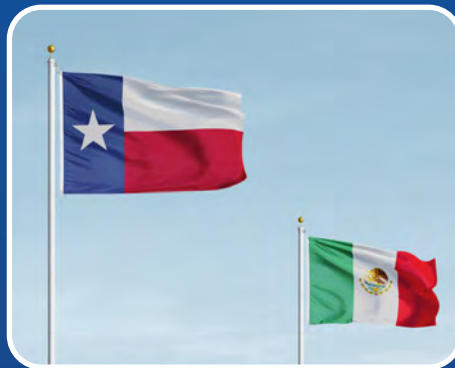
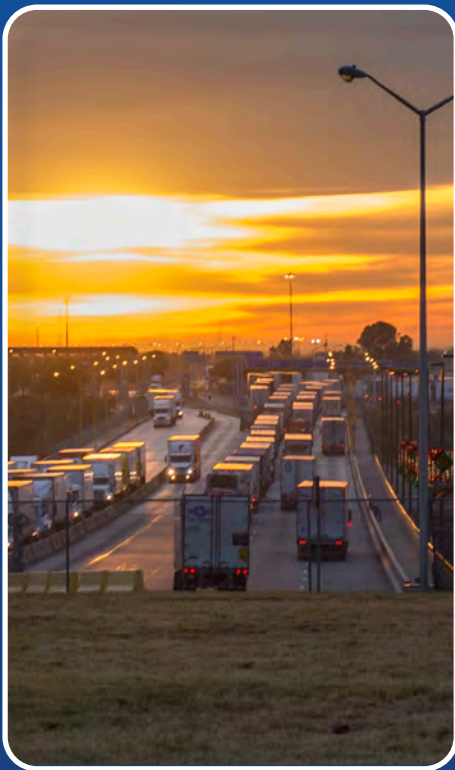


Border Trade Advisory Committee Meeting



TxDOT Greer Building
125 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX, 78701

November 12, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CST



Meeting Agenda

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Coffee and Networking**

8:30 – 9:05 a.m. **Safety Minute**

Francisco J. Almanza, International Trade and Border Planning Coordinator, Texas Department of Transportation

Welcome and Introductions

• Roll call



Hon. Jane Nelson
Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee



Hon. Andy Brown
Travis County Judge



Mr. Alvin New
Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission



Mr. Alejandro "Alex" G. Meade III
Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission



Mrs. Caroline A. Mays, AICP
Director, Planning and Modal Programs, TxDOT



Hon. Donna Howard
State Representative



Vikki Goodwin
State Representative



Hon. Humberto Hernández-Haddad
Mexican General Consulate in Austin, Texas.



Hon. Susan Harper
Consulate General of Canada in Dallas



Dr. Marco González Valdez
Secretary of Regional and Agricultural Development of State of Nuevo León



Lic. Ninfa Cantú
Secretary of Economy of the State of Tamaulipas



Lic. Fernando Alba
Undersecretary of Industry, Mining and Energy of the State of Chihuahua.



Lic. Gloria Gutiérrez Ramón
Representative of ProCoahuila in Austin on behalf of the State of Coahuila

Border Trade Advisory Committee Members

9:05 – 9:10 a.m. **Adoption of the Aug 27, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

Hon. Jane Nelson, Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee

Committee adopts minutes from last meeting.

9:10 – 9:25 a.m. **Texas-Mexico Border Transportation Master Plan Update Development**

Claudia J. Lagos-Galindo, MIM, Branch Manager, International Trade and Border Planning, TxDOT

Provide overview on the Texas-Mexico Border Transportation Master Plan update development.

9:25 – 10:00 a.m. **Border Connectivity Studies Update**

- **First and Last Mile connectivity**
- **Connectivity between border crossings**
- **Connectivity between border regions**

Marvina Cephas, International Trade and Border Planning Coordination, TxDOT
Jolanda Prozzi, Consultant
William Smithson, Consultant

Provide study updates.

Questions, comments. Discussion

10:00 – 10:20 a.m. **Texas House Bill 4422**

Sergio Vasquez, Border Program Manager, TxDOT
Joseph Bryan, Consultant
Derek Barrs, Consultant

Present program update.

Questions and comments. Discussion

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10:20 – 11:05 a.m.	Texas Economic Development Panel Carlos Ealy , Assistant Secretary of State for Mexican and Border Affairs, Office of the Texas Secretary of State, Moderator Adriana Cruz , Executive Director, Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office Aaron Demerson , President and CEO, Texas Development Corporation David Zapata , Vice President of International Affairs and Economic Development, Texas Association of Business	Panel on Texas Economic Development. Discussion on what different organizations are doing to promote international trade and economic development in the state of Texas.
11:05 – 11:50 a.m.	Binational Manufacturing and Logistic Industry Panel Juan Carlos Villa , Head of the International Trade and Border Transportation Division, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Moderator Marco Rodríguez , Head of External Affairs, Public Policy and Sustainability, Daimler Trucks Edgar Guillaumin , GVP of Public Affairs, Constellation Brand Jason Brown , Senior Manager of Logistics Operations, Toyota Motor North America	Binational panel on manufacturing and logistics companies, the needs and challenges of cross-border trade, and how to make it more efficient.
11:50 – 12:00 p.m.	Open Discussion – Future Meetings and Topics Hon. Jane Nelson , Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee	Discuss any outstanding issues and summary of action items and future meetings and topics.
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn Hon. Jane Nelson , Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee	

Speaker Bios



Hon. Jane Nelson

Texas Secretary of State and Chair, Border Trade Advisory Committee

Secretary Nelson is a businesswoman and former teacher who served two terms on the State Board of Education and 30 years as a State Senator representing North Texas.

The first woman in Texas legislative history to chair a standing budget-writing committee, Secretary Nelson was Chair of the Senate Finance Committee for four sessions. She was a member of the Senate State Affairs Committee, which oversees election policy, for eight sessions. She served as chair of the Sunset Advisory Commission, the Nominations Committee, the Select Committee on Cybersecurity and the Senate Health & Human Services Committee. She was also a member of the Legislative Budget Board, the Legislative Audit Committee and the Privacy Protection Advisory Council.

Secretary Nelson and her husband, J. Michael Nelson, owned and operated an aircraft component manufacturing company in Denton County. They have five children and 12 grandchildren.



Hon. Andy Brown

Travis County Judge

Judge Andy Brown oversees Travis County's \$1.4 billion annual budget as the County's chief administrator and Director of Emergency Management.

Since taking office, he has prioritized resource allocation to historically underserved communities, initiating a mass COVID-19 vaccination effort focused on communities of color. During winter storm Uri, he directed vital support to the hardest-hit areas and has emphasized investments in mental and behavioral health care, affordable housing, and increased transparency in County operations. Under his leadership, the Commissioners Court allocated \$110 million for homelessness initiatives, expected to create around 3,000 housing units in the area.

Before his tenure as Judge, Brown contributed to the establishment of the Sobering Center-Austin as an alternative to jail for intoxicated individuals and founded a successful law firm. He has a rich history of public service, having worked as a legislative aide, campaign manager, law clerk, finance director, and Travis County Democratic Party Chair. A lifelong Austin resident, he graduated from The University of Texas School of Law and lives with his wife, two children, a dog, a cat, and four chickens.



Mr. Alvin New

Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission, TxDOT

Alvin New is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation.

New is a business investor, rancher and former San Angelo Mayor. New is a lifelong resident of West Texas and was born in Brownfield. He has lived mostly in or near San Angelo since 1981.

New spent most of his career with Town & Country Food Stores. He started as a clerk while getting his business administration degree from Angelo State University. New worked his way up to chief executive officer and part owner. He and his partners sold their stake in the convenience store chain about a decade ago. He currently serves as a member of the Texas Tech University Foundation Board and the Goodfellow Air Force Base Advisory Council. New earned his bachelor's degree in business administration in management from Angelo State University. Commissioner New was appointed February 20, 2018, and re-appointed April 8, 2021. His second term will expire February 2027.



Mr. Alejandro "Alex" G. Meade III

Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission, TxDOT

Alejandro "Alex" G. Meade III is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. He was appointed commissioner by Governor Greg Abbott on March 21, 2023. Meade, who lives in Mission, was appointed to serve on the commission for a term set to expire Feb. 1, 2025.

Meade is a Brownsville native, who previously served as the city manager of Pharr, where he managed a \$200 million budget and almost 700 employees. He also has served as the chief executive officer of the Mission Economic Development Corporation. His career also includes positions as principal of P3 Economics, an economic development consulting firm in Brownsville; the director of Economic Development at the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce; and private sector positions in accounting and management.

Meade, earned his bachelor's degree in business administration in economics from St. Edward's University. He earned a master's in business administration from the University of Texas at Brownsville, and a master's in public administration from the University of Texas-Pan American. He is certified as an Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP) and is a Certified Public Manager (CPM). Meade is an alumnus of the Texas Lyceum and is a board member of the Border Trade Alliance, former board of regent for Texas State Technical College System, and a former member of the Texas Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

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Mrs. Caroline A. Mays, AICP

Director, Planning and Modal Programs, TxDOT

Caroline Mays is a senior-level leader with more than 24 years of multimodal transportation planning, programing, policy, project development, and implementation experience at the local, regional, state, and international levels, having held various leadership roles at all four levels.

Ms. Mays joined the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in late 2012 and has held several positions. Ms. Mays is a member of TxDOT's senior leadership team and currently serves as the Director of Planning and Modal Programs. In this role, she directs and oversees all the transportation planning activities of the agency including Aviation, Maritime, Public Transportation, Rail, and Transportation Planning and Programming Divisions.

Ms. Mays is a member of the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners. She serves as the Chair of the Association of American State Highway Transportation Official's (AASHTO) Special Committee on Freight and is a member of the Transportation Research Board's (TRB) Planning and Logistics Committee. Ms. Mays also serves on the World Road Association (PIARC) Technical Committee on Freight as a representative of AASHTO and the United States.

Ms. Mays holds a Bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Waterloo, Canada and a Master's degree of Science in Planning from the University of Toronto, Canada.



Hon. Donna Howard

State Representative District 48

Representative Donna Howard has been a member of the Texas House of Representatives since 2006, currently serving as Vice-Chair of the Select

Committee on Health Care Reform and as a member of the House Appropriations and Higher Education Committees. As Chairwoman of the Texas Women's Health Caucus, the largest caucus in the U.S. focused on women's health policy, she has championed efforts to increase funding and access to women's health services while combating anti-abortion misinformation. Over the past year, she has raised national awareness about the impacts of Texas's anti-abortion legislation on community health.

A native of Austin, Howard holds a Bachelor's degree in nursing and a Master's in health education from the University of Texas. Her professional background includes working as a critical care nurse and serving as Austin's first hospital-based Patient Education Coordinator. She has held leadership positions with the Texas Nurses Association and has been active on various boards, including the Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Howard is also dedicated to community service through her role on the Expanding Horizons Foundation, which supports low-income housing and education. She is a proud mother of three and a grandmother to seven.



Hon. Vikki Goodwin

State Representative District 47

Vikki Goodwin is currently serving her third term in the Texas House, representing District 47, which includes parts of western Travis County. During the 88th Session, she successfully passed several significant bills aimed at enhancing safety and well-being in her district, including Cati's Act for drowning prevention and the Natalia Cox Act for violence prevention. Additionally, she expanded mental health services through AcuDetox and established the Texas Food Security and Resiliency Council to improve food security. Goodwin has also been actively involved in advocating for public school funding, gun safety, and environmental protection, and she plans to introduce the Affordable Rent Act in the next session.

A small business owner and real estate broker, Goodwin holds a BBA from the University of Texas and a master's degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs. A long-time resident of Shady Hollow, she has engaged extensively in community service, serving on various boards and commissions. Her volunteer work has deepened her understanding of local needs and challenges, particularly concerning health issues, student debt, and low wages. Inspired by her experiences, Goodwin has committed to being a strong advocate for the residents of District 47, focusing on the issues that matter most to them.



Hon. Humberto Hernández-Haddad

Mexican General Consulate in Austin, Texas.

Humberto Hernandez-Haddad was born in Villahermosa, Tabasco, 19th July, 1951. His law degree from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). He received a National Prize "President Juarez" in 1972 for his constitutional thesis "Constitutional Analysis of the Reform Laws promulgated by President Juarez. His influence on Mexican political thought." He was a Fellow 1977-1978 from the Center for International Affairs of Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He received his Master in International Public Policies from the School of advanced International Studies (SAIS) Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C, 1980-1981. The Government of the United States of America granted him the condecoracion Commander's Award for Public Service, for his performance as Consul General of Mexico in the United States of America. He was previously yhe Consul General in San Antonio, Texas and is now serving as the Consul General of Mexico in Austin, Texas, since June 17th. of 2024.

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Susan Harper

Consul General of Canada in Dallas

In November 2022, Susan became Consul General in Dallas, the senior representative of the Government in Canada, responsible for Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Her office, the Consulate General, covers economic, political, and public affairs, and provides consular and commercial services. The Consulate of Canada in Houston, which focuses on commercial issues, also reports to her office. In addition, these offices coordinate with several other key federal government departments, which focus on a range of issues, including energy, environment, security and defense, as well as with Canadian provinces that are active in the territory. Previously, Harper was Consul General in Miami, Canada's Senior Arctic Official, and Director General in the trade policy area, covering policy, negotiations and regulatory issues. She was at the Embassy of Canada in Washington DC, where she became the Minister (Economic Affairs). From 2001 to 2004, she was Canada's Ambassador in Montevideo, Uruguay. She previously held trade positions in Yaoundé, Paris and Buenos Aires. Harper has two children, who keep her diplomatic, financial and cross-border travel skills honed.



Dr. Marco González Valdez

Secretary of Regional and Agricultural Development of Nuevo León, State of Nuevo Leon

Marco González has a degree in International Commerce from the Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey, graduated with Honorific Mention. His postgraduate studies include a master's in social policy and planning for developing countries, and a master's in public administration and public policy, both from the London School of Economics and Political Science; in addition to a doctorate in regional development from the University of Oxford. He also obtained the certificate of Specialized Studies in administration and management from Harvard University.

González has been in charge of various positions within the State and Federal public sector, including the State Coordination of Micro Regions in the Delegation at Nuevo León of the Ministry of Social Development (SEDESOL).

In the State Government, González held the directorate of planning and rural Development in the corporation for agricultural Development. He also assumed the general directorate of the Trust for the Development of Southern Nuevo Leon. And he was appointed director general of the Corporation for Agricultural Development.

González also has extensive legislative experience, being a federal deputy in the LXII Legislature for the 9th District of the State of Nuevo León, where he presided the Center for Rural Development and Agri-food Security Studies.



Lic. Ninfa Cantú

Secretary of Economy of the State of Tamaulipas

Lic. Ninfa Cantú studied Communication Sciences at the Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores in Monterrey, Nuevo León. Cantú was the General Director of the newspaper El Mañana de Nuevo Laredo (2017-2019). Cantú was a member of the Board of Directors and Commercial Director of Editora Argos S.A. de C.V.; Company that publishes the newspapers "El Mañana y La Tarde". She was the founding President and Director of the Commercial Supplements "Fémina" (35 years) and "Río" (12 years). She was the Director of El Mañana INC. in Laredo Texas; Public Relations Director and Business Consulting of that Publishing House. Cantú was president of the Advisory Council of the Municipal Women's Institute and of the Citizen Evaluation Council (2010 to 2013). She was the founder of the digital magazine "84mil" (2012). She was the General Director of OM Strategies (2012-2022) and director of the Municipal Institute for Women of Nuevo Laredo from October 1, 2013 to March 2016.



Lic. Fernando Alba

Undersecretary of Industry, Mining and Energy of the State of Chihuahua.

Lic. Fernando Alba is the Undersecretary of Mining, Industry and Energy for the Secretary of Innovation and Economic Development of the State of Chihuahua, Mexico. He previously worked as a consultant, executive and partner of companies in the private sector in aerospace, electronics, and automotive industries as well as in Real Estate in Mexico and the U.S.

Fernando Alba completed his master's degree in finance at the University of Chile. With studies in management, finance, and information systems at the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Studies (ITESM), the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM), and Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Fernando Alba is curious and creative with passion for emerging technologies and innovation, finance, and economics. He is committed to making new, groundbreaking ideas come to life. He is a strategic thinker with an entrepreneurial spirit.

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Lic. Gloria Gutiérrez Ramón

Representative of ProCoahuila in Austin on behalf of the State of Coahuila

Gloria Gutierrez is a Representative for the Office of Economic and Tourism Promotion for the state of

Coahuila, “ProCoahuila”, based in Austin, Texas. In this role, she promotes Coahuila’s economic and tourism sectors, attracting investments and tourists while strengthening bilateral ties with the United States. Gloria has extensive experience in U.S.-Mexico trade and commercial relations. She served as U.S. Business Manager at RALI Forwarding and Logistics, LLC, where she played a role in administration and high-level strategy. She also has contributed to American Airlines’ Financial Strategy team, providing insights on industry trends, and worked at Trinity Industries in various capacities, including sales, sales operations, market strategy, and market intelligence, with a focus on U.S.-Mexico trade. Gloria holds an MBA from the Texas McCombs School of Business, where she was a Consortium Member and Forte Fellow. She also earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics and a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies from Southern Methodist University, where she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.



Carlos Ealy

Assistant Secretary of State for Mexican and Border Affairs, Office of the Texas Secretary of State, Moderator

Carlos currently serves as the Assistant Secretary of State for Mexican and Border Affairs at the Texas

Secretary of State, a position he has held since 2022. In this capacity, Carlos collaborates with Mexican federal, state, and local officials, as well as public and private organizations, to address issues impacting Texas, Mexico, and the border region. He also serves as an advisor to the Governor’s Office and other state agencies on matters affecting Texas-Mexico relations.

Carlos has an extensive professional background, having previously worked as the Director of Economic Development at Cross-National Advisory Partners in San Antonio. His early career included valuable international experiences at Kargocard in Shanghai, El Universal newspaper in Mexico City, and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in San Antonio.

Recently, Carlos completed his MBA in Strategy/Entrepreneurship and Finance from Southern Methodist University. Prior to this, he earned two bachelor’s degrees in Business Administration (with a major in International Business) and Economics from Trinity University.



Ms. Adriana Cruz

Executive Director, Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office

Adriana Cruz is Executive Director, Economic Development and Tourism, Office of Governor Greg

Abbott. In October 2019, Adriana Cruz was appointed to lead the Governor’s Economic Development and Tourism Office. The Office markets Texas as one of the world’s premier business and travel destinations. As Executive Director, Cruz provides leadership to Business and Community Development, Texas Tourism, Texas Workforce Investment Council, Texas Music Office, and the Texas Film Commission. Cruz has more than 20 years of leadership experience in economic development, marketing, and international business. Prior to her appointment to lead the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office, Cruz was President of the Greater San Marcos Partnership, the regional economic development organization established to encourage and nurture economic growth in San Marcos, and Hays and Caldwell counties. Previously, Cruz was the Vice President of Global Corporate Recruitment for the Austin Chamber of Commerce.



Aaron Demerson

President and CEO, Texas Economic Development Corporation

Aaron Demerson currently serves as the President and CEO of the Texas Economic Development Corporation

(TxEDC). TxEDC is an independently funded and operated 501 (c) (3) organization that strategically partners and markets Texas both domestically and internationally as a premier business destination for companies looking to locate, relocate and/or expand their existing business footprint. Previously, Demerson served as the Commissioner Representing Employers for the Texas Workforce Commission. In this role, Demerson advocated for over 660,000 Texas employers and over 3 million small businesses. Prior to his appointment he led activities as the Director of the Office of Employer Initiatives at the Texas Workforce Commission. Prior to employment at the Texas Workforce Commission, he served as a Senior Advisor to then Governor Rick Perry and Executive Director of the Economic Development & Tourism Division in the Governor’s Office, leading a team that marketed the State of Texas as a premier destination for both business and travel. He has also served as the Director of Business Development, the Director of Administration, and managed the Finance Division for the Texas Economic Development Agency. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Leadership Austin and is proud to have participated in both the Army War College and National Training Center civilian programs.

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David Zapata

Vice President of International Affairs and Economic Development, Texas Association of Business

David Zapata is Vice President of International Affairs and Executive Director of the Mexico Trade & Investment Council for the Texas Association of Business (TAB). His experience managing issues involving foreign trade and investment, in addition to developing excellent working relationships with international stakeholders, helps TAB manage relations with foreign companies and governments. Previously, David served as Assistant Secretary of State for Mexican & Border Affairs at the Office of the Texas Secretary of State. In this capacity, David served as a liaison for government agencies within the Texas-Mexico border region, facilitating communication and cooperation between federal, state, and local governments on both sides of the border. He worked with binational officials and stakeholders to develop solutions to problems impacting trade, supply chains, and cross-border transportation infrastructure. Additionally, David helped develop and manage relationships between the Texas Secretary of State and high-level Mexican government officials, including Mexican Federal level cabinet members, state governors and national business groups such as Consejo Coordinador Empresarial (CCE) and Consejo Mexicano de Negocios. David received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master's in Public Administration and Urban Management from St. Mary's University.



Juan Carlos Villa

Head of the International Trade and Border Transportation Division, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Moderator

Mr. Villa has 40 years of professional experience in research, consulting and engineering projects. Since he joined the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) in 2001, he has been responsible for managing numerous international trade and transportation freight flow projects, binational corridor analysis, and development and implementation of transportation disruption technologies to improve freight and logistics operations at land and maritime ports.

Prior to joining TTI, Juan Carlos Villa was Director General and founding partner of Kinglsey Group in Mexico City. Mr Villa managed this international transportation and logistics consulting firm where he managed technical and financial feasibility studies for the Mexican rail privatization, green field logistics centers, intermodal terminal networks and inland and maritime ports.

Mr. Villa has served multiple terms as member of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness, and Chair of the Transportation Research Board's International Trade and Transportation Committee (2017-2023).



Jason Brown

Senior Manager of Logistics Operations, Toyota Motor North America

Jason Brown has served in various leadership roles in supply chain over his 26-year career with Toyota. He is currently Sr. Manager of Logistics Operations at Toyota's North American headquarters in Plano, TX in the Supply Chain Management organization. Mr. Brown is responsible for supply chain coordination for manufacturing parts shipments from suppliers to Toyota's North American manufacturing centers. He oversees 5 cross dock facilities, 10 logistics partners, and 2 customs brokers in the US and Mexico and supports HazMat compliance for Toyota across North America. For the past 3 years, Mr. Brown has held direct oversight for all shipments from Mexican suppliers to Toyota's North American Manufacturing Companies, with a majority of crossings occurring in Laredo, TX and El Paso, TX. Mr. Brown holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University where he majored in Transportation and Logistics.



Marco Rodríguez

Head of External Affairs, Public Policy and Sustainability, Daimler Trucks

Marco is a passionate professional with a background in Mechatronics Engineering from Tecnológico de Monterrey and an MBA from Universidad Iberoamericana. In 2018, Marco joined the Daimler Group Corporation as the head of Regulatory Affairs.

Marco is also actively involved in various organizations. He is a member of the Business Coordinating Council (CCE) "Cuarto de Junto," supporting the Mexican government in negotiating trade agreements. As a board member of the National Association of Bus, Truck, and Tractor Manufacturers (ANPACT), he works to foster a competitive business environment. Additionally, he contributes to the International Chamber of Commerce Mexico (ICC), providing technical insights for legislative decisions, and collaborating with Global Companies in Mexico to enhance competitiveness among international firms operating in the country.

Throughout his tenure at Daimler, Marco has led numerous initiatives related to sustainability and public policy, aligning with the company's objectives and a better business environment. In recognition of his efforts, he was honored as the Executive of the Year award by the autoparts industry in October 2024.

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Edgar Guillaumin

Vice President of Public Affairs, Constellation Brand

BA in law, a postgraduate degree in Business Administration by the University of Calgary, a master's degree in Corporate Law by Anahuac University, and a

PHD in Strategic Planning and Public Policies by the same university.

Recently participated in the Stanford Business Graduate School program: Strategy Beyond Markets, specialized in Public Affairs.

He has experience in the public sector, as Director of Promotion and Investment Attraction and as General Director of the Trust for Industrial Development at the State of Michoacán, where he collaborated in developing the Free Trade Zone at Lazaro Cárdenas Port, and promoting the attraction of Foreign Direct Investment in Michoacán.

In the private sector, he has collaborated in companies such as DHL International, Kansas City Southern, Mexican Beer Institute, currently he serves as Vice President Public Affairs based in Washington, D.C. He has more than 20 years of experience in the field of external affairs, corporate communication, and strategic project management.

He has been responsible for numerous negotiations at the three levels of government for foreign investment projects in multiple regions of Mexico. He was president of the Logistics Committee at the American Chamber. He was board member of the International Chamber of Commerce (2016 -2018 period), currently he is member of the Advisory Board for Mexican Institute Wilson Center, board member of Border Trade Alliance, US – Mexico Foundation Advisory Council, as well Vice President International Affairs of Mexican Water Advisory Council.

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