

**Adult Education and Literacy
Advisory Committee
Discussion Paper**

Background

Senate Bill 307, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2013), required the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to establish an Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) advisory committee. The advisory committee must not be composed of more than nine members and must include at least one representative of the business community and one representative of a Local Workforce Development Board (Board).

On November 26, 2018, TWC’s three-member Commission adopted TWC Adult Education and Literacy rule §805.43, which allows for the appointment of members to an additional two-year term. The rules became effective December 17, 2018.

Issue

Six of the nine committee members, including the required representatives from a Board and the business community, have terms ending in December 2019.

Committee Members with Terms Ending in December 2019

Name	Geographic Location	Position Represented	Employment
David Barron	Houston	Apprenticeship	Houston Area Coordinator and Training Center Director, Texas Carpenters and Millwrights Training Trust Fund
Donald Tracy	Austin	Community College	Director, Business Operations and Marketing for Continuing Education, Austin Community College
Samuel Keeler	Sherman	Business	Training/Human Resource Manager, Tyson Foods
Traci Berry	Austin	Adult Charter School	Chief Learning & Engagement Officer/Superintendent of Schools, The Excel Center, Goodwill Central Texas, Austin, Texas
Jesse Hernandez Jr	San Antonio	Business	Assistance Production Manager, TD Industries

Name	Geographic Location	Position Represented	Employment
Laurie Bouillion Larrea	Dallas	Board	Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas

1 Continuing Committee Members

Name	Geographic Location	Position Represented	Employment	Term Will Expire
Mignon Lawson	Abilene	Provider/ISD	Supervisor, Abilene Independent School District (ISD)	June 2020
Tiffany Johnson	Victoria	Provider/Community College	Director, Adult Education Department, Victoria College	December 2020
Mary Jo Ochoa-Hernandez (Presiding Officer)	El Paso	Provider/ISD	Career Pathway and Transitions Coordinator, Socorro ISD	December 2020

2 Nominees to Fill Committee Member Vacancies

Name	Geographic Location	Position Represented	Employment	Two-Year Term Will End
Paul Fletcher	Cedar Park	Board	Chief Executive Officer, Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area	December 2021
Diana Contreras	San Antonio	Business	Senior Director of Distribution/General Manager, Dollar General	December 2021
David Barron	Houston	Apprenticeship	Houston Area Coordinator and Training Center Director, Texas Carpenters and Millwrights Training Trust Fund	December 2021 (Reappointment)

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Samuel Keeler	Sherman	Business	Training/Human Resource Manager, Tyson Foods	December 2021 (Reappointment)
Traci Berry	Austin	Adult Charter School	Chief Learning & Engagement Officer/Superintendent of Schools, The Excel Center Goodwill Central Texas, Austin, Texas	December 2021 (Reappointment)

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2 **Decision Point**

3 Staff seeks direction on reappointing David Barron, Donald Tracy, Samuel Keeler, and Traci
 4 Berry to serve on the AEL advisory committee for an additional two-year term, and appointing
 5 current nominees, Paul Fletcher and Diana Contreras, to serve on the AEL advisory committee.