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Distinguished New Directors Elected to World Affairs Council Board

The World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth is pleased to announce seven new directors who have joined other leaders in governing the organization. New members of the World Affairs Council Board of Directors are:

[Randy Bond](#) is senior vice president and head of trust and wealth strategy at Texas Capital Bank, where he leads the bank’s fiduciary activities in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, Houston, and San Antonio, and directs the strategic wealth planning process and wealth planning team. He also serves as the Chief Fiduciary Officer and manages the fiduciary team in its operational audits and its relationship with bank examiners and regulators. Bond is a member of the Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, where he has been an active attorney since 1996. He is also a member of the Dallas Estate Planning Council.

[Theresa Flores](#) is senior manager of global public affairs at Mary Kay, Inc., where she develops and recommends policy positions that protect the company’s direct selling, product, and global trade interests, focusing on engagement with legislators, governments, and NGOs. She also serves as the public affairs advocacy liaison for the Americas. *Latino Leaders* magazine recognized her in 2010 as a Dallas “Thought Leader” and as one of the “Top 100 Most Influential Latinas 2020.” Flores is a member of the Hispanic 100, past president of the State Government Affairs Council, and board member of The Family Place. She is active in education reform; focusing on public school education in Dallas and is a board member of the Dallas Education Foundation and the chair of Big Thought. She is a graduate of Leadership Dallas and Leadership DISD.

[Nicole Garcia](#) is U.S. assurance director in the consumer, industrial, products and services sector of PwC, where she also serves as the co-lead for the Dallas Inclusion Council which promotes an understanding and inclusion amongst all people inside and outside of PwC. In addition, she serves as the pillar lead for Diversity Equity & Inclusion for the Consumer, Industrial, Products & Services Sector. Garcia was appointed chair of the Council’s Young Professionals Advisory Committee in 2022 and serves as a board member at the Notre Dame School of Dallas.

[Brian Jorgensen](#) is a partner at Jones Day, where he represents employers in a broad range of high-stakes, complex litigation matters with a focus on class actions. Representative clients on a variety of employment issues include Verizon, Verizon Wireless, IBM, Lennox International, CyrusOne, and OGE Energy Corp. He has been recognized as one of the Top 100 lawyers in the state of Texas, as well as one of the Best Lawyers in America. Jorgensen serves as the administrative partner and the head of litigation for the Dallas office of Jones Day. He is also a member of the Labor & Employment sections of the Texas State Bar Association and the Dallas Bar Association.

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[Suzan Kedron](#) is a partner at Jackson Walker LLP, where she is chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and is a LEED Green Associate representing real estate developers, land owners and public entities in a variety of land use and real estate development issues. Her practice focuses on zoning, planning, due diligence, economic development incentives, tax increment financing, affordable housing, and litigation. Kedron is a current member of the boards of the Dallas Theater Center, Downtown Dallas, Inc., McKinney Avenue Transit Authority, AD EX: Architecture and Design Exchange, and The Dallas Assembly, where she serves as treasurer. She is a member of the Dallas Citizens Council and the Dallas Regional Chamber's Executive Women's Roundtable.

[Bets Lillo](#) is executive in residence and adjunct faculty – information systems and supply chain management at the Neeley School of Business at Texas Christian University. Lillo is a patent holder and advisor to technology companies in cyber, software and hardware sectors, serving on the board of directors for River Logic, and the advisory boards of Entara, Skylark Wireless, and LOOMIA. Recognized in domestic and international leadership roles at IBM, AT&T, Abbott Laboratories and AbbVie, Lillo's civic involvement includes board and committee service for the International Women's Forum of Dallas/Ft Worth.

[Ambassador Jeanne Phillips](#) is senior vice president of corporate engagement and international relations for Hunt Consolidated, Inc. and president of Hunt Global Partnerships, the corporate social responsibility program supporting communities where Hunt operates. Appointed by President George W. Bush, she served as the U.S. Permanent Representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris, France from 2001-2003. Phillips serves as the chair of the Mayor's International Advisory Council for which she was appointed by Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson in 2020.

“These new board members are a truly exceptional group,” said Liz Brailsford, president and CEO of the Council. “They each bring a set of complimentary gifts to the board — ones that will support our growth and advance our mission.”

Founded in 1951, the nonprofit, nonpartisan World Affairs Council offers the public and its almost 4,000 members opportunities to learn firsthand from world leaders, policymakers, ambassadors, journalists and world affairs experts. It presents more than 80 programs annually to enlighten and entertain North Texas. In addition to impacting thousands of students each year through its international education program, the Council coordinates visits to North Texas of delegations and leaders from around the globe through the International Visitors Program of the U.S. State Department and through Dallas Protocol, a unique public private partnership with the City of Dallas.

About the World Affairs Council

The World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth is dedicated to providing relevant information about global issues, challenges, and opportunities while establishing North Texas as a center for international interests and business. Individuals interested in membership to the World Affairs Council can visit dfwworld.org or call 214-965-8400. For more information, visit www.dfwworld.org.

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