



# Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool

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2024 BOARD ELECTIONS

# What is TMLIRP?

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1973 legislature required cities to provide workers' compensation insurance to its employees

Legislature also provided avenue to create a pool to help with the cost – Texas Municipal League Workers' Compensation Joint Insurance Fund

1989 renamed Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool - TMLIRP

Pool of approximately 2800 cities utilizing the strength of numbers to provide the best cost for workers' compensation, liability, and property insurance

City of Burleson has been a member utilizing all coverage offered.



# Let's Talk a little about the Board

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## **There are 15 members**

- There is no particular TML Region a member has to be in to hold a place on the board
- 12 Members are composed of Elected Officials (city council members), and Appointed Officials (city managers, attorneys, etc)
- 3 Members are citizens At-Large appointed by the Board based on their expertise

## **Terms**

- Staggered terms of each member
- 6 year term

## **Chair & Vice-Chair**

- Appointed from it's membership – no specific place to hold these positions

# Who are the Board Member?

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**Place 1 - Term expires 2026**

Vacant

**Place 4 – Term expires 2026**

Austin Bless

City Manager, Jersey Village

**Place 7 – Term expires 2028**

Mary Dennis (Chair)

Mayor, Live Oak

**Place 10 – Term expires 2028**

Mike Alexander

Citizen

**Place 13 – Term expires 2024**

Harlan Jefferson

Deputy City Manager, Burleson

**Place 2 – Term expires 2026**

J. W. Buzz Fullen

Mayor, Henderson

**Place 5 – Term expires 2026**

Bert Lumbreras (Vice Chair)

Citizen

**Place 8 – Term expires 2028**

Chris Coffman

City Manager, Granbury

**Place 11 – Term expires 2024**

Randy Criswell

City Manager, Wolfforth

**Place 14 – Term expires 2024**

Mike Land

City Manager, Coppell

**Place 3 – Term expires 2026**

Jeffrey Snyder

City Manager, Plainview

**Place 6 – Term expires 2028**

Kimberly Meisner

Asst. City Manager, Kerrville

**Place 9 – Term expires 2028**

Opal Mauldin-Jones

City Manager, Lancaster

**Place 12 – Term expires 2024**

Allison Heyward

Councilmember, Schertz

**Place 15 – Term expires 2024**

Rickey C. Childers

Citizen

# What's on the Ballot

## ☐ Place 11

- Randy Criswell
- Robert S. Davis

## ☐ Place 12

- Cedric Davis Sr.
- Rocky Hawkins
- Allison Heyward
- Rudy Zepeda

## ☐ Place 13

- Harlan Jefferson
- James Quin

## ☐ Place 14

- Mike Land



# Place 11 Candidates

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**Randy Criswell.** (Incumbent) Randy Criswell is currently the City Manager of Wolfforth (Region 3), a position he's held since 2022. He has served on the TML Risk Pool Board of Trustees since 2015 and as Chair of the Board from 2020 to 2022. He has been in public service since 1994, having served the City of Canyon in three administrative roles including City Manager, the City of Mineral Wells as City Manager, and his current position. Mr. Criswell has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas Tech University in Engineering Technology and is a Certified Public Manager. He is a member of TCMA and a past member of the TCMA Board of Directors. He and his wife Janie have three grown children, and he enjoys golf, his Harley Davidson motorcycle, and spending time with Janie.

**Robert S. Davis.** Robert Davis serves as the City Attorney for the City of Bullard (Region 15). He is a Senior Partner at Flowers Davis PLLC in Tyler and oversees the Business and Commercial Litigation, Insurance Defense, Defense of Governmental Entities, Employment Law, and Medical Liability Sections of the law firm. Mr. Davis has extensive experience in representing governmental entities and government officials in all types of litigation. He also has extensive experience in litigation for major insurance carriers and drafting coverage opinions for insurance carriers. Through the years, he has written many papers for and made numerous presentations to Texas Sheriffs Association, Texas Association of Counties, Texas Jail Association, and Texas Chief Deputies' Association.

# Place 12 Candidates

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**Cedric Davis, Sr.** Cedric Davis is the City Manager of the City of Mathis (Region 11). He joined the city's administration team on January 3, 2024, and has more than three decades of experience as a public servant. He served as the City Manager of Mathis for over four years, and is a former Chief of Police and Public Educator. He is a graduate of Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas and the Advanced Military Academy of Texas. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Sam Houston State University. He is a licensed Master Peace Officer, Police Instructor, Investigator, and holds certifications in Public Management, Smart City Practitioner, and Public Finance Investment Officer. In 2008 he served as Mayor of Balch Springs.

**Rocky Hawkins.** Rocky Hawkins is a Councilmember for the City of Gladewater (Region 15), and served as such for four years. He has also served on the Gladewater Lake Board for 10 years, as a Chamber of Commerce Volunteer, as a member of the "Friends of the Library" at the Lee-Bardwell Public Library in Gladewater, and on various boards and committees at First Baptist Church for 30 years. Mr. Hawkins began his career with a brief stint as a Parole Officer for Gregg County; later spent almost 15 years in the Hospitality/Restaurant Business; and finished his career with 30 years at Eastman Chemical Co. He holds an associate's degree in business management from Kilgore College and a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University.

**Allison Heyward.** (Incumbent) Allison Heyward has served as Councilmember for the City of Schertz (Region 7) since 2018. She also serves on the TML Board of Directors and is currently the TML President Elect. She previously served in 2022 on the TMLIRP Board as the TML Board representative. In January 2023, she was appointed to Place 12 on the TMLIRP Board to fill a vacancy. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Texas Southern University, and is a 2020 graduate of the Chamber Leadership Core Program. Mrs. Heyward is also a TML Leadership Fellow and a Certified Municipal Officer (CMO), having received the TMLI CMO (Certified Municipal Official Designation) Award of Excellence for maintaining the designation for 5 continuous years. She has also been recognized with the President's Award for being one of the top 2 highest earners of Continuing Education Units.

**Rudy Zepeda.** Rudy Zepeda has served as the Finance Director for the City of Santa Fe (Region 14) since 2021. Before joining Santa Fe, Mr. Zepeda served eight years in Dayton, Texas, as Assistant City Manager and Finance Director. He holds a degree in Classics from the University of Arizona and certification in Certified Public Management from Stephen F. Austin University. While Finance Director in Santa Fe, the city earned the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Budget Presentation Award and the Excellence in Financial Reporting award. This year, the city was recognized by the State Comptroller's Office with its Traditional Finances Star Award. Mr. Zepeda's career spans 30 years, with significant experience in both public and private sectors, including 14 years in local government.

# Place 13 Candidates

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**Harlan Jefferson.** (Incumbent) Deputy City Manager for the City of Burleson (Region 13). Mr. Jefferson has been in public service for 41 years, serving as a Risk Manager for the City of Denton early in his career and serving as Town Manager for Flower Mound and Prosper, Texas. Mr. Jefferson is an active member of the Texas City Management Association (TCMA), having served on its Board of Directors and is a Past President of the North Texas City Manager Association. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Public Administration from the University of North Texas. Additionally, he is an Adjunct Faculty member in the Master of Public Administration Program at the University of North Texas.

**James Quin.** City Administrator for the City of Hutchins (Region 13) since March 2022. He served as City Administrator of Haslet for 8 years and City Manager for Richland Hills for 16 years. Mr. Quin earned a Bachelor of Science Education degree and a Master of Public Administration degree from Missouri State University. He is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and maintains the ICMA Credentialed Manager (CM) designation. In April 2022, he was awarded the High Performance Leadership Academy Certificate issued by ICMA Professional Development Academy. Also, he is a full member of TCMA, and previously served on the HCA Medical City Alliance Hospital Board for 6 years.



# Place 14 Candidates

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**Mike Land** (Incumbent) City Manager for the City of Coppell (Region 13) since 2017, and Deputy City Manager from 2012-2017. Previously, he was Town Manager for Prosper, City Manager for Gainesville, and Executive Director for the Southwestern Diabetic Foundation. Mr. Land serves on the International City/County Management (ICMA) Board of Directors and is the 2024-25 ICMA President-Elect. Additionally, he serves on the Texas Women's Leadership Institute Advisory Board, the Texas A&M University's Development Industry Advisory Council, and the UTA MPA Advisory Board. He has also served as School Board Trustee for Gainesville Independent School District and as President of TCMA.



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