



# Economic & Business Development Committee Meeting

**RHCA . . . the leader in Diversity Inclusion**  
**Networking and building business relationships and opportunities**

**November 7, 2023**

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- Keep yourself muted throughout the meeting
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- Presentation will be emailed
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- Ask questions in the chat
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# Welcome

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# Committee Introductions

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**GLUNA AWARDS**  
ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTION

Presenting Sponsor **VANIR**

*Dallas/FW*  
**Luna Awards Luncheon**  
Thursday, November 9, 2023  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
**Sheraton Dallas Hotel**  
Dallas Ballroom  
400 N Olive Street, Dallas, TX 75201

**Registration**

**Partnering Associations**



**2023 Luna Awards**

Winners will be announced at the luncheon.

- Service Firm  
of the Year Award
- A/E/C Firm  
of the Year Award
- Rising Star A/E/C Firm  
of the Year Award

- Business Advocate of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Outstanding Executive of the Year
- Outstanding Professional of the Year
- Outstanding Administrative Professional of the Year

Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/230085618271151>



## Workforce Training

CORE Bilingual Construction Industry Program  
(National Center for Construction Education and Research)

<https://regionalhca.org/nccer-core-training/>

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## Speakers



**Ceason Clemens, P.E.**  
Dallas District Engineer  
Texas Department of Transportation



**David M. Salazar Jr., P.E.**  
Fort Worth District Engineer  
Texas Department of Transportation



**Martin Rodin, P.E.**  
PEPS Division Director  
Texas Department of Transportation



**Elizabeth Mow, P.E.**  
Assistant Executive Director of Infrastructure  
North Texas Tollway Authority



**Natasha Tabatabai, P.E.**  
PEPS Section Director, Fort Worth Service Center  
Texas Department of Transportation



**Joseph Jancuska, P.E.**  
PEPS Dallas Service Center  
Texas Department of Transportation



**Brennan Honey, P.E.**  
Dallas District Construction  
Texas Department of Transportation

## Sponsors



## Partnering Organizations



# HEAVY HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION FORUM DALLAS & FORT WORTH

**Friday, December 1, 2023**  
**8:30 AM – 2:00 PM**



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**RSVP!**  
Lunch will be provided

The RHCA invites consultants, engineers, and contractors, in addition to any professional services or construction services companies interested in or currently working in the Heavy Highway and Transportation industry, to participate in this upcoming Forum. Join us to hear from key decision makers, including TxDOT and NTTA leadership as well as technical experts, as they speak about the State of the Industry and upcoming opportunities.

For More Information: call 972-786-0909 or email: [julio@regionalhca.org](mailto:julio@regionalhca.org)

Friday, December 1 - Dallas & Fort Worth Districts: <https://form.jotform.com/231416413650144>

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**RHCA Holiday Celebration**  
 The Twelve Days of Christmas and The Christmas Village at the Arboretum

**RHCA Annual Toy and Food Drive**  
 Food Drive Benefiting area Senior Citizens

**Thursday, December 14th, 2023**  
**5:30 PM - 9 PM**

**Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden**  
 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, TX 75201

**Registration Includes Parking & Admission**

**Event Registration**

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# Guest Speaker



Edward D. Turner - MBA  
Sr. Outreach Specialist  
Communications, Outreach & Marketing  
**City of Dallas**  
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*City of Dallas*  
**Boards  
&  
Commissions**



# Agenda

1 What are Boards & Commissions

3 Who May Serve

5 Next Steps

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2 How Important are Boards & Commissions

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The City of Dallas is greatly enriched by the work of boards and commissions and strives to ensure they reflect an equitable and diverse membership, since they play a vital role in providing direction and recommendations for City operations and help improve the quality of life for all residents.



# What are Boards & Commissions

- *Most boards and commissions are established by City of Dallas ordinances or charters.*
- *In addition to elected officials and professional City staff, the City of Dallas relies on boards and commissions (B&C) to enhance City operations.*



# Boards & Commissions

*Each B&C are aligned to a strategic priority areas related to the B&C and interest, such as:*

- Public Safety
- Quality of Life, Arts & Culture
- Transportation & Infrastructure
- Workforce, Education & Equity
- Economic Development
- Environment & Sustainability
- Government Performance & Financial Management
- Housing & Homeless Solutions



# How Important are Boards & Commissions

*Each B&C hold one of the following types of responsibility*

- **Advisory:** Provides advice or recommendations to the City Council on issues or policies.
- **Quasi – Judicial:** Exercises sovereign functions of government, largely independent of the controls of others.
- **Instrumentality:** A subsidiary of local government created for a special purpose.
- **Municipal Management District:** Assists with the economic development and redevelopment of public improvements.



# Who May Serve

- The members are mainly residents appointed by the Mayor and City Council.
- Serve voluntarily and without compensation.
- Some B&C include or consist of council members.





# Eligibility

*B&Cs serve as a training ground for residents wanting to become directly involved in local government.*

- Must be a resident for six months prior to the appointment.
- Must not have pending litigation against the City of Dallas.
- Not convicted of two or more felonies.
- All qualifications are listed in the Dallas City Code, Sec. 8-1.4.



# Next Steps

**B&C members represent many neighborhoods, perspectives and groups; and they bring an array of experience, qualification and knowledge to the governance process.**

- There are 54 Boards and Commission
- To view board and commission opportunities, visit the City's Board and Commission website:
- [www.dallascityhall.com/government/Boards-and-Commissions](http://www.dallascityhall.com/government/Boards-and-Commissions)



# GET ON BOARD!



**Boards and  
Commissions**

**BECOME A VOICE FOR DALLAS**

*We are looking for residents committed to improving Dallas. APPLY to join a City of Dallas Board or Commission Today!*



Building Inspection Advisory & Examining Appeals Board



Fire Code Advisory Board



Municipal Library Board

**MLK**

Martin Luther King  
Community Center Board



Landmark Commission



South Dallas Fair Park  
Opportunity Fund Board



Youth Commission



**FOR OPEN POSITIONS:** [bit.ly/BoardsandCommission](https://bit.ly/BoardsandCommission)



For more information about the Boards and Commissions, please visit [bit.ly/CODBandC](https://bit.ly/CODBandC)

# How to Apply

- Once you have identified a board or commission of interest and reviewed the necessary qualifications for appointment consideration, visit the City Secretary's Office website:
- [www.governmentjobs.com/careers/dallasboards](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/dallasboards)



# Contact Information

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# Committee Discussion

## Statewide Initiative

### Project Opportunities:

- EBD Committee to invite key members from municipalities from around the state and have them present and update on A/E/C Opportunities.
  - City of Fort Worth
  - Houston – City of Houston Office of Diversity and Inclusion Upcoming Opportunities
  - Galveston – Galveston ISD... On Hold
  - Austin ISD 2022 Bond Program
  - El Paso ISD
  - Midland / Odessa... On Hold
  - Forney – Forney ISD
  - Little Elm – Little Elm ISD
  - Alvarado – Alvarado ISD
  - Mansfield – City of Mansfield
- Infrastructure Bill Impact on Texas and DFW

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## BIAEA Board Needs Members

The Building Inspection Advisory, Examining and Appeals (BIAEA) Board is currently in need of new members. The Building Inspection Advisory, Examining, and Appeals Board is a quasi-judicial board that was established to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the Building Official relating to the application and interpretation of the codes. Board members must meet certain **criteria** to be considered for appointment.

If you are interested in serving on the board, please click below to apply. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shanee Weston, Senior Boards and Commissions Coordinator, at [shanee.weston@dallas.gov](mailto:shanee.weston@dallas.gov). We look forward to serving alongside you as we work together to build a safe and united Dallas!

[Click to Apply](#)

(Select 'Request Access to Site' to begin application process.)

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*Together we are building a safe and united Dallas!*



<https://edms-public.dallascityhall.com/ExternalAccessClient/Account/Login.aspx>

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# RHCA | Webinar

## Infrastructure Bill Opportunities Impact on Texas with a Focus on North Texas

- ***Federal highway programs:*** \$26.9 billion
- ***Public Transportation:*** \$3.3 billion
- ***Drinking water infrastructure (and removing lead pipes):*** \$2.9 billion
- ***Airports:*** \$1.2 billion
- ***Bridge replacement and repairs:*** \$537 million
- ***Electric vehicle charging network:*** \$408 million
- ***Broadband expansion:*** \$100 million
- ***Wildfire protection:*** \$53 million
- ***Cyberattacks protection:*** \$42 million

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# Committee Discussion

Open Discussion:

- 2023 A|E|C Market Conditions
  - Labor Market Conversation
    - Large Businesses competing for the same talent pool as Small Businesses
  - Material availability and price escalation
    - Material Costs
    - Labor Costs
    - Layoffs
      - COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates
  - Next steps
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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# RHCA | Subcommittee

## Help with inviting monthly guest speakers

### Example:

The invitation details are listed below:

**Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021

**Time Duration:** 10 to 15 minutes (if you need more please let me know)

**Time Range:** Any 15 minutes between 8:45am to 10:00am CST

**Via online Video:** Zoom Video Conference

**Committee:** RHCA Economic and Business Development Committee: Audience – Contractors/Professional Services/Public Agency Employees

**Topic:** Texas Emission Reduction Plan (TERP) Program overview & Benefits for contractors

**Presentation:** PowerPoint Due by Monday, November 8 – To Jonathon Garcia

**Other Items Needed:** (1) Headshot in JPEG (2) Title

Link to recommend guest speakers: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=m9gkZ9IDKEWQMA6zN7Gyu1-t7tkG5ypLvhszQy7hgMRUNUdGT0UwVIVLTDVRSFNDUjZGU09VVFVPC4u>

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