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RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

30 MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN IN
HOUSTON
D-Mars, 2022

TOP WORKPLACES AWARD
HCAD, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020

DISTINGUISHED ASSESSMENT
JURISDICTION AWARD
Int'l Assoc Assessing Officers, 2021

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL BOARD OF
THE YEAR
HEB, 2018

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Greater Houston Partnership
Houston Region Business Coalition
Women Professionals in Gov't
Texas Assoc of Appraisal Districts
Int'l Assoc of Assessing Officers
Auburn Alumni Association

OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Lake Houston YMCA, Board
Humble ISD Portrait of a Graduate
Humble ISD Council of PTAs, Board
Cherish Our Children Int'l, Board
Lake Houston Partnership, Leadership
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Leadership Class

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SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE, LEGISLATIVE DELEGATE

Humble Independent School District, Humble, TX

2017 - Present

- Offices Held: President, VP, Secretary, and Parliamentarian
- Building and Planning Committee: vets all agenda items prior to presentation to full board; provides guidance on all bond projects, including renovations, new builds, and land acquisitions; reviews contracts related to land purchases, leases, or sales; and reviews FEMA fund reimbursement status.
- Finance Committee: recommends policies and budgets that support the district's mission and strategic goals; and reviews bond funding, including sales, interest rates, timelines, and updates on remaining funds.
- Kingwood Super Neighborhood Council: project recommendations include, widening of North Park Drive to six lanes, mobility improvements, and new sidewalks; and projects that are part of a multi-year capital improvement plan with Harris County, TxDOT, Metro, Union Pacific, and City of Houston.
- Regular visits with elected officials in Washington DC and Austin.
- Fiduciary responsibility for \$1.5 billion budget, including operating and bond.
- Passed bonds in 2018 at \$550 million, and in 2022 at \$775 million.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CHAIRMAN

Harris Central Appraisal District (HCAD), Houston, TX

2020 - Present

- Elected by school board peers to represent the 24 ISD's and four community college systems in Harris County, not Houston ISD.
- Fiduciary responsibility for \$99 million budget, and approves the valuation for all properties in Harris County, total exceeding \$3 quadrillion.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Texas Business Hall of Fame, Houston, TX

2023 - Present

- VP of Community Engagement
- Recognizes and inducts six transformational business leaders in the state each year honoring their accomplishments and contributions in business and the community.
- Awards forty \$20,000 prizes in both higher education and the veteran community to those who demonstrate exceptional entrepreneurial aspirations.

COMMISSIONER

Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), Austin, TX

2022 - 2024

- Gubernatorial Appointment by Texas Governor Greg Abbott.
- The mission of TCOLE, as a regulatory State agency, is to establish and enforce standards to ensure that the people of Texas are served by highly trained and ethical law enforcement, corrections, and telecommunications personnel.

BOARD TRUSTEE

Lone Star Investment Pool, Austin, TX

2021 - 2024

- Review, approve, and oversee the services to meet the needs of fund management for school districts, colleges, universities, local governments, and other public entities.
- An investment pool with over \$20 billion in average annual assets.

EXECUTIVE BOARD, TREASURER AND FINANCE CHAIR

Humble ISD Education Foundation, Humble, TX

2015 - 2017

- Served on the executive board and grant review committee.
- Fund raised to award more than \$300K in Innovative Teacher Grants to teachers.
- Fund raised utilizing the Wish List Program, Campus Campaigns, Foundation Endowment, Designated Gifts, and the Foundation Gala.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SECRETARY

American Community School, US State Department Affiliation, Abu Dhabi, UAE

2008 - 2010

- To raise funds for a new campus, the board was involved in an extensive capital campaign, with top US companies and the US Ambassador to Abu Dhabi.
- Attended the NESA Leadership Conferences, with the US State Department's Office of Overseas Schools.

Melissa Meisgeier Noriega has spent her adult life in public service: in neighborhood organizations, with non-profits, as an at-large and state Houston official, and in a career working for the Houston Independent School District (HISD). She left HISD as a manager of Professional Development and Leadership Training after being elected to Council Position 3 At-large in a special Houston city council run-off election in June, 2007.

City Council

Her time at HISD was followed by three allowed (term-limited) terms as a city- wide at-large member of the Houston City Council, where she served as Chair of Public Safety and Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology, Co-chair of the Census Complete Count Committee, and Co-chair of the winning City Bond Election Campaign in 2012, which initiated Parks Bayou, the citywide linear parks effort along Houston's bayous, eventually linking the flagship city parks with additional linear parks and trails, creating a connected city-wide parks system.

Non-profit Executive

After Council, she served as Vice President of Policy and Partnerships at BakerRipley, a neighborhood-based community development organization, for four years. She was part of the leadership team that opened the NRG shelter after Hurricane Harvey devastated Houston, and worked with efforts in the aftermath, helping with the restoration and recovery process at the city and county levels, in coordination w federal and state interventions.

Melissa is active on the board of New Hope Housing, former Chair of the East End Foundation/Cultura Cultural District partner, and recently served on the executive board of her SuperNeighborhood. Currently she is a trustee of the Harris County Education Foundation.

Legislator

Melissa didn't contemplate a political career until she spent almost a year in the Texas House of Representatives in 2005, as the first person to serve under the provision of an amendment to the Texas Constitution approved by voters in 2003, allowing a stand-in for a legislator at war. She served on the Defense Affairs & Homeland Security and Corrections committees, and was named Freshman of the Year by the Democratic Caucus.

Volunteering at the George R. Brown Convention Center following Hurricane Katrina, she chose to follow her experience in the Texas House with the run for City Council:

We had neighbors coming from New Orleans--many of them coming with their whole live in plastic bags, or with nothing at all, and Houston stepped up," she said. "I have never been so proud to be from Houston. I decided to run for city council because I saw what we Houstonians could do when we set our minds to it. We were truly that city on a hill...it was amazing."

College and Community

Ms. Noriega, the first in her family to graduate from the University of Houston, is a Lifetime Alumna, and can be found at most Cougar home games, receiving the UH Distinguished Alumni award in 2017. She is a proud alumna of the Alpha Pi Chapter of Phi Mu Fraternity, where she served as President and Membership Chair, as well as Vice-President of the campus Panhellenic Council.

She is a member at Christ Church Cathedral, where she supports the Beacon and Compass homeless ministries, but she can also sometimes be found in the congregation at Lakewood. She is the proud mother of Richard J Noriega Jr, recent graduate of Austin College in Sherman, Texas. Melissa Noriega believes that inner-city Houston is special: the East End and Gulfgate, downtown and Norhill Heights area, those historic original settlements that became Houston, can be a community where children and families, seniors, veterans, small business owners and entrepreneurs, artists—great diversity and great promise—can prosper.

Ms. Noriega has been honored by her opportunity to be of service to the Houston community, and is grateful for the support of her family, friends, colleagues, and community