



Hidalgo County Head Start Program

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TO: Grantee Board Members (Commissioners' Court Members)
FROM: Irma E. Peña, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Community Representatives Appointments
DATE: September 24, 2024

In accordance with Head Start Performance Standards and the current Hidalgo County Head Start Program Policy Council By-Laws, the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court is required to nominate five (5) Community Representatives, one by each member, to serve on the Hidalgo County Head Start Program Policy Council for a one year term. The Performance Standards and the Head Start Act indicate that "No Policy Council member shall serve on the Policy Council for more than five (5) one-year terms." (45CFR (1301.3(d) (3))

According to the Bylaws current members may remain on the Policy Council until a new member is appointed. New officers for the Policy Council elected at the Wednesday, October 9, 2024 meeting.

The current members on the Policy Council serving as Community Representatives nominated by the Grantee Board (Commissioners' Court) are as follows:

Grantee Board Members (Commissioners' Court)	Current Community Representatives 2023-2024	Years of Services	
Richard Cortez County Judge	Vacant		
David Fuentes Commissioner, Pct. 1	Rosa Perez Date Appointed: 12.14.21 Date Sworn In: 01.19.22	3	(2021-2022) (2022-2023) (2023-2024)
Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu Commissioner, Pct. 2	Marlenma Valencia-Martinez Date Appointed: 10.17.23 Date Sworn In: 10.20.23	1	(2023-2024)
Everardo "Ever" Villarreal Commissioner, Pct. 3	Avellna Pena Segovia Date Appointed: 03.23.21 Date Sworn In: 03.24.21	3	(2021-2022) (2022-2023) (2023-2024)
Ellie Torres Commissioner, Pct. 4	Rene Torres Date Appointed: 03.19.23 Date Sworn In: 04.24.24	1	(2023-2024)