

COMMUNITY BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

Willis Adams

Mr. Adams was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He moved to Austin in the summer of 1980. He attended both the University of Akron, in Akron, Ohio and the University of Texas. He's been a member of the CBOC since the fall of 2007. Mr. Adams was a board member of ARA (Austin Revitalization Authority) for seven years, in addition to a former CAC member at Maplewood Elementary School. Mr. Adams recently retired from Continental Airlines after serving 24 years as a Manager, Hazmat Trainer and Crew Chief. His wife is Carla Nickerson, a well-known Austin actress and artist, and they have an 18-year old daughter who is a senior at McCallum High School.

Margarito Aranda

Margarito Aranda has been a member of the CBOC since fall 2006. He attended both The University of Texas and St Edward's University. Together with his wife, he operates a small restaurant in South Austin. He is the father of three children, two of which attend AISD schools.

Cari Clark

Cari is a graduate of The University of Texas and a native Austinite. She has been a homebuilder since 1989 and over the past 20 years she has built hundreds of homes in Central Austin. Cari has been active in local politics and has served on the state board for The League of Conservation Voters. She joined the CBOC in the fall of 2008, and she is the current Facilities Chair for the Friends of The Academy at McCallum. Cari and her husband have one daughter who is a freshman at McCallum.

Nan Clayton

Nan was born and raised in Central Texas. She graduated from the University of Texas Austin with a BA in Zoology (Physiology) and a MEd in Chemical Education. Professionally, she has taught and practiced chemistry including eight years with the Texas Health Department in water, food, and drug testing. Married to Bill Clayton, they have three sons, all graduates of Austin ISD. Nan has served on many AISD committees, including 14 years on the AISD Board of Trustees. Most recently she served on the 2008 Citizens' Bond Advisory Committee.

Ashton Cumberbatch

Ashton G. Cumberbatch Jr., is the Vice President of Advocacy and Community Relations for Seton Family of Hospitals. Prior to joining Seton, Ashton served as Police Monitor for the City of Austin; a partner in the law firm of McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., where he was head of the employment law section; and Chief of the Trial Division at the Travis County District Attorney's Office. In addition to his work at Seton, he still provides counsel at Cumberbatch & Associates, where he focuses on employment law and mediation.

Mr. Cumberbatch is an Associate Pastor at Agape Christian Ministries; and also ministers at Austin Bridge Builders Alliance (ABBA), a faith-based intermediary that influences Christian and community leaders to build partnerships that break down barriers and more effectively fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. As part of his ministry, he has been doing cultural competency training since 2001 and is one of the co-authors of the Austin Pastoral Covenant for Racial Reconciliation and the (Austin) Commitment to Racial Reconciliation.

Staley Gray

Staley Gray has served on the CBOC since the formation of the committee. She was asked to serve based on her service through PTA's and her involvement with Texas Parent PAC. As the parent of three school age children, public education is always a priority.

Jacquelyn Hawkins

With over thirty years of experience in automated systems, Jackie is currently employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as an Information Technology Consultant. Having an avid interest in education, she has devoted countless volunteer hours to organizations with scholarship objectives and adult literacy programs. She has also served on advisory committees to local school boards for the purpose of developing and maintaining specialized magnet schools, particularly in science and technology. In addition to the CBOC, she serves as a U.S. Commissioner for UNESCO where worldwide education is one of the priorities. Jackie earned her Bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Texas (UT) at Austin. She and her husband, Albert, have three children, the youngest now in 8th grade in the magnet program at Kealing Middle School.

Lawrence Huang

Larry works as a chip designer and software developer in the high tech industry. He received a B.S. and M.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Texas and a Ph.D. in electrical and computer engineering from Carnegie Mellon University. He is a participant in AISD UpClose. He served as PTA treasurer at Kealing Middle School and on various committees supporting the magnet program. His daughter is in the Academy of Global Studies (AGS) at Austin High where he participates in the CAC.

Bobby Jenkins

Bobby Jenkins has served as one of the CBOC tri-chairs since 2005. He is owner of ABC Pest and Lawn Services in Austin and a graduate of Texas A&M University. Bobby is active in the Austin Chamber of Commerce and Caritas. He has three children, who are either attending or attended AISD schools.

Rashaanne N. Lewis

Rashaanne N. Lewis is a graduate of Houston Baptist University, ACC, and completed some coursework at Huston-Tillotson University. Her degrees are in Hospitality Management with a minor in Accounting, Global Business, and Theology. She is currently a student at the Austin Graduate School of Theology, Austin. She has one daughter and is the vice president of the Austin Council of PTAs-LBJ Vertical Team (2nd year). She is a youth minister for PAPILLON Ministries, Inc. Also, she is the Founder, President, and CEO of Girls Inc. of Greater Austin. Her passion is to metamorph girls ages 9-18 into responsible, successful young ladies, while inspiring them to be STRONG, SMART, & BOLD.

Beverly Mendez

Beverly Mendez is a 1988 graduate of Texas State University (formerly Southwest Texas State University) with a degree in Accounting. She has worked for the State (TCADA & Comptroller of Public Accounts) in contracting and auditing capacities. She has worked in purchasing and contracting for the Lower Colorado River Authority, USAA and currently for the City of Austin. Beverly is a member of the Texas Association of Public Purchasers, Akins Boys' Basketball Booster Club President, Akins Baseball Booster Club President, member of Akins CAC, Paredes PTA, Akins PTSA, AISD UpClose participant and Sunday school teacher. She and her husband live in south Austin with their two boys who attend Paredes Middle School and Akins High School.

Mary Ann Neely

Mary Ann has a long involvement with environmental issues and is a member of the City of Austin Environmental Board.. She was state co-director of Clean Water Action, worked at the Lower Colorado River Authority and worked with the City of Austin's Climate Protection Team for the past five years. She has been a member of the CBOC since its inception and is currently the acting chair of the Survey Subcommittee. She holds a Master's degree from the University of Arizona and has taught elementary school.

Sarah Price

Sarah Price is new to the CBOC. She is a native of Central Texas and is a former high school social studies teacher in AISD. She holds a Masters Degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas but is currently a stay-at-home mother to her three children. Two of her children currently attend Barton Hills Elementary in AISD with the third starting kindergarten next fall. Sarah is active on the Barton Hills PTA and is co- chair of the Campus Advisory Council.

Jim Recek, AIA

Jim has been a member of the CBOC since its inception. A principal of his own architectural practice in Austin for 25+ years and a graduate of the UT School of Architecture. He was an original member of the Austin Adopt-A-School program which started in the early 1980's. Jim and his wife have three children who went through the AISD school system.

Steve Rogers

Has been a member of the CBOC since its beginning in February of 2005. He has a B.A. in Computer Science from UT and a B.S. in education from the University of Illinois. He has worked as a software engineer at National Instruments for almost 25 years. He has spent half a day each week at Burnet Middle School tutoring eighth grade math students for the last 10 years. He is also on the Burnet CAC through which he became aware of the CBOC.

Dale Sump

Dale currently serves on both the Community Bond Oversight Committee and the Performing Arts Center Task Force. Dale is employed at the Texas General Land Office as a program specialist after a 25-year career at The University of Texas System Administration, where he last served as the Director of Compliance and Compliance Officer. He also has nearly two decades of oil and gas experience with the University and managed professionals who accounted for, audited, and marketed royalty production on 2.1M acres in West Texas. Dale earned his Bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin, majoring in accounting. He is a Certified Public Accountant and is a member of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies. He resides in Austin, Texas, along with his wife and three children, the youngest of which attends James Bowie High School, and has a range of interests and hobbies. His volunteer time is divided between church, public school, and civic opportunities.

Jeff Walker

Jeff Walker is the Director of Project Development for the Texas Water Development Board. He has served on the CAC, Executive Board and as president of the PTA at Mills Elementary. He previously served on the Citizens' Bond Advisory Committee for the 2004 and 2008 Bond Programs. His wife is a second grade teacher in AISD and he has a freshman and fifth grader in AISD. He stays busy shuttling and cheering his boys in sports and music.

Kennard Wright

Kennard Wright is the proud father of a 5th grader in AISD. He is a graduate of Leadership Austin, the McBee Fellowship with the Austin Area Research Organization, and AISD Up Close. He has a Masters Degree in Public Affairs from the LBJ School and a B.A. in Political Science from Morris Brown College. His goal is to help improve district policies, facilities, and processes and to enhance the educational experience of all AISD students.

Ricardo Zavala

Ricardo Zavala, is the 78744 Community Youth Development Program Coordinator for the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department. Prior to joining the CBOC, Ricardo served on the City of Austin Community Development Commission; an intern for U.S. Rep Lloyd Doggett through the Congressional Hispanic Caucus in D.C.; a Luna Scholar for the late State Senator Frank Madla; and a City Hall Fellow for the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department. In addition to his work at the City of Austin, he still serves on the Campus Advisory Council for Mendez Middle School and Widen Elementary. Mr. Zavala is a born and raised Austinite who attended AISD schools such as Ridgetop, Sanchez, Widen, Mendez and then graduating from LBJ High School. Mr. Zavala is dedicated to ensuring inner-city youth have the same facilities and support as other youth to succeed and reach their full potential.

Peck Young

Peck Young, Director of ACC Center for Public Policy and Political Studies, was the political consultant for all of AISD's successful bond campaigns from 1983 until 2004. His wife taught in the system for 30 years and his wife, he and both his daughters graduated from AISD. He has been on the CBOC since its inception.