatory relations. In addition to providing regulatory, transactional, and general corporate legal services, Mr. Colbert has extensive litigation management and business continuity and crisis management experience. He has counseled and supported business operations in the U.S., Europe, Middle East, Latin America, and Asia/Pacific

regions. Mr. Colbert has served in the following civic and professional capacities: Chairman of the North Texas Clean Air Coalition; Vice-Chairman of the State of Texas Clean Air Responsibility Enterprise Committee; Chairman National Bar Association Energy and Environmental Law Section; Member, American Bar Association Coordinating Group on Energy Law; Member, Greater Houston Partnership Clean Air Committee; Member, Houston Bar Association Environmental Law Section Board of Directors; Member, City of Fort Worth Environmental Advisory Committee; Member, State Bar of Texas Environmental and Natural Resources Section Executive Committee.

Program Involvement: Appointed by the City of Houston in 2019 and nominated to continue representing the City of Houston.

**Elizabeth Fazio Hale
Representing the Gulf Coast Authority (GCA)**

Education/Certifications: University of Texas, B.A., Government, B.S., Communications; University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., LL.M. in Taxation

Experience/Responsibilities: Ms. Fazio Hale currently serves as the CEO/General Manager of GCA. Appointed in 2020, Ms. Fazio Hale oversees the treatment of 50 million gallons per day of wastewater at five facilities, four located in the Galveston Bay area and one in Odessa, Texas. Ms. Fazio Hale is focused on the implementation of the GCA's five-year Strategic Plan, including the betterment of GCA's people and business practices, development of GCA facilities, strengthening of relationships and partnerships, leadership in conduit financial services, and engagement with stakeholders.

Ms. Fazio Hale served as the Director of Natural Resources in the Texas House of Representatives under Chairman Allan Ritter. There, she played an instrumental leadership role in the development of the state water infrastructure fund and revenue fund for Texas (SWIFT/SWIRFT). She also worked on the prioritization and enactment of numerous financial, legal, environmental, conservation, and special district measures during her tenure with the legislature from 2001-2015. Ms. Fazio Hale serves on the Board of Directors for the Texas Water Foundation, the Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA), TWCA Risk Management Fund, and Economic Alliance Houston Port Region; as Vice President of the Gulf Coast Industrial Development Authority; and Treasurer of the Texas Conservation Fund.

Program Involvement: Appointed by GCA in 2020 and nominated to continue representing GCA. Ms. Fazio Hale worked on direct awards programming for GBEP.

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

Education/Certifications: University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, B.S., Physical Geography; Houston Baptist University, Management Certificate; National Stormwater Center, Certified Stormwater Inspector.

Experience/Responsibilities: Mr. Running currently serves as the Water Resources Manager in Community and Environmental Planning at H-GAC and has served in this position since 2009. He joined H-GAC in May 1992 and has served in several positions such as Environmental Planner, Senior Environmental Planner, and Clean Rivers Program Manager. He has overseen the development of seven approved Watershed Protection Plans and eight separate Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Projects, including the formation of the Bacteria Implementation Group. Mr. Running has served on several local, regional, and state committees including the North Houston Association Environmental Committee, Harris County Flood Control Task Force Advisory Committee, and TCEQ's Surface Water Quality Standards Advisory Work Group. Mr. Running is currently an advisory board member with the Environmental Institute of Houston at the University of Houston-Clear Lake and on the Council of Advisors of the Bayou Preservation Association. Mr.

Running is proud to have served as part of the River, Lakes, Bays n' Bayous Trash Bash every year since its inception. He was also a member of the first group of partners in the Houston area to be certified to train volunteers for the Texas Stream Team Program (formerly Texas Watch) in 1993. That program continues to be a cornerstone of H-GAC's Public Outreach and Education efforts.

Program Involvement: Appointed in 2022 to represent H-GAC. Mr. Running has served on various Galveston Bay Estuary Program subcommittees through the years, including WSQ, M&R, and Public Participation and Education.

Jonathan Holley*
Representing Large Local Governments (population >500,000)

Education/Certifications: Wake Forest University, B.S., Biology; College of William & Mary, M.S., Biology; Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control since 2012; Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality since 2014.

Experience/Responsibilities: Mr. Holley currently serves as the Environmental Services Department Manager for Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD). He joined HCFCD in 2009 and has served in several other positions including the Stormwater Quality Design Project Manager and Regulatory Compliance Department Manager. Project planning and management experience includes enhancing regional stormwater detention basins with stormwater quality treatment wetlands, incorporating natural stable channel design features into channel improvement projects, tracking permit compliance, and performing water quality monitoring. His current responsibilities include managing the HCFCD's environmental services and mitigation banking programs. Mr. Holley also serves on the Bayou Preservation Association's Stream Corridor Restoration Committee and H-GAC's Natural Resources Advisory Committee.

Program Involvement: Nominated by the GBC in 2022 to represent Large Local Governments.

Ronnie Schultz
Representing Medium Local Governments (population 25,000-500,000)

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

Experience/Responsibilities: Mr. Schulz currently serves as the Director of Environmental Health Programs at the Galveston County Health District responsible for directing multiple environmental programs to accomplish the goals of the Health District's Strategic Health Plan. He 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 the public health laboratory.

Program Involvement: Nominated by the GBC in 2015 and nominated to continue representing Medium Local Governments.

Julie Masters*
Representing Small Local Governments (population <25,000)

Education/Certifications: Texas Tech University, B.S., Recreation

Experience/Responsibilities: Ms. Masters currently serves as the Executive Director of Keep Dickinson Beautiful, Inc. Responsibilities include all administrative duties of running a small, non-profit; developing, coordinating, and implementing public waterway clean-up projects and events, community beautification and education, tree plantings, wetland restoration, recruiting volunteers, financial support; and administering grants. Ms. Masters also served as the Mayor of the City of Dickinson for 16 years. She also serves on the City of Dickinson Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee and the Dickinson Optimist Club.

Program Involvement: Nominated by the GBC in 2023 to represent 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 the Executive Manager of Technical Services and Basin Planning at TRA. In this capacity, he oversees a team of scientists and engineers dedicated to understanding the ecology, water quality, and hydrology of the Trinity River system. Mr. Clingenpeel joined TRA in April 1998 and has served in numerous positions involving everything from fieldwork to serving as the Executive Assistant to the General Manager. Mr. Clingenpeel is active on several local and state committees including the North Central Texas Council of Governments Water Resources Council, and the Texas Water Conservation Association's Endangered Species Committee. He is also the current chair of the Region 3 Regional Flood Planning Group, which is charged with creating the first ever regional flood plan for the basin.

Program Involvement: Appointed by TRA 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, as well as on the Boards of the Coastal Society, Texas Committee on Natural Resources, and 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 Conservation Management Plan, 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, 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 statewide and nationally on coastal management, deep water ports, oil spills, habitat, and wetland and estuarine protection issues. Ms. Stewart also testified before Congress on these issues.

Program Involvement: Nominated by the GBC in 1995 and nominated to continue representing Citizens-at-Large. Ms. Stewart serves as Chairman of the Consistency Review subcommittee, and on the Budget and Priorities and M&R subcommittees. She was a Management Committee member and Chaired the Citizens' Participation subcommittee during development of the 1995 *Galveston Bay Plan*.

Rusty Senac
Representing Nature and Tourism

Education/Certifications: University of Houston, B.B.A., Texas A&M V. G. Young Institute for County Government Commissioners Court Leadership Academy

Experience/Responsibilities: Commissioner Senac worked for over 40 years in managing and marketing group medical practices with a special focus on pathology practices and laboratory medicine. He retired in 1996 as the Executive Director of Brown & Associates Medical Laboratories, a large pathology group based in Houston. He is the past President of the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA)–Pathology Management Assembly and served on the MGMA's Government Affairs Committee. He continues to provide healthcare consulting services on occasion. Commissioner Senac volunteered as an Emergency Medical Technician for 12 years and a firefighter for 17 years. In 1983 he co-founded the Chambers County Fire & Rescue Association and was elected to the Beach City Council in which he served for 11 years. He was elected Mayor of Beach City in 1995 and served five terms until 2004. He was appointed by Governor Perry to the Coastal Water Authority Board in 2008. He has served on the Board of the Baytown West Chambers Economic Development Foundation since 2010 and served as Chairman from 2017 to 2018. Commissioner Senac was on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the Baytown Chamber of Commerce, and the Board of the West Chambers County Chamber of Commerce from 2013 to 2015. He also served on the Board of Directors of Portrait of a Warrior Memorial Art Gallery from 2013 to 2018, a non-profit organization established to honor Texas military veterans from the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. In 2010, Commissioner Senac was elected as the Chambers County Commissioner for Precinct 4, and he was re-elected to a second four-year term in 2014. He was appointed by Chambers County Commissioner Court to the H-GAC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee from 2011 to 2017, and the Transportation Policy Council from 2011 to 2017, serving as First Vice Chair in 2017, and Chair of the High Capacity Transit Committee. In 2018, Commissioner Senac was awarded the Road Hand Award by the Texas Department of Transportation for his assistance in several roadway projects within Chambers County.

Program Involvement: Nominated by the GBC in 2018 and nominated to continue representing Nature and Tourism.

Hanadi Rifai
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: Ms. Rifai currently serves as a professor in Civil and Environmental Engineering at University of Houston (main campus). She teaches courses in Computers, Engineering Design, Contaminant Fate and Transport, and Geographic Information Systems. Her research is focused on characterizing and modeling industrial and municipal pollutants in urban and rural watersheds. Ms. Rifai completed numerous studies for Galveston Bay over the past 15 years. She served in the past on TCEQ committees to develop environmental guidance, policies and TMDLs.

Program Involvement: Nominated by the GBC 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 (GBC), an advisory body to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the commission), for the Galveston Bay Estuary Program

Docket No. 2022-1629-RES

Non-Rule Project No. 2023-010-RES-NR

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Code identifies the commission as the lead state agency for the implementation of *The Galveston Bay Plan*, the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) developed under the National Estuary Program; and

WHEREAS, the CCMP specifies 41 GBC members from various entities be appointed to acquire the range of expertise and interest needed for effective comprehensive management; and

WHEREAS, the CCMP directs that the GBC be representative of federal, state, and local natural resource agencies; the research community; local government; the private sector, including representatives from nature tourism; citizen groups, including representatives from underrepresented 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 GBC conforms with the requirements of §320 of the Federal Clean Water Act (the Act), by including representatives from the groups and organizations specified in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the 41 members of the GBC were originally appointed by the commission by Order of Resolution on November 21, 1995; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2023, 17 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 in that attachment.

It is so **RESOLVED**.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Jon Niermann, Chairman

Date Signed

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

AGENDA REQUESTED: February 22, 2023

DATE OF REQUEST: February 3, 2023

INDIVIDUAL TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS REQUEST, IF NEEDED: Gwen Ricco, Agenda Coordinator, (512) 239-2678

CAPTION: Docket No. 2022-1629-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 and Management Plan for Galveston Bay.

The nominations are for 18 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. (Lisa Marshall, Aubrey Pawelka) (Non-Project No. 2023-010-RES-NR)

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Interoffice Memorandum

To: Commissioners **Date:** February 3, 2023

Thru: Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk
Erin Chancellor, Interim Executive Director

From: Cari-Michel La Caille, Director *CML 12/14/2022*
Office of Water

Docket No.: 2022-1629-RES

Subject: Commission Consideration of Resolution to Fill Membership Positions on the Galveston Bay Council
Non-Rule Project No. 2023-010-RES-NR

Requested action:

The resolution is submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) to consider approval to fill 18 of the 41 positions on the Galveston Bay Council (GBC).

Galveston Bay Council Membership Background:

The GBC is a 41-member advisory body to the commission whose function is to advise the commission on the implementation of *The Galveston Bay Plan*, the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) for Galveston Bay. The GBC was created by resolution of the commission on November 21, 1995 and expires November 15, 2035. Members serve four-year terms. The terms are staggered such that approximately half of the terms expire at the same time. Two new members were appointed by their specific entity for vacancies due to job changes or retirements. Two new members were nominated by the GBC to fill the Large Local Governments (population >500,000) and Small Local Governments (population < 25,000) vacancies due to a retirement and a job change, respectively.

The GBC helps guide implementation of the CCMP first published in 1995 and revised in 2018 with a second edition.

Galveston Bay Council composition:

The CCMP, and subsequently the original resolution creating the GBC in 1995, lists 41 entities to represent diverse areas of interest in accordance with federal Clean Water Act (CWA), §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 CCMP, 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., commercial fisheries, small local government).

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Nomination process:

Nominations for the 12 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, 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 the 6 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, partners 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. Attachment B provides biographical information on the nominees in both categories. Of the 18 nominees, 4 are new.

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. Additionally, the commission is charged with implementing the CCMP as outlined in the Texas Estuaries Act, Senate Bill 708, 76th Texas Legislature (1999), under TWC, §§5.601 - 5.609.

The CCMP directs that the GBC be representative of federal, state, and local natural resource agencies; the research community; local government; the private sector, including representatives from nature tourism; citizen groups, including representatives from underrepresented communities; and other Galveston Bay stakeholders.

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

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

The resolution is not required by federal rule or state statute; however, it implements the CCMP 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 CCMP. The CCMP calls for the creation of the GBC to guide implementation. Maintaining appropriate membership on the GBC

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ensures compliance of the CCMP and facilitates effective comprehensive management of Galveston Bay.

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

Federal funding for the GBEP and the CCMP, under the federal CWA, §320, could be jeopardized if GBC membership is not inclusive of representatives identified in the federal CWA, §320. The GBEP grant amount can fluctuate each fiscal year, however for fiscal year 2023, the federal amount awarded was approximately \$750,000.

Key points in the resolution schedule:

Anticipated agenda date: February 22, 2023

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Attachments:

Attachment A, Galveston Bay Council Nominees
Attachment B, Biographical Information for Nominees in Attachment A

cc: Chief Clerk, 7 copies

Attachment A: Galveston Bay Council Nominees

Shading identifies nominees for a vacancy in a 2021 - 2025 term or for a 2023 - 2027 term.

Individuals denoted with * are new to the Galveston Bay Council (GBC), i.e., have not served prior terms on the GBC. GBC members serve a four-year staggered term such that approximately half the terms will expire biennially in November. Mid-term nominees will serve the remainder of the term they are appointed/nominated to fill.

Category 1, named entities, are appointed by the executive director of that respective agency or entity, or his/her delegate, as listed in *The Galveston Bay Plan*, the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for Galveston Bay and are in regular font. If a vacancy exists under Category 1, the representative nominated by that entity may begin serving prior to confirmation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (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.

Type of Organization	Interest Represented (listed alphabetically)	Appointee/Nominee	Term
Federal Agencies	National Marine Fisheries Service	Charrish Stevens	2023-2027
	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Andrea Catanzaro	2021-2025
	U.S. Coast Guard	Matthew Tilimon	2023-2027
	U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service	Scott Alford	2023-2027
	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Lisa Rickards	2021-2025
	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Scott Williams	2021-2025
	U.S. Geological Survey	Michael T. Lee	2023-2027
State Agencies	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Lori Hamilton	2023-2027
	Texas Department of Agriculture	Kristin Lambrecht	2023-2027
	Texas Department of State Health Services	Kirk Wiles	2023-2027
	Texas Department of Transportation	Sue Theiss	2021-2025
	Texas General Land Office	Dianna Ramirez*	2023-2027
	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Vacant	2023-2027
	Texas Railroad Commission	Audrey Kuklenz	2021-2025
	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	Brian Koch	2021-2025
	Texas Water Development Board	Caimee Schoenbaechler	2021-2025
Regional/Local Governments	City of Houston	Winfred T. Colbert	2023-2027
	Gulf Coast Authority	Elizabeth Fazio Hale	2023-2027

	Houston-Galveston Area Council	Todd Running*	2022-2027
	Large Local Governments - pop >500K (Harris County Flood Control District)	<i>Jonathan Holley*</i>	2022-2025
	Medium Local Governments - pop 25K-500K (Galveston County Health District)	<i>Ronnie Schultz</i>	2023-2027
	Port Houston Authority	Garry McMahan	2021-2025
	San Jacinto River Authority	Shane Simpson	2021-2025
	Small Local Governments - pop <25K (Keep Dickinson Beautiful)	<i>Julie Masters*</i>	2023-2027
	Trinity River Authority	Glenn Clingenpeel ¹	2023-2027
Environmental/ Citizen's Groups	Citizens-at-Large (Brazoria County)	<i>Sharron L. Stewart</i>	2023-2027
	Coastal Conservation Association	Taylor Rieck	2021-2025
	Galveston Bay Foundation	Bob Stokes	2021-2025
	League of Women Voters	Vacant	2023-2027
	Low-income Community Representative (Harris County Small Business Owner)	<i>Albert Gonzales²</i>	2021-2025
	Other Conservation Organizations (Texas Coastal Partners)	<i>Linda Shead</i>	2021-2025
	Underrepresented Communities - (Community-Industry Partnership)	<i>Vacant</i>	2023-2027
Private Sector	Commercial Fisheries (Oysterman-Manager of Jeri's Seafood)	<i>Tracy Woody</i>	2021-2025
	East Harris County Manufacturer's Association	Ana Partin	2021-2025
	Greater Houston Partnership (Dow Chemical)	Maria Valdez	2021-2025
	Industry (Kuraray America, Inc.)	<i>Vance Darr</i>	2021-2025
	Marinas (Marina Bay Harbor Yacht Club in Clear Lake Shores)	<i>Helen Paige</i>	2021-2025
	Nature Tourism - replaced Galveston County Chambers of Commerce (Chambers County Commissioner)	<i>Rusty Senac</i>	2023-2027
	Utilities (NRG Energy, Inc.)	<i>Jeff DallaRosa</i>	2021-2025
Research/ Academia	Major Universities (University of Houston)	<i>Hanadi Rafai</i>	2023-2027
	Texas Sea Grant Program	Pamela Plotkin	2021-2025

¹Galveston Bay Council Chair, effective November 2019; renewed in 2021

²Galveston Bay Council Vice-Chair, effective November 2019; renewed in 2021

Attachment B: Biographical Information for Nominees in Attachment A

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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.

<p style="text-align: center;">Charrish Stevens Representing National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)</p>
<p>Education/Certifications: Texas A&M University at Galveston, B.S., Marine Biology and Biological Oceanography</p>
<p>Experience/Responsibilities: Ms. Stevens currently serves as a Fisheries Biologist at NOAA's NMFS Habitat Conservation Division. She has over 14 years of experience working in the government sector as a Fish and Wildlife Biologist for United States (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service and now as a Fisheries Biologist for NOAA NMFS managing natural resources in freshwater and marine ecosystems. Her job responsibilities include: preservation, conservation, and restoration of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) along the Texas Coast by way of U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) permit reviews or early consultation with partners and stakeholders, EFH Consultation for various projects, freshwater mussel conservation, listing and recovery work with federally listed species, designing and implementing long-term monitoring sites within river systems for species of concern, providing conservation comments and recommendations for USACE permit issuance, conducting natural resource damage assessments during oil spills, and assisting with wetland and marsh restoration projects with various state and private partners.</p>
<p>Program Involvement: Appointed by NOAA in 2020 and nominated to continue representing NOAA.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Matthew Tilimon Representing U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)</p>
<p>Education/Certifications: Florida State University, B.S., Business Management; A.A., Marine Science; University of Phoenix, MBA</p>
<p>Experience/Responsibilities: Mr. Tilimon currently serves as the regional Response Marine Safety Specialist providing training, operational, and administrative guidance to three area Marine Safety Units and Sector Houston-Galveston. He has 20 years of service in the USCG, 18 years on the Gulf Coast; and 14 years within the greater Sector Houston-Galveston area.</p>
<p>Program Involvement: Appointed by the USCG in 2019 and nominated to continue representing the USCG.</p>

Scott Alford
Representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

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

Experience/Responsibilities: Mr. Alford currently serves as a conservation specialist for NRCS with expertise in forestry and coastal habitat restoration. He assists in developing cultivation and restoration technology that will be implemented in a variety of habitat restoration projects along the Texas coast. Mr. Alford works with partners to help grow plant species that are needed for varying habitat restoration projects. He is a member of the Interagency Coordination Team for the Houston Ship Channel and the Beneficial Uses of Dredge Material Work Group for Port Houston.

Program Involvement: Appointed by NRCS in 2008 and nominated to continue representing USDA NRCS. Mr. Alford currently serves as the Vice-Chair for the Natural Resources Uses subcommittee.

Michael T. Lee
Representing the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Education/Certifications: Texas A&M University at Galveston, B.S., Marine Sciences; Texas A&M University, M.S., Oceanography

Experience/Responsibilities: Mr. Lee currently serves as the Gulf Coast Branch Chief at the USGS Oklahoma-Texas Water Science Center (OK/TXWSC). In this role, Mr. Lee coordinates and facilitates the scientific, technical, and administrative direction of all operations in the branch including those carried on in cooperation with local, state, and other federal agencies. He conducts research and other scientific/technical work related to water resources development and conservation and ensures that scientific activities meet the needs of the federal government, the OK/TXWSC, cooperating state and local agencies, and the general public. His technical background is in hydrologic research and data collection including water resource, water quality, and environmental/ecological monitoring; utilizing real-time systems, networks, and innovative technology for developing monitoring solutions for hydrologic research. The USGS is a worldwide leader in research of the natural world and serves as the research arm of the U.S. Department of Interior. He has been a Hydrologist for the USGS since 2007, previously working as a research scientist at National Aeronautics and Space Administration and serving as an officer in the USCG.

Program Involvement: Appointed by USGS in 2013 and nominated to continue representing USGS. Mr. Lee currently serves as the Vice-Chair for the Monitoring and Research (M&R) subcommittee.

Lori Hamilton
Representing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Education/Certifications: Stephen F. Austin State University, B.S., Environmental Science; M.S., Environmental Science

Experience/Responsibilities: Ms. Hamilton currently serves as the Deputy Director of TCEQ's Water Quality Planning Division (Division). The Division preserves and improves the quality of the state's surface waters by establishing water quality standards; monitoring, assessing, and reporting conditions; and implementing plans to reduce pollution and improve water quality. She has approximately 18 years of experience at TCEQ and has worked in various areas at the agency, including Water Rights Permitting, Water Quality Standards, 401 Water Quality Certification, and the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program. Prior to her role as Deputy Director, she served as the Manager for the Water Rights Permitting and Availability Section in TCEQ's Water Availability Division. Ms. Hamilton also previously worked as the Operation Division Manager for a river authority managing wastewater treatment facilities and drinking water facilities as well as working with the Clean Rivers Program.

Program Involvement: Appointed by TCEQ in 2019 and nominated to continue representing TCEQ.

Kristin Lambrecht
Representing the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)

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

Experience/Responsibilities: Ms. Lambrecht currently serves as a field representative and works with the GO TEXAN marketing program and economic development programs for the agency.

Program Involvement: Appointed by TDA in 2014 and nominated to continue representing TDA.

Kirk Wiles
Representing the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS)

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

Experience/Responsibilities: Mr. Wiles currently serves as the Manager of the Seafood and Aquatic Life Operations Group. Responsibilities include, regulating the Texas seafood industry and issuing seafood consumption advisories for Texas. He has been employed by TDSHS, formerly Texas Department of Health, for 46 years.

Program Involvement: Appointed in 1995 and nominated to continue representing TDSHS. Mr. Wiles also participates on the M&R and Water and Sediment Quality (WSQ) subcommittees. He was previously involved in the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee during the *Galveston Bay Plan* development (1990-1994).

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

Education/Certifications: Texas A&M University at Galveston, B.S., Marine Biology & Marine Fisheries; University of Houston-Clear Lake, M.S., Environmental Biology

Experience/Responsibilities: Ms. Ramirez currently serves as the Regional Manager of Coastal Field Operations for the Upper Coast Field Office of the Texas GLO, located in LaPorte, TX. She oversees a team that manages the state-owned submerged lands of Texas located within the Upper Coast of Texas. Ms. Ramirez joined the GLO in 2010, serving as a biologist prior to becoming the Regional Manager.

Program Involvement: Appointed in 2023 to represent GLO.

Winfred T. Colbert
Representing the City of Houston

Education/Certifications: Yale University, B.A., Political Science; Columbia University Law School, J.D., Certificate of Achievement in International Law; Member, State Bar of Texas

Experience/Responsibilities: Mr. Colbert currently serves as Senior Assistant City Attorney for the City of Houston. His responsibilities are focused on environmental matters. Mr. Colbert is a broadly experienced attorney, mediator, and arbitrator whose legal experience has encompassed all areas of environmental health and safety law and regulation, corporate and business counseling, and governmental/regulatory relations. In addition to providing regulatory, transactional, and general corporate legal services, Mr. Colbert has extensive litigation management and business continuity and crisis management experience. He has counseled and supported business operations in the U.S., Europe, Middle East, Latin America, and Asia/Pacific

regions. Mr. Colbert has served in the following civic and professional capacities: Chairman of the North Texas Clean Air Coalition; Vice-Chairman of the State of Texas Clean Air Responsibility Enterprise Committee; Chairman National Bar Association Energy and Environmental Law Section; Member, American Bar Association Coordinating Group on Energy Law; Member, Greater Houston Partnership Clean Air Committee; Member, Houston Bar Association Environmental Law Section Board of Directors; Member, City of Fort Worth Environmental Advisory Committee; Member, State Bar of Texas Environmental and Natural Resources Section Executive Committee.

Program Involvement: Appointed by the City of Houston in 2019 and nominated to continue representing the City of Houston.

**Elizabeth Fazio Hale
Representing the Gulf Coast Authority (GCA)**

Education/Certifications: University of Texas, B.A., Government, B.S., Communications; University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., LL.M. in Taxation

Experience/Responsibilities: Ms. Fazio Hale currently serves as the CEO/General Manager of GCA. Appointed in 2020, Ms. Fazio Hale oversees the treatment of 50 million gallons per day of wastewater at five facilities, four located in the Galveston Bay area and one in Odessa, Texas. Ms. Fazio Hale is focused on the implementation of the GCA's five-year Strategic Plan, including the betterment of GCA's people and business practices, development of GCA facilities, strengthening of relationships and partnerships, leadership in conduit financial services, and engagement with stakeholders.

Ms. Fazio Hale served as the Director of Natural Resources in the Texas House of Representatives under Chairman Allan Ritter. There, she played an instrumental leadership role in the development of the state water infrastructure fund and revenue fund for Texas (SWIFT/SWIRFT). She also worked on the prioritization and enactment of numerous financial, legal, environmental, conservation, and special district measures during her tenure with the legislature from 2001-2015. Ms. Fazio Hale serves on the Board of Directors for the Texas Water Foundation, the Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA), TWCA Risk Management Fund, and Economic Alliance Houston Port Region; as Vice President of the Gulf Coast Industrial Development Authority; and Treasurer of the Texas Conservation Fund.

Program Involvement: Appointed by GCA in 2020 and nominated to continue representing GCA. Ms. Fazio Hale worked on direct awards programming for GBEP.

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

Education/Certifications: University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, B.S., Physical Geography; Houston Baptist University, Management Certificate; National Stormwater Center, Certified Stormwater Inspector.

Experience/Responsibilities: Mr. Running currently serves as the Water Resources Manager in Community and Environmental Planning at H-GAC and has served in this position since 2009. He joined H-GAC in May 1992 and has served in several positions such as Environmental Planner, Senior Environmental Planner, and Clean Rivers Program Manager. He has overseen the development of seven approved Watershed Protection Plans and eight separate Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Projects, including the formation of the Bacteria Implementation Group. Mr. Running has served on several local, regional, and state committees including the North Houston Association Environmental Committee, Harris County Flood Control Task Force Advisory Committee, and TCEQ's Surface Water Quality Standards Advisory Work Group. Mr. Running is currently an advisory board member with the Environmental Institute of Houston at the University of Houston-Clear Lake and on the Council of Advisors of the Bayou Preservation Association. Mr.

Running is proud to have served as part of the River, Lakes, Bays n' Bayous Trash Bash every year since its inception. He was also a member of the first group of partners in the Houston area to be certified to train volunteers for the Texas Stream Team Program (formerly Texas Watch) in 1993. That program continues to be a cornerstone of H-GAC's Public Outreach and Education efforts.

Program Involvement: Appointed in 2022 to represent H-GAC. Mr. Running has served on various Galveston Bay Estuary Program subcommittees through the years, including WSQ, M&R, and Public Participation and Education.

Jonathan Holley*

Representing Large Local Governments (population >500,000)

Education/Certifications: Wake Forest University, B.S., Biology; College of William & Mary, M.S., Biology; Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control since 2012; Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality since 2014.

Experience/Responsibilities: Mr. Holley currently serves as the Environmental Services Department Manager for Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD). He joined HCFCD in 2009 and has served in several other positions including the Stormwater Quality Design Project Manager and Regulatory Compliance Department Manager. Project planning and management experience includes enhancing regional stormwater detention basins with stormwater quality treatment wetlands, incorporating natural stable channel design features into channel improvement projects, tracking permit compliance, and performing water quality monitoring. His current responsibilities include managing the HCFCD's environmental services and mitigation banking programs. Mr. Holley also serves on the Bayou Preservation Association's Stream Corridor Restoration Committee and H-GAC's Natural Resources Advisory Committee.

Program Involvement: Nominated by the GBC in 2022 to represent Large Local Governments.

Ronnie Schultz

Representing Medium Local Governments (population 25,000-500,000)

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

Experience/Responsibilities: Mr. Schulz currently serves as the Director of Environmental Health Programs at the Galveston County Health District responsible for directing multiple environmental programs to accomplish the goals of the Health District's Strategic Health Plan. He 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 the public health laboratory.

Program Involvement: Nominated by the GBC in 2015 and nominated to continue representing Medium Local Governments.

Julie Masters*

Representing Small Local Governments (population <25,000)

Education/Certifications: Texas Tech University, B.S., Recreation

Experience/Responsibilities: Ms. Masters currently serves as the Executive Director of Keep Dickinson Beautiful, Inc. Responsibilities include all administrative duties of running a small, non-profit; developing, coordinating, and implementing public waterway clean-up projects and events, community beautification and education, tree plantings, wetland restoration, recruiting volunteers, financial support; and administering grants. Ms. Masters also served as the Mayor of the City of Dickinson for 16 years. She also serves on the City of Dickinson Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee and the Dickinson Optimist Club.

Program Involvement: Nominated by the GBC in 2023 to represent 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 the Executive Manager of Technical Services and Basin Planning at TRA. In this capacity, he oversees a team of scientists and engineers dedicated to understanding the ecology, water quality, and hydrology of the Trinity River system. Mr. Clingenpeel joined TRA in April 1998 and has served in numerous positions involving everything from fieldwork to serving as the Executive Assistant to the General Manager. Mr. Clingenpeel is active on several local and state committees including the North Central Texas Council of Governments Water Resources Council, and the Texas Water Conservation Association's Endangered Species Committee. He is also the current chair of the Region 3 Regional Flood Planning Group, which is charged with creating the first ever regional flood plan for the basin.

Program Involvement: Appointed by TRA 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, as well as on the Boards of the Coastal Society, Texas Committee on Natural Resources, and 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 Conservation Management Plan, 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, 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 statewide and nationally on coastal management, deep water ports, oil spills, habitat, and wetland and estuarine protection issues. Ms. Stewart also testified before Congress on these issues.

Program Involvement: Nominated by the GBC in 1995 and nominated to continue representing Citizens-at-Large. Ms. Stewart serves as Chairman of the Consistency Review subcommittee, and on the Budget and Priorities and M&R subcommittees. She was a Management Committee member and Chaired the Citizens' Participation subcommittee during development of the 1995 *Galveston Bay Plan*.

Rusty Senac
Representing Nature and Tourism

Education/Certifications: University of Houston, B.B.A., Texas A&M V. G. Young Institute for County Government Commissioners Court Leadership Academy

Experience/Responsibilities: Commissioner Senac worked for over 40 years in managing and marketing group medical practices with a special focus on pathology practices and laboratory medicine. He retired in 1996 as the Executive Director of Brown & Associates Medical Laboratories, a large pathology group based in Houston. He is the past President of the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA)–Pathology Management Assembly and served on the MGMA's Government Affairs Committee. He continues to provide healthcare consulting services on occasion. Commissioner Senac volunteered as an Emergency Medical Technician for 12 years and a firefighter for 17 years. In 1983 he co-founded the Chambers County Fire & Rescue Association and was elected to the Beach City Council in which he served for 11 years. He was elected Mayor of Beach City in 1995 and served five terms until 2004. He was appointed by Governor Perry to the Coastal Water Authority Board in 2008. He has served on the Board of the Baytown West Chambers Economic Development Foundation since 2010 and served as Chairman from 2017 to 2018. Commissioner Senac was on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the Baytown Chamber of Commerce, and the Board of the West Chambers County Chamber of Commerce from 2013 to 2015. He also served on the Board of Directors of Portrait of a Warrior Memorial Art Gallery from 2013 to 2018, a non-profit organization established to honor Texas military veterans from the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. In 2010, Commissioner Senac was elected as the Chambers County Commissioner for Precinct 4, and he was re-elected to a second four-year term in 2014. He was appointed by Chambers County Commissioner Court to the H-GAC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee from 2011 to 2017, and the Transportation Policy Council from 2011 to 2017, serving as First Vice Chair in 2017, and Chair of the High Capacity Transit Committee. In 2018, Commissioner Senac was awarded the Road Hand Award by the Texas Department of Transportation for his assistance in several roadway projects within Chambers County.

Program Involvement: Nominated by the GBC in 2018 and nominated to continue representing Nature and Tourism.

Hanadi Rifai
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: Ms. Rifai currently serves as a professor in Civil and Environmental Engineering at University of Houston (main campus). She teaches courses in Computers, Engineering Design, Contaminant Fate and Transport, and Geographic Information Systems. Her research is focused on characterizing and modeling industrial and municipal pollutants in urban and rural watersheds. Ms. Rifai completed numerous studies for Galveston Bay over the past 15 years. She served in the past on TCEQ committees to develop environmental guidance, policies and TMDLs.

Program Involvement: Nominated by the GBC 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 (GBC), an advisory body to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the commission), for the Galveston Bay Estuary Program

Docket No. 2022-1629-RES

Non-Rule Project No. 2023-010-RES-NR

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Code identifies the commission as the lead state agency for the implementation of *The Galveston Bay Plan*, the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) developed under the National Estuary Program; and

WHEREAS, the CCMP specifies 41 GBC members from various entities be appointed to acquire the range of expertise and interest needed for effective comprehensive management; and

WHEREAS, the CCMP directs that the GBC be representative of federal, state, and local natural resource agencies; the research community; local government; the private sector, including representatives from nature tourism; citizen groups, including representatives from underrepresented 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 GBC conforms with the requirements of §320 of the Federal Clean Water Act (the Act), by including representatives from the groups and organizations specified in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the 41 members of the GBC were originally appointed by the commission by Order of Resolution on November 21, 1995; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2023, 18 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 in that attachment.

It is so **RESOLVED**.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Jon Niermann, Chairman

Date Signed

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