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# Preface

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Grateful acknowledgement is due to those who have made this edition of our TSHL Directory possible. Thank you to all of our friends from across Texas for your ad purchase through our TSHL Foundation. As a self-funded organization, substantial private sector financial support is essential to TSHL's volunteer capacity to achieve significant breakthroughs in legislation beneficial to older adults across Texas.

This 18th edition of our Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Directory continues a nearly forty-year tradition creating visibility for our efforts among individuals, organizations, and agencies who seek to serve older adults.

In addition to our Directory's on-line presence, TSHL Legislators provide delivery to all statewide elected officials; our growing TSHL Legislature; 28 Area Agencies On Aging; hundreds of affiliated Senior Advisory Council community-based service organizations; and city and county elected leadership.

Additionally, our TSHL Directory is made available to citizens of our Great State of Texas through placement in public/private facilities which serve older Texans. We hope that it serves to educate, inspire, and sustain your interest, and perhaps through sharing it with others, to encourage their support as well.

Our Directory has become a universal focus of engagement with all statewide elected officials through our TSHL Legislature across Texas. Our TSHL Finance Committee has provided significant effort in logistics of assembling this important publication. Special commendations go to those directly involved in gift processing, ad processing, ad layout, and content proofing. We hope you will find its contents worthy of your continued support. Please visit TSHL's website at [www.tshl.org](http://www.tshl.org) for more complete information.

Respectfully yours,

*Edward Rogers*

Edward L. Rogers

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# The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature



20th Legislative Session - May 6-9, 2024  
Texas Capitol - House Chamber - Austin, Texas  
The Honorable Sherry Hubbard, Ed.D.  
Speaker

# A Message from the TSHL Speaker

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DR. SHERRY HUBBARD

2023

In our 20th Session, the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature (TSHL) continues its commitment to legislative engagement. Over the past 39 years, we have consistently held biennial Legislative Sessions, including the unprecedented virtual Legislative Session of 2020 during the COVID pandemic.

This 20th Session, themed “Embracing the Legacy; Forging the Future,” focuses on recruiting, Legislator Development, connecting TSHL Legislators with State Legislators, and improving our organizational structure. The Organizational Structure Committee, after spending months researching the history of TSHL, has identified productive changes for enhancing the organization’s focus on advocacy. Notably, the third biennial session, now termed the Advocacy Session, will bring our Legislators to Austin during the Texas Legislative Session to advocate for legislation on issues specific to needs of older Texans.

Our goals include growth to fill all the 123 Legislative positions across the state by the end of July 2025. Each of the 28 Legislative Districts is allocated at least four Legislators.

TSHL Legislators are assigned to each Texas Representative or Senator, fostering direct connections. This liaison role enhances communication between the two bodies, both working towards improving the lives of Texans, with TSHL’s focus being on older Texans.

We wish to extend our gratitude to our partners, including the Texas House and Senate, Area Agencies on Aging, the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Foundation Board, and various state agencies and other organizations supporting the well-being of older Texans.

Please visit our website ([www.tshl.org](http://www.tshl.org)) and this Directory for updated information on TSHL, its Legislators, and our results. We appreciate those who contributed through ad purchases in this Directory. Thank you for your continued support.

*Dr. Sherry Hubbard*

Dr. Sherry Hubbard

TSHL Speaker



# TSHL Speakers 1986-2025

1986-1988	J. Raleigh Jackson	2006-2008	Charlotte Parks
1988-1990	Millard Edgar Guess	2008-2011	Walter Graham
1990-1992	Allen Grobe	2011-2013	Walter Graham
1992-1994	Allen Grobe	2013-2015	Pat J. Porter
1994-1996	Homer W. Lear	2015	Nancy Byler
1996-1998	Homer W. Lear	2016-2017	Walter Graham
1998-2000	Gaston West	2017-2019	Walter Graham
2000-2002	Gaston West	2019-2023	Rhonda Rogers
2002-2004	Chris Kyker	2023-2025	Dr. Sherry Hubbard
2004-2006	Chris Kyker		

## In Memoriam

The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature (TSHL) pays tribute to the myriad accomplishments of the following esteemed colleagues, who are no longer with us, and honors their legacies, their lives well-lived, and their significant contributions to the greater good: the Honorable Jetta Roberts and the Honorable Gerardo “Tito” Camacho (Rio Grande Region) and the Honorable Trinidad “Trini” Garza (Dallas County Region). They have inspired their fellow Legislators with their dedicated service and were the recipients of awards and distinctions for their advocacy on behalf of older adults.

### Gerardo “Tito” Camacho

The Honorable Gerardo “Tito” Camacho was a 7-term (2008-2023), 14-year distinguished member of TSHL, serving on the Executive Committee and on the Operations, the Retirement and Aging, and the Elections & Credentials Committees. He worked diligently with the Rio Grande Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council to meet the needs of older Texans. Tito’s engagement and contributions to public housing will remain his enduring legacy. He was a Knight of Columbus Honorary Life Member, a well-respected businessperson, and a gracious gentleman in all his interactions with others.





## In Memoriam

### Jetta Roberts

The Honorable Jetta Roberts' legacy to the TSHL is legendary as she paved the way for countless first-year colleagues to enhance the lives of older Texans and made resolution writing an integral facet of her advocacy. During Jetta's 14-term (1994-2022), 28-year distinguished tenure at TSHL, she served on the Executive Committee and on the Health & Human Services, the Finance, and the Awards Ad Hoc Committees. There are many achievements for seniors that she is credited with, but most importantly she championed HB 54, which was signed into law by the Governor in 2023, raising the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) from \$60 to \$75 a month for nursing facility residents. Jetta Eileen Roberts, who died in 2022 at the age of 92, was inducted posthumously into the El Paso Commission for Women 2024 Hall of Fame.



### Trinidad "Trini" Garza

The Honorable Trinidad "Trini" Garza was a 6-term (2011-2021), 12-year distinguished member of TSHL, serving on the Executive Committee and on the Communications, the Legislative Action, and the Education Committees. He worked assiduously on the Dallas County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council to improve the lives of older people. Trini Garza was a community icon, and his enduring legacy is evident in his advocacy, leadership, and mentoring of the next generation of Hispanic leaders. In fact, the Early College High School at Mountain View College has been bearing his name since 2010. Trini served as Chair of the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber Board of Directors and graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1961.



Thank you, Jetta Roberts, Gerardo "Tito" Camacho, and Trinidad "Trini" Garza, from your colleagues in the TSHL, for a lives well-lived in service to others.



# History, Purpose, and Duties

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## History of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature

The Texas Legislature authorized the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature (TSHL) in 1985 when Governor Mark White signed Senate Concurrent Resolution 37. The first TSHL Legislative Session was held in 1986. It has continued for 39 years, meeting every two years prior to the Legislature's regular sessions. Older Texans 60 and over are elected to 2-year terms by their peers from 28 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) regions across the state of Texas. The TSHL is a nonpartisan and nonprofit Legislature composed of up to 123 Legislators.

## Purpose

TSHL is a nonpartisan legislature that advocates for issues of concern to older Texans and recommends legislative solutions to the Texas Legislature.

## Mission

TSHL provides a forum for older Texans to identify issues unique to aging, thereby allowing TSHL Legislators to educate and advocate for solutions through the legislative process.

## Vision

Through the knowledge and experience of TSHL Legislators working with the Texas legislature and state agencies, the lives of older Texans will be improved.

## Core Values

TSHL's long-term beliefs and principles are rooted in respect for its nonpartisan efforts to bring safety, dignity, and independence to older Texans by advocating for legislative solutions that address the unique problems and issues of aging.

## Goal

TSHL motivates its Legislators to use their collective knowledge of issues facing older Texans to initiate, debate, and recommend solutions to the Texas Legislature and state agencies.



# Resolutions

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## 19<sup>th</sup> Texas Silver-Haired Legislature

### TOP 10 RESOLUTIONS

The 19th TSHL passed a total of fifty-four resolutions during the Legislative Session, May 2-5, 2022. The resolutions that follow ask the 88th Texas Legislature for specific actions to benefit older Texans. The 19th TSHL Legislators selected these “Top Ten” priorities as those most important to older Texans statewide:

1. Increase the Personal Needs Allowance for Medicaid Residents in Nursing Homes
2. Child-Related Income Follows the Child
3. Increase the Readability of the Application and Vote-by-Mail Documentation to Reduce the Rejection Rate
4. Authorize TRS to Provide a Cost-of-Living Adjustment to Teacher Retirement System Retirees
5. Require a Criminal Background Check for CNAs and LVNs in Nursing Homes and Home Health Companies
6. Authorize a 13 Month Annuity Payment to Employees Retirement System (ERS) Retirees
7. Amend Family Code to Provide to Provide for a Grandparent Conservatorship and Support Bill
8. Improve Access to Healthcare in Rural Texas for Older Texans
9. Establish Full Practice Authority (FPA) for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs)
10. Increase the Maximum Rate of Home-Delivered Meals for Older Texans to \$10.00 with an Annual Cost-of-Living Adjustment



## Memorials

*In Loving Remembrance of*

Dr. Martin Joseph Kulig, M.D., Ph.D.

By the Kulig Family

*'Lord of life and love, as we give thanks for times past, grant us courage to embrace the present and grace to share the future. In memory of loved ones dear, kindle their flame to shine in the dark and light the path ahead. Show the way that leads to life as we cherish days gone by and inspire us with the touch of love that faith and hope live on.'*





## Tributes

*In memory of Donald R. Smith, who worked for over 30 years in the Texas aging network. His innovative approaches to, and his passion for the well-being of older Texans, will be missed.*

**Pat Gleason-Wynn and Rhonda K. Pogue**

*In Loving Memory of Alejandro de Jong Salinas  
By Sanctuary for Longevity Project*

*“Thank you, Walter Graham, for your years of service to Older Texans. Our only four-term TSHL Speaker - Speaker Emeritus. Encourager, Mentor, Supporter, Friend.”*

**Rhonda Rogers, Past Speaker**

*“We salute TSHL Legislators for their Advocacy.”*

**Bay City American Legion Post 11**

*In grateful appreciation to George Losoya, Director of Central Texas AAA of the Central Texas COG, for your solid support to the TSHL.*

**Alan Mathis**



# Committees

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE 2023-2025

### OFFICERS

Sherry Hubbard	Speaker	Concho Valley
Charles Scoma	Speaker Pro Tem Deputy	Tarrant County
Edward Rogers	Speaker Pro Tem	Alamo
Pat Gleason-Wynn	Secretary	Tarrant County
Wayne Merrill	Comptroller	Concho Valley

### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Fred D. Burrell, Jr	Finance	North Central Texas
Viola Hebert	Legislative Action	Harris County
Barbara King	Communications	West Central Texas
Sharon Kulig	Operations	Concho Valley
Alan Mathis	Elections & Credentials	Central Texas
Mike Taylor	Technology	Tarrant County

### LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Rea Barry	Health & Human Resources	West Central Texas
Scott Christensen	Pensions, Invs, Ins & Fin, Svcs	Brazos Valley
Gary Gerstenhaber	Rural-Urban	Capital Area
Bruce Hargrave	Human Services	North Central Texas
Laure McLaughlin	Utilities & Nat'l Res	Capital Area
Dan Roberts	Retirement & Aging	North Central Texas
David Timmerman	State Affairs	Heart of Texas
Ira Wilsker	Criminal Justice	Southeast Texas

### DISTRICT LEGISLATORS

Rhonda Rogers	Legislator	Ark-Tex
Audrey Fisher	Legislator	Bexar County
Gail Huffine	Legislator	Brazos Valley
Eugene Baxter	Legislator	East Texas
Jaime Cantu	Legislator	Coastal Bend
Dick Coupe	Legislator	Dallas County
Elgin Davis	Legislator	Deep East Texas
Jean Williams	Legislator	Houston-Galveston
Charles Isaac	Legislator	Middle Rio Grande
Bobette Doerrie	Legislator	Panhandle
Hope Williams	Legislator	Permian Basin
Alicia deJong-Davis	Legislator	Rio Grande
Soyla Castillo	Legislator	South Plains
Dalia Martinez	Legislator	South Texas
Fred Meyer III	Legislator	Texoma
Barbara Aydlett	Emeritus	Bexar County
Betty Lee Streckfuss	Emeritus	Harris County



# Committees

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE 2023-2025

### COMMUNICATIONS

Responsible for preparation, printing, and distribution of all print materials and media releases, including the Legislative Report, the Official Documents, and news releases.

Barbara King	Chair	West Central Texas
Marvin Mott	Vice Chair	Deep East Texas
Rea Barry	Secretary	West Central Texas
Otilia Buantello-Enriquez		North Central Texas
Al Campbell		Brazos Valley
Scott Christensen		Brazos Valley
Connie Clements		Brazos Valley
Bobette Doerrle		Panhandle
David Hackethorn		Brazos Valley
Armida Hernandez		Rio Grande
Sandra Jenkins		Dallas County
Dalia Martinez		South Texas
Gilda Ortego		Rio Grande
Kittie Rice		Southeast Texas
Frances Rizo		Dallas County
Virginia Rodriguez		Harris County
Paul Stempko		Capital Area
Sue Wilson		Capital Area

### ELECTIONS & CREDENTIALS

Responsible for all matters pertaining to the statewide election certification of Legislators from Area Agencies on Aging and for conducting officer, committee, and resolution priority elections.

Alan Mathis	Chair	Central Texas
Mary A. Yanez	Vice Chair	Rio Grande
M. Dolores Garcia	Secretary	South Plains
Dora Aguirre		Rio Grande
Barbara Aydlett		Bexar County
Maryann Barthelemy		Harris County
Eugene Baxter		East Texas
Jaime Cantu		Coastal Bend
Elgin Davis		Deep East Texas
Martha Jackson		Central Texas
Cindy Jones		Concho Valley
Mary Nixon		Southeast Texas
Charla Overton		Panhandle
Leo Rodriguez		Harris County
Rhonda Rogers		Ark-Tex
Mary Pat Smith		Capital Area
Rebecca Vallejo		Bexar County
Jean Williams		Houston-Galveston



# Committees

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE 2023-2025

### FINANCE

Responsible for all TSHL fiscal matters, the budget, the Directory, and fundraising activities.

Fred D. Burrell, Jr	Chair	North Central Texas
Bruce Hargrave	Vice Chair	North Central Texas
Gary Gerstenhaber	Secretary	Capital Area
Lynn Midgette	Secretary	Deep East Texas
Frank Archuleta		Bexar County
Alicia deJong Davis		Rio Grande
Peggy Dimmick		Capital Area
Audrey Fisher		Bexar County
John Johnson		Dallas County
Jean Moss		North Central Texas
Beatrice Nealy		Tarrant County
Mary Ann Plumley		Capital Area
Danny Volcik		Heart of Texas
Hope Williams		Permian Basin
Ron Wood		Capital Area

### OPERATIONS

Responsible for all planning and execution of logistics matters, including registration, hospitality, and management of general sessions.

Sharon Kulig	Chair	Concho Valley
Kay Sanders	Vice Chair	Tarrant County
Laure McLaughlin	Vice Chair	Capital Area
Gail Huffine	Secretary	Brazos Valley
Joan Blackmon		South Plains
Betty Jo Brown		Harris County
Dick Coupe		Dallas County
Jerome Doerrie		Panhandel
Angie Hoquang		Dallas County
Charles Isaac		Middle Rio Grande
Rosemary Mathis		Central Texas
Carol Peters		Capital Area
Dan Roberts		North Central Texas
Bert Simon, Jr.		North Central Texas
Betty Lee Streckfuss		Harris County
David Timmerman		Heart of Texas
Beth Uherik		Concho Valley
Dick Winters		Concho Valley



# Committees

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES** **TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE** **2023-2025**

### **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Responsible for maintaining and managing the TSHL website, assisting Legislators with technology training, and recommending technology updates.

Mike Taylor	Chair	Tarrant County
David Stephen Toback	Vice Chair	Dallas County
Linda Timmerman	Secretary	Heart of Texas
Emma Acosta		Rio Grande
Herbert Campbell		Texoma
Soyla Castillo		South Plains
Viola Hebert		Harris County
Fred Meyer III		Texoma
Rick Roberts		Harris County
Ira Wilsker		Southeast Texas

### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE (LAC)**

Responsible for reviewing and sending resolutions to the TSHL Legislators, presenting the adopted resolutions to the Texas Legislature and Governor, then pursuing those resolutions through the legislative process.

Viola Hebert	Chair	Harris County
Sue Wilson	Vice Chair	Capital Area
Linda Timmerman	Secretary	Heart of Texas
Rea Barry		West Central Texas
Scott Christensen		Brazos Valley
Gary Gerstenhaber		Capital Area
Bruce Hargrave		North Central Texas
Laure McLaughlin		Capital Area
Dan Roberts		North Central Texas
David Timmerman		Heart of Texas
Ira Wilsker		Southeast Texas



# Committees

## **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMMITTEES** **TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE** **2023-2025**

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Addresses issues related to homeland security, public safety, fraud, scams, and cyber security that are of concern to older Texans.

Ira Wilsker	Chair	Southeast Texas
Dalia Martinez	Vice Chair	South Texas
Dolores Garcia	Secretary	South Plains
Frank Archuleta		Bexar County
Martha Jackson		Central Texas
John Johnson		Dallas County
Charla Overton		Panhandle
Leo Rodriguez		Harris County
Rebecca Vallejo		Bexar County
Danny Volcik		Heart of Texas

### **HEALTH & HUMAN RESOURCES**

Addresses issues related to Medicaid benefits, all programs related to the health and mental health care continuum, and issues related to improved health care outcomes of older Texans.

Rea Barry	Chair	West Central Texas
Paul Stempko	Vice Chair	Capital Area
Bobette Doerrie	Secretary	Panhandle
Barbara Aydlett		Bexar County
Audrey Fisher		Bexar County
David Hackethorn		Brazos Valley
Rosemary Mathis		Central Texas
Beatrice Nealy		Tarrant County
Rick Roberts		Harris County
Kay Sanders		Tarrant County
Betty Lee Streckfuss		Harris County

### **HUMAN SERVICES**

Addresses issues concerning services for older Texans including transportation, senior citizen programs, respite care, and all programs that involve the physical aspects for older adult care.

Bruce Hargrave	Chair	North Central Texas
Virginia Rodriguez	Vice Chair	Harris County
Mary Nixon	Secretary	Southeast Texas
Viola Hebert		Harris County
Armida Hernandez		Rio Grande
Gail Huffine		Brazos Valley
Mary Ann Plumley		Capital Area
Frances Rizo		Dallas County
Mary Pat Smith		Capital Area
Mary Yanez		Rio Grande



# Committees

## LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMMITTEES TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE 2023-2025

### **PENSIONS, INVESTMENTS, INSURANCE, & FINANCIAL SERVICES (PIIFS)**

Addresses issues related to all pensions operated by the State of Texas, insurance needs for older Texans, and matters pertaining to banking, investments, or financial services related to older Texans.

Scott Christensen	Chair	Brazos Valley
Ron Wood	Vice Chair	Capital Area
Soyla Castillo	Secretary	South Plains
Elgin Davis		Deep East Texas
Bert Simon, Jr.		North Central Texas
Mike Taylor		Tarrant County

### **RETIREMENT & AGING**

Addresses issues regarding the protection and well-being of older Texans that relate to housing, employment, food insecurity, social isolation, retirement programs, taxes, property, and assets of older Texans.

Dan Roberts	Chair	North Central Texas
Maryann Barthelemy	Vice Chair	Harris County
Sue Wilson	Secretary	Capital Area
Joann Blackmon		South Plains
Al Campbell		Brazos Valley
Sandra Jenkins		Dallas County
Fred Meyer III		Texoma
Hope Williams		Permian Basin
Jean Williams		Houston-Galveston



# Committees

## LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMMITTEES TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE 2023-2025

### RURAL-URBAN

Addresses issues that reflect the unique needs and challenges of older Texans in both rural and urban communities.

Gary Gerstenhaber	Chair	Capital Area
Dick Coupe	Vice Chair	Dallas County
Beth Uherik	Secretary	Concho Valley
Dora Aguirre		Rio Grande
Eugene Baxter		East Texas
Otilia Buantello-Enriquez		North Central Texas
Herbert Campbell		Texoma
Jaime Cantu		Coastal Bend
Sharon Kulig		Concho Valley
Alan Mathis		Central Texas
B. Jean Moss		North Central Texas
Gilda Ortego		Rio Grande
Rhonda Rogers		Ark-Tex
Linda Timmerman		Heart of Texas
Dick Winters		Concho Valley

### STATE AFFAIRS

Addresses issues related to management of State agencies including regulations and licenses, veteran issues, adult guardianship, and grandparent protections and support, and support for older Texans with disabilities.

David Timmerman	Chair	Heart of Texas
Alicia DeJong-Davis	Vice Chair	Rio Grande
Charles Isaac	Secretary	Middle Rio Grande
Emma Acosta		Rio Grande
Connie Clements		Brazos Valley
Peggy Dimmick		Capital Area
Barbara King		West Central Texas
Lynn Midgette		Deep East Texas
Marvin Mott		Deep East Texas

### UTILITIES & NATURAL RESOURCES

Addresses issues relating to agricultural, environmental, utilities, energy, infrastructure, water, and other natural resources, as these relate to older Texans.

Laure McLaughlin	Chair	Capital Area
Cindy Jones	Vice Chair	Concho Valley
Betty Jo Brown	Secretary	Harris County
Fred D. Burrell, Jr		North Central Texas
Jerome Doerrie		Panhandle
Carol Peters		Capital Area
David Stephen Toback		Dallas County



# Committees

## **SUPPORT COMMITTEES** **TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE** **2023-2025**

### **AWARDS**

Barbara Aydlett  
Bobette Doerrie

Chair

Bexar County  
Panhandle

### **DOCUMENTS REVIEW:**

Rhonda Rogers  
Bruce Hargrave  
Jean Williams

Chair

Ark-Tex  
North Central Texas  
Houston-Galveston

### **ETHICS**

Paul Stempko  
Fred D. Burrell, Jr.  
Mary Pat Smith  
David Stephen Toback

Chair

Capital Area  
North Central Texas  
Capital Area  
Dallas County

### **LEGISLATOR COORDINATOR**

Ron Wood

Capital Area

### **LEGISLATOR DEVELOPMENT**

Linda Timmerman  
Scott Christensen  
Alan Mathis  
Lynn Midgette  
Dan Roberts  
Kay Sanders  
Paul Stempko  
David Timmerman

Chair

Heart of Texas  
Brazos Valley  
Central Texas  
Deep East Texas  
North Central Texas  
Tarrant County  
Capital Area  
Heart of Texas

### **LEGISLATOR RECRUITMENT**

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Fred D. Burrell, Jr.  
Charles Isaac  
John Johnson  
Cindy Jones  
Sharon Kulig  
Alan Mathis  
Ed Rogers  
Paul Stempko  
Linda Timmerman  
Jean Williams  
Sue Wilson

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Concho Valley  
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Alamo  
Capital Area  
Heart of Texas  
Houston-Galveston  
Capital Area



# Committees

## SUPPORT COMMITTEES

### TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE 2023-2025

#### MEMORIALS

Dolores Garcia	Chair	South Plains
Betty Jo Brown		Harris County
Soyla Castillo		South Plains
Bobette Doerrie		Panhandle

#### MENTOR PROGRAM

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Bobette Doerrie		Panhandle

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Laure McLaughlin		Capital Area
Rhonda Rogers		Ark-Tex
Bert Simon, Jr.		North Central Texas

#### SILVER BULLETIN

Peggy Dimmick	Editor	Capital Area
Rhonda Rogers	Proofer	Ark-Tex

#### STRATEGIC PLANNING

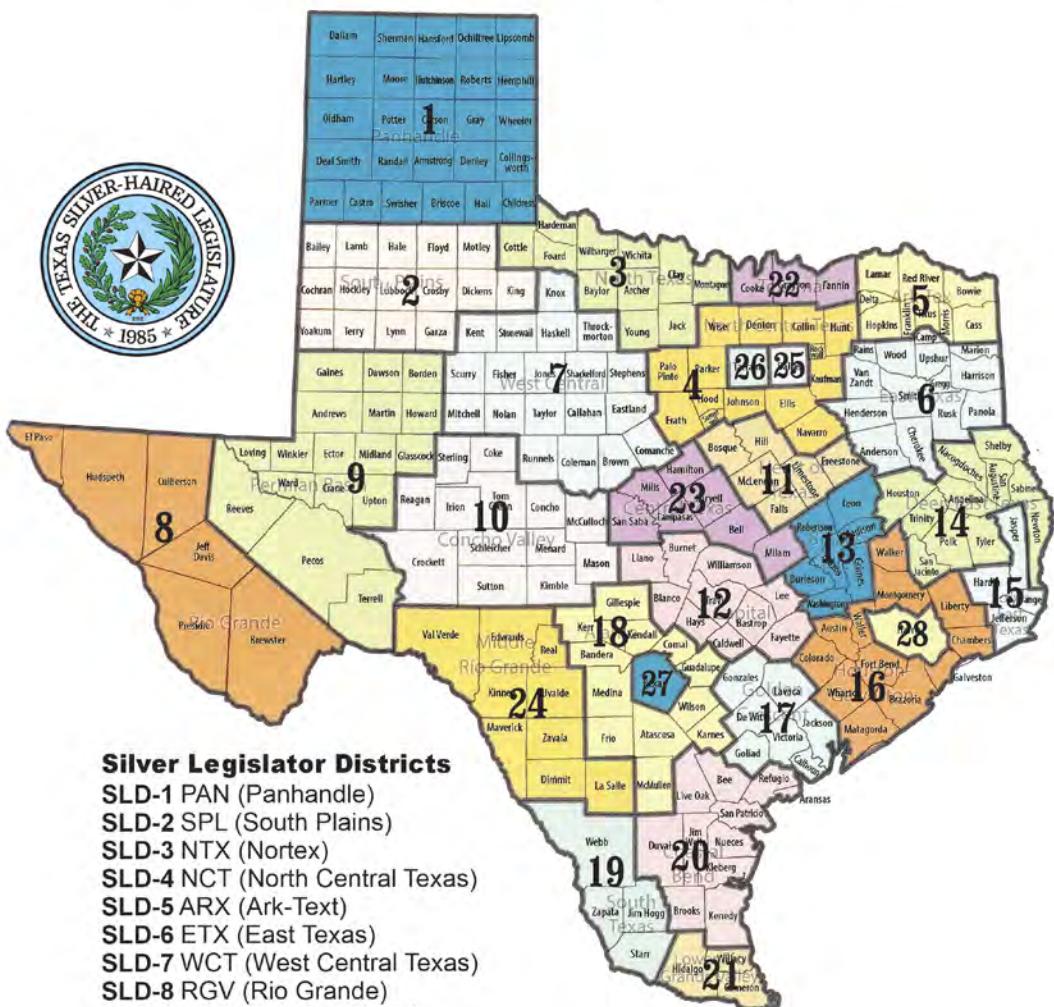
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Archuleta Maryann		Bexar County
Barthelemy Dick		Harris County
Coupe		Dallas County
Alicia deJong-Davis		Rio Grande
Jerome Doerrie Dan		Panhandle
Roberts		North Central Texas
Paul Stempko Mike		Capital Area
Taylor		Tarrant County
Linda Timmerman		Heart of Texas
Walter Graham		Emeritus
Pat Porter		Emeritus

#### ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Mike Taylor	Chair	Tarrant County
Fred D. Burrell, Jr.		North Central Texas
Gary Gerstenhaber		Capital Area
Dan Roberts		North Central Texas
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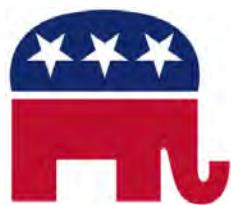
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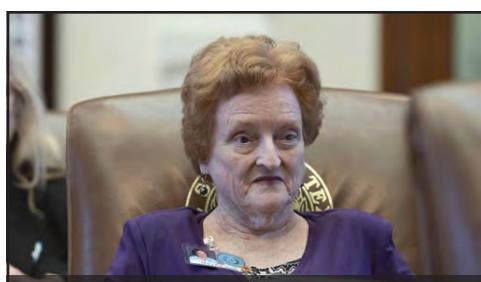
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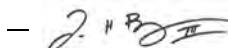
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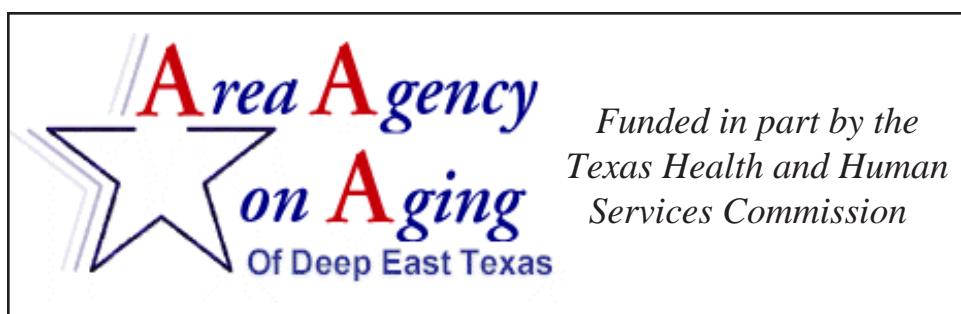
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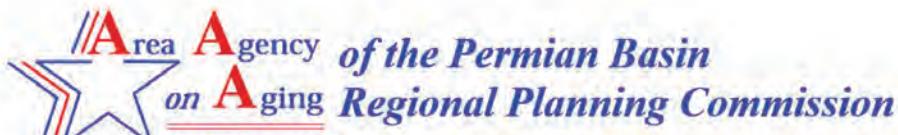
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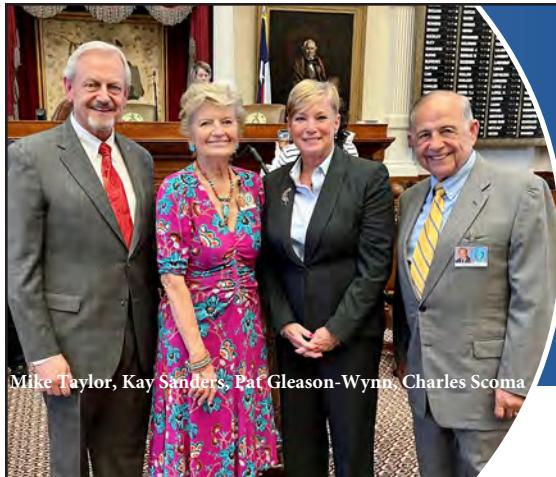
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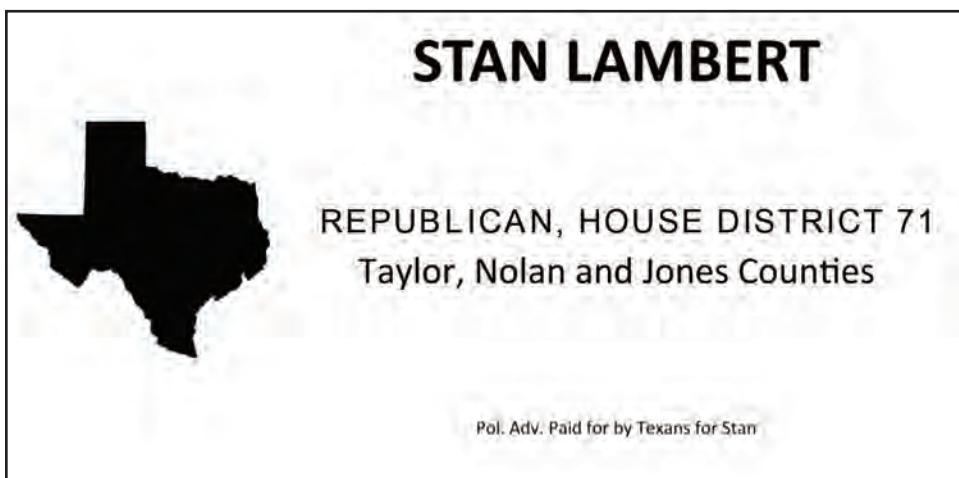


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## JENNIFER L. PERKINS

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As President of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Foundation (TSHLF), on behalf of my fellow board members, we congratulate the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature (TSHL) on its 40th year. Since their founding in 1985, TSHL and TSHLF have worked side by side for 20 legislative sessions to elevate the discussion of issues important to Texas seniors, and with good reason.

Consider that in Texas:

- Nearly 60% of Texans older than 60 participate in the labor force;
- By 2030, almost 20% of the state's population will be older than 60, with Texas' senior population growing at a faster rate than the rest of the country's elder population and faster than the overall state population; and
- For Texans who are becoming seniors now, life expectancy is a couple decades longer than for previous generations allowing much more life to be lived.

Our mission of serving the seniors of Texas remains the sole focus of our endeavors. We will strive to accomplish this through broadening board recruitment to include more TSHL Legislators in the Foundation's efforts, undertaking a number of technology initiatives to organize and secure TSHL's archives so future generations can learn from TSHL's collective accomplishments throughout the decades, and showcasing the successes TSHL has achieved for older Texans. Our work to diversify revenue streams ensures our investments will remain strong and continue to grow in support of TSHL's mission and goals. Member development outreach will be local and community-focused, allowing for more personalized contributions, deeper interpersonal interactions, and more rewarding participation in TSHL's programs.

We look forward to celebrating 40 years at our 2025 TSHLF Gala on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. Stay tuned for details on location, honorees, and opportunities to be involved. It will be a wonderful time.

The Foundation and TSHL are excited to continue partnering in service to the seniors of Texas. As an all-volunteer organization, please take a moment to celebrate yourselves for your dedication to fellow seniors, for you have accomplished plenty! And please know for this all-too-brief moment in time, I am honored to be a small part of this outstanding group of individuals who continue to make it all happen behind the scenes.

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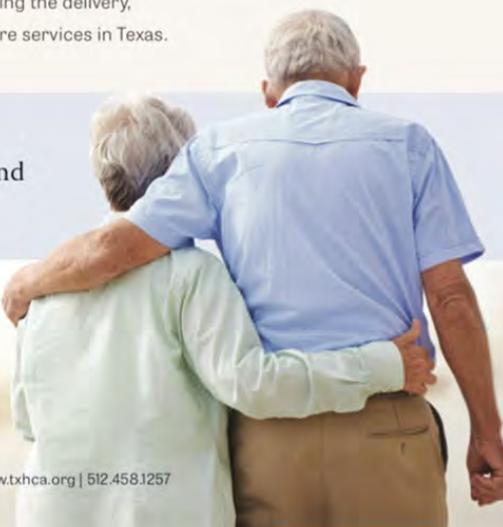
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# Acronyms on Aging

ACRONYM	WHAT IT STANDS FOR
AAA	Area Agency on Aging
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ADRC	Aging and Disability Resource Center
AFC	Adult Foster Care
ACL	Administration for Community Living
AIRS	Changed to: Inform USA
AiTc	Aging in Texas Conference
ALF	Assisted Living Facility
AoA	Administration on Aging
APS	Adult Protective Services (parts of DFPS)
ATG	Alternatives of Guardianship
ATW	Aging Texas Well
CAS	Community Attendant Services
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CIL	Centers for Independent Living
CLASS	Community Living Assist. & Support Services
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
COG	Council of Governments
COLA	Cost of Living Adjustment
DFPS	Dept. of Family and Protective Services
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DSHS	Dept. of State Health Services
ERS	Employment Retirement System
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year
FGP	Foster Grandparents Program
GAO	General Accounting Office
GR	General Revenue
GSA	Gerontological Society of America
HAC	House Appropriation Committee
HB	House Bill
HCR	House Concurrent Resolution
HCBS	Home and Community -Based Services
HDM	Home Delivered Meals
HHSC	Health and Human Services Commission



# Acronyms on Aging

ACRONYM	WHAT IT STANDS FOR
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act
IDD	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
IADL	Instrumental Activities of Daily Living
LAC	TSHL Legislative Action Committee
LAR	Legislative Appropriation Request
LBB	Legislative Budget Board
LCA	Texas Joint Legislative Committee on Aging
LIC	TSHL Legislative Issues Committee
LTC	Long Term Care
MERP	Medicaid Estate Recovery Program
MFP	Money Follows the Person
MHA	Mental Health Authority
N4A	National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
NASOP	National Assoc. of State Ombudsman Programs
NASUA	Changed to: AAdvancing States
NCOA	National Council on Aging
NOFA	Notification of Funds Available
NIA	National Institute on Aging
NIH	National Institute of Health
OAA	Older Americans Act
OAG	Office of the Attorney General
OASDI	Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance
OMB	Ombudsman
PACE	Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly
PHC	Primary Home Care
PIW	Promoting Independence Workgroup
PSA	Planning and Service Area
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary
RSVP	Retired Senior Volunteer Program
SAO	State Auditor's Office
SB	Senate Bill
SCR	Senate Concurrent Resolution
SCP	Senior Companion Program
SFY	State Fiscal Year
SHIP	State Health Insurance Assistance Program



# Acronyms on Aging

ACRONYM	WHAT IT STANDS FOR
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SCSEP	Senior Community Service Employment Program
SUA	State Units on Aging
T4A	Texas Association of Area Agencies on Aging
TAC	Texas Administrative Code
TALA	Texas Assisted Living Association
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TARC	Texas Association of Regional Councils
TDD	Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TTY)
TDHCA	Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs
TDI	Texas Dept. of Insurance
TGA	Texas Guardianship Association
THCA	Texas Health Care Association
THI	Texas Health Institute
TLSC	Texas Legal Service Center
TRS	Teacher Retirement System of Texas
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TSHLF	Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Foundation
VA	Veteran's Administration
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