

**Continuing Advisory Committee for Special Education (CAC)**  
**Members**  
**2021-23 Term**

**Agata K. "Agatha" Thibodeaux** of Katy is an executive assistant at The Frontline Group, LLC. She is a member of Katy Independent School District Parent Teacher Association and former member of the American Marketing Association. Thibodeaux received a Bachelor of Arts in marketing from Metropolitan State University in Denver.

**Alicia Giordano** of Humble is the former Houston region area director for Aupaircare and a former educator. She is a member of the International Dyslexia Association, SAG/AFTRA, and NYU Torchbearers and a former member of the National Golden Key Honor Society. She is a representative for the University of Houston Charter School Parent Advisory Committee, former auction co-chair for School for Young Children-Houston, former auction committee member for Lakeshore Elementary-Humble ISD, and a former member of the Kingwood Area Mothers of Multiples Executive Board. Giordano received a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from the University of Florida, Master of Arts in educational theatre from New York University, and a Master of Arts in applied educational psychology in reading from Teachers College at Columbia University.

**Amy Litzinger** of Austin is a public policy specialist with the Texas Parent to Parent (TxP2P). She is a member of Texas ABLE Act Advisory Committee, and a former member of the Health and Human Services Commission Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) System Redesign Advisory Committee, Texas Children's Policy Council. Additionally, she is the former membership chairman and governing board member of National Youth Leadership Network and former executive committee vice chairman and policy workgroup chairman of The National Council on Disability Youth Advisory Council. Litzinger received a Bachelor of Arts in English and political science from Southwestern University and a Master of Arts in theological studies from Austin Seminary.

**Elizabeth A. "Beth" Donaldson** of Stowell is an education specialist for Windham School District. She is a member of the Texas Educational Diagnosticians' Association, Legacy Christian Parents, Teachers and Friends and former volunteer of Some Other Place. Donaldson received a Bachelor of Science in education, a Master of Education in special education, and a diagnostician certification from Lamar University.

**Jana S. Burns of Saginaw** is director of special populations for Region 10 Education Service Center and is a former director, principal and teacher for Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD. She is a member of the Texas Association of School Administrators, Texas Council of Women School Executives, Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education, and Association of Education Service Agencies. Burns received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of North Texas, a Master of Educational Leadership from Texas Woman's University, and a certificate in education leadership from Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

**Jana McKelvey** of Austin is a founding member and steering committee member for Texans for Special Education Reform, member of the Eanes ISD Parent Working Group and a project advisory committee member for the Young Leaders for Safe and Inclusive Communities' Project at SAFE (Stop Abuse For Everyone). She also volunteers for Camp Grace at Austin Oak Church and as an educational consultant. She is a former member of the Eanes ISD Digital Learning Task Force and a former volunteer for the Westlake Chapter Young Men's Service League and the Global Orphan Projects. McKelvey received a Bachelor of Science in agricultural economics from Texas A&M University.

**Jen Stratton** of Austin is CEO of Stratton Strategies, a strategic communication and speech consulting firm. She is a Sunday school storyteller at Hill Country Bible Church and a former volunteer debate coach at Anderson High School. Stratton received a Bachelor of Arts in political science and a minor in speech communication from McKendree University.

**Jo Ann Garza Wofford** of New Braunfels is a vice president and senior fiduciary administrator for Wells Fargo Investment Fiduciary Services. She is a member of the New Braunfels Parent Teacher Association and the New Braunfels Independent School District's Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, a group which she was instrumental in creating. She is also a former member New Braunfels Parent Advisory Committee and the District Education Improvement Committee. Garza Wofford received a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance from The University of Texas at Austin.

**Kristine H. Mohajer** of Leander is the education program specialist for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. She is a member of the Austin Community College Foster Student Committee, Texas Children's Commission, and the Texas Head Start Advisory Board. Mohajer received a Bachelor of Science in journalism and business administration from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and a Master of Public Administration from Texas State University.

**Laura Villarreal** of Universal City is a program specialist for transition services for the Texas Workforce Commission, and is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. Villarreal received a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Purdue University and a Master of Education from The University of Texas (UT) at Austin, and is currently pursuing a degree in behavioral therapy from UT at San Antonio.

**Laurie Goforth Rodriguez** of Dickinson is the director of special programs for Dickinson Independent School District. She is president-elect of the Gulf Coast Association of Special Educators and committee member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. She is also past president of the Arc of the Gulf Coast. Rodriguez received a Bachelor of Science in secondary education from Oklahoma State University and a Master of education from the University of Houston.

**Rachel A. Dreiling** of Dallas is a pediatric nurse practitioner in the emergency department at Children's Health. She is a member of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, Pediatric Nurse Certification Board. She is also a member of the Shelton School Parents Association and the Parish Episcopal School Parents Association and former member of the Junior League of Dallas. Dreiling received a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a Master of Nursing from Texas Woman's University.

**Ray Tijerina** of San Antonio is the Director of Talent for Compass Rose Academy. He was formerly the San Antonio Regional Talent Recruiter and Academic Counselor with IDEA Public Schools and Student Advisor with San Antonio Can High School. He is serving as a member of City Education Partners' Educate 210 Talent Steering Committee and the South San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Education Workforce Committee. He is a Veteran of the United States Navy where he served honorably for nine years. Tijerina received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science from Ashford University.

**Robin H. Lock** of Lubbock is a vice dean for the College of Education and professor in the College of Education Special Education program at Texas Tech University. She is a member of the Special Education Information Center (SpedTex) State Advisory Board and Learning Outcomes Project Education Faculty Workgroup for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Lock received a Bachelor of Science in elementary education, a Master of Education in special education, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in in learning disabilities from The University of Texas at Austin.

**Shemica S. Allen** of Allen is CEO and founder of Personalized Learning Solutions, LLC. She is a former educator with 15 years of teaching and administration experience working with students with disabilities and their parents and guardians. She is certified to teach Special Education and Physical Education and also received her Principal certification in 2010. She is also a member of National Association for Professional Special Education Advocates. Allen received a Bachelor of Science in education from the University of Arkansas and a Master of Science in kinesiology with a specialization in adapted physical activity from Texas Christian University.

**Stephanie Martinez** of Laredo is the student success coordinator at Texas A&M International University in Laredo. She was previously appointed as a student regent to the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents. She also serves as part-time faculty at the University, where she enjoys working with first year freshman students. Martinez received a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in communications from Texas A&M International University.

**Teresa Bronsky** of Plano is head of school for Bridge Builder Academy in Richardson. She is a member of the Plano ISD Special Education Advisory Committee and House District 67 Educational Advisory Board. She is also a member of the Council for Exceptional Children, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the National Association of Special Education Teachers. Bronsky received a Bachelor of Science in elementary education with a specialization in special education from Texas Woman’s University.

Name	Position	Date Term Expires
Agatha Thibodeaux	Parent	2/1/2021
Alicia Giordano	Parent	2/1/2021
Amy Litzinger	Individual with a disability	2/1/2021
Beth Donaldson	Corrections Department Rep.	2/1/2021
Jana Burns	Homeless	2/1/2021
Jana McKelvey	Parent	2/1/2023
Jen Stratton	Parent	2/1/2023
JoAnn Wofford	Parent	2/1/2021
Kristine Mohajer	Foster Care Rep. and individual with a disability	2/1/2021
Laura Villarreal	TWC Rep	2/1/2023
Laurie Rodriguez	SSA Director	2/1/2021
Rachel Dreiling	Private School Rep.	2/1/2021
Ray Tijerina	Charter School Rep.	2/2/2023
Robin Lock	Higher Education Rep.	2/1/2021
Shemica Allen	Educator	2/1/2023
Stephanie Martinez	Transition Services	2/1/2023
Teresa Bronsky	Private School Rep	2/1/2023