## Join Our Email List



At its December board of directors meeting, H-GAC welcomed five new members - the cities of Ames and Montgomery, Roman Forest, and the Village of Pleak. Pictured above (L to R): Cynthia Jones, H-GAC Intergovernmental Relations manager; Shauntil Cox, Roman Forest court clerk; Stan Donaldson, Montgomery councilmember; Sara Countryman, Montgomery councilmember; Montgomery Mayor Byron Sanford; and Rick Guerrero, H-GAC chief Outreach and Governmental Affairs officer.

## Tom Lambert, METRO CEO, Honored by H-GAC



Thomas C. Lambert, METRO CEO, was recognized at December's Transportation Policy Council meeting at the H-GAC board meeting for his 10 years serving as METRO's representative on the council. Lambert's retirement from METRO will be on Dec. 31, 2023, after 45 years of service to the organization.



## **CALL FOR PROJECTS!**

If you have a community-scaled idea for reducing greenhouse gas emissions or tackling air pollution within the 13-county Houston-Galveston region, H-GAC invites you to complete our Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program Call for Projects registration form.



https://bit.ly/CPRG-CallforProjects

The online application process is open now through 5 p.m. on January 15, 2024.

## Local Officials Voted to Represent Cities on H-GAC Board

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is pleased to announce the appointment of new delegates to the 2023 board of directors following the city and independent school district caucus meetings held in November. The board plays a crucial role in leading collaborative efforts to address regional challenges and advance programs that benefit the diverse communities within the H-GAC 13-county region.

Representing the interests of general law cities, Mayor Joe Garcia of Pattison and Councilmember Nancy Arnold of Waller have been elected as voting members of the H-GAC board. Councilmember Teresa Vazquez Evans from Kemah and Mayor Susan Schwartz of Bunker Hill (not pictured) are serving as their alternates. These representatives were elected from H-GAC's General Assembly, which comprises delegates from member general law cities.

In addition, the H-GAC board will be enriched by the participation of voting members from home rule cities, with Mayor Pro Tem Johnnie Simpson, Jr. of Dickinson and Councilmember Ross Gordon of Bellaire stepping into these roles. Mayor Don Davis of Manvel and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Compion of La Marque will serve as their alternates. Like their general law city counterparts, these representatives were elected from H-GAC's General Assembly comprised of delegates from other home rule cities.



Continuing to represent the interest of our local education system on the board of directors is Board Primary Trustee Rissie Owens, Huntsville ISD, and alternate Jennifer Keys, Alief ISD.

H-GAC looks forward to what's to come and the incredible expertise and outlook they will offer to help shape the future of our region's future leaders and workforce.

The H-GAC board of directors, composed of 37 local elected officials representing 13 counties, 107 cities, and 11 school districts, will oversee collaborative efforts with local governments. The board's focus spans various programs, including transportation planning, rural 9-1-1 services, workforce development, aging and disability resources, and disaster and recovery programs.





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