

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

Background

Texas Labor Code, §315.005, and Texas Administrative Code §805.43 require 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). Members must serve for staggered two-year terms and may be reappointed to a second term by the Commission.

Issue

Two committee members' terms ended in December 2020; these members represented AEL providers. At this time, the Commission may appoint two members to fill these vacancies.

Members with Expired Term

Name	Geographic Location	Position Represented	Employment	Two-Year Term Ended
Tiffany Johnson	Victoria	Provider/Community College	Director, Adult Education Department, Victoria College	December 2020 (2nd Term)
Mary Jo Ochoa-Hernandez (Presiding Officer)	El Paso	Provider/ISD	Career Pathway and Transitions Coordinator, Socorro ISD	December 2020 (2nd Term)

Continuing Committee Members

Name	Geographic Location	Position Represented	Employment	Term Will Expire
Mignon Lawson	Abilene	Provider/ISD	Supervisor, Abilene Independent School District (ISD)	September 2022 (2nd Term)
Paul Fletcher	Cedar Park	Board	Chief Executive Officer, Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area	December 2021

Name	Geographic Location	Position Represented	Employment	Term Will Expire
Diana Contreras	San Antonio	Business	Senior Director of Distribution/General Manager, Dollar General	December 2021
Traci Berry	Austin	Provider/Adult Charter School	Chief Learning & Engagement Officer/Superintendent of Schools, The Excel Center, Goodwill Central Texas, Austin, Texas	December 2021 (2nd Term)
David Barron	Houston	Apprenticeship	Houston Area Coordinator and Training Center Director, Texas Carpenters and Millwrights Training Trust Fund	December 2021 (2nd Term)
Donald Tracy (Presiding Officer)	Austin	Community College	Director, Business Operations and Marketing for the Continuing Education Division, Austin Community College	December 2021 (2nd Term)
Samuel Keeler	Sherman	Business	Training/Human Resource Manager, Tyson Foods	December 2021 (2nd Term)

1 **Nominees to Fill Committee Member Vacancies**

Name	Geographic Location	Position Represented	Employment	Two-Year Term Will End
Brenda Schofield	Beaumont	AEL Provider	Director of Adult Education and Literacy, Region 5 Education Service Center	April 2023
Rita Hernandez	Brownsville	Nonprofit/ Career School	President, Cameron County Education Initiative	April 2023

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1 **Decision Point**

- 2 Staff seeks direction on appointing Brenda Schofield and Rita Hernandez to serve on the AEL
3 advisory committee for a two-year term, which will expire in April 2023.