

Sereniah M. Breland
City Manager
City of Pflugerville

Vice President Candidate

Sereniah Breland was recently appointed as the City Manager of Pflugerville. In her most recent assignments, she served the cities of Alvin, Texas, Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Goliad, Texas as a City Manager.

She began her career in local government as an Assistant to the City Manager in Greenville, Texas through the Urban Fellowship of the North Central Texas Council of Governments which led her to Denton, Texas as a Recycling Coordinator and then Sugar Land, Texas as the Support Services Director.

Additionally, Breland was named “Top 5 Public Servants” in 2012 by the Victoria Advocate based on recommendations from community leaders. She serves as the “Director at Large” for the Board of Directors for Texas City Management Association (TCMA) and has served in many other roles for various professional organizations such as City Management Association of Oklahoma, International City Management Association, United Way, YMCA, and Oklahoma Municipal League.

Prior to entering the field of local government, Breland taught Government and Economics at the high school level in Garland and Mesquite.

Breland received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and a Master of Public Affairs degree from the University of Texas at Dallas. During time away from public service, she enjoys kayaking, giving high fives, music, cycling, the outdoors, and reading.

“I would be honored for the opportunity to remain one of the voices for all TCMA members leading cities across Texas. It would be a real privilege to further the message of benefits of diversity to our leadership, in hopes that our professional development and training opportunities may better reflect the makeup of the membership. I hope to continue the good work of the current Board by recognizing the need to be even more relevant to our emerging members, especially students. The momentum we have with mentoring opportunities within this organization is something to be celebrated and embraced. Overall, I intend to bring strong worth ethic, irrational passion for service, character based leadership principles, and the desire to grow all members, especially those that have the appearance of being underrepresented. Together we are better.”

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**David Moss
City Manager
City of Southside Place**

Vice President Candidate

David Moss has been the city manager of the City of Southside Place for 20 years. He has been a member of TCMA for 24 years. Prior to Southside Place, David served as city administrator/secretary at the City of Teague in TCMA Region 7. He also worked in Lufkin (TCMA Region 5) as an administrative intern in the city manager's office.

He is a past TCMA board member of Southeast Texas (Region 6) and a TCMA regional president. David has served on numerous committees throughout the years including TCMA ethics, TCMA professional development, TCMA membership, and the City Managers of Tomorrow Task Force. He has been a speaker on planning at the TCMA annual conference and has taught budgeting through the CPM program at Stephen F. Austin State University where he also serves as the TCMA manager-in-residence. David is a member of the TCMA In-Transition support team, an ICMA member, and the current vice-chairman of the TCMA Membership Committee.

He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University, and a graduate of the University of Houston with a Master of Public Administration degree. He is also a Registered Texas Tax Assessor/Collector (RTA) through the Board of Tax Professional Examiners.

David and his wife Elise have been married for 24 years and have three children. His oldest son, Andrew, is a Tom Muehlenbeck scholarship recipient and is currently a government student at Texas Tech University.

“Over my 20 years as a city manager, TCMA has been an invaluable resource. I have been blessed by both friendship and membership in our association and have been encouraged by many of you to run for office this year. TCMA continues to be a wonderful organization of passionate and dedicated leaders who are committed to ethics, professional development, young professional mentoring, training, and career support. Let us ensure that a membership in TCMA continues to offer value and meaning. I would appreciate your vote for TCMA Vice President.”

David Moss
Vice President Candidate

Michael Ross, CPM
Assistant City Manager
City of Granbury

Vice President Candidate

Currently, Michael Ross is the Assistant City Manager of the City of Granbury, where he has served since January of 2017. Prior to Granbury, Michael served as the City Manager of West University Place for 13 years. Michael has served Texas municipalities directly for the last 38 years in various capacities, beginning at age 20. In addition to Granbury, he has proudly served four other cities including Sugar Land, Pearland, West University Place and Fulshear. Michael and his wife Susan have been married for 28 years and have three children.

Michael has lived in Texas his whole life and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from the University of Houston. Michael's Texas City Management Association service has included the following:

- Region 6 representative on TCMA Board of Directors
- 2012-2014 TML representative on the TCMA Board of Directors
- 2016-2018 TML representative on the TCMA Board of Directors
- Numerous terms on various TCMA committees over 25 years
- Multiple terms on TCMA Professional Development Committee, including two years as Vice Chair.
- Held all TCMA Region 6 Executive Board member positions multiple times.
- 25-year TCMA member and ICMA member.

“Over my 38 years of municipal service this network of managers has benefited me at every turn. The professional friendships that I have forged are truly priceless and I deeply appreciate each and every one. As a TCMA member, I have had the privilege of serving with great leaders and with your support, I fully intend to bring this leadership, passion, and conviction in serving your needs as Vice President on the TCMA Board.”

Michael Ross
Vice President Candidate

Opal Mauldin-Jones, ICMA CM
City Manager
City of Lancaster

Director at Large Candidate

Opal Mauldin-Jones was appointed City Manager of the City of Lancaster in February 2011. Opal has been serving the residents of Lancaster since March 2003. Prior to being named City Manager, she served the City of Lancaster as Community Relations Coordinator, Assistant to the City Manager, Assistant City Manager and Interim City Manager.

Opal has been active in the Texas City Management Association (TCMA) since 2006. She is currently serving on the Board for Region 4. Opal has served on numerous committees and task forces including the Leadership Task Force, Nominating Committee, Advocacy Committee, Professional Development Committee, Public Relations Committee (Our Town Texas Subcommittee), and the Pay It Forward Task Force. Currently co-chair for the 2019 Annual Conference, Opal continues to be engaged within the association.

Opal is also active in the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). She is currently serving on the International Committee and the 2019 Conference Planning Committee. She has also served as past chair of the Conference Evaluation Committee, on the Leadership Task Force, and Breaking into Local Government Task Force.

In addition to being an ICMA Credentialed Manager, she is also a 2012 graduate of the Texas State University, Texas Certified Public Manager Program. Opal recently completed the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Leadership Program for State and Local Government Leaders. She currently serves on the North Texas Commission Board of Directors. Other memberships include the Texas City Management Association (TCMA), International City County Management Association (ICMA), National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA), past-President of the North Texas City Management Association (NTCMA) and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

City Management is a ministry where I am called to serve the community, city council and staff that have entrusted me with this amazing opportunity to implement programs and services that will make the Lancaster community a better place for all. Membership in TCMA has afforded me information, relationships and professional development that contribute to my service as a City Manager. I am committed to ensuring our organization continues striving to meet the needs of our membership. To remain relevant, we must embrace inclusivity, and innovative thinking. It would be an honor to serve our organization as Director At Large, and I am seeking your support.

Opal Mauldin-Jones
Director at Large Candidate

**Austin Bless
City Manager
City of Jersey Village**

Director at Large Candidate

Austin Bless currently serves as the City Manager of Jersey Village, and has served in this role since March 2017. Since joining Jersey Village Mr. Bless helped champion new development and implementation of the Long Term Flood Recovery Plan. These items exemplify the changing face of Jersey Village as the community grows in a sustainable way for the future.

Prior to his appointment in Jersey Village Mr. Bless served as the City Manager of Caribou, Maine from 2012 to 2017, and as City Administrator in Winnebago, Minnesota from 2010 – 2012. Mr. Bless earned a Bachelors of Political Science from Bethel University, and a Master of Public Administration from Walden University. He holds the prestigious ICMA Credentialed Manager (ICMA-CM) designation. He was a Certified Municipal Manager by the Maine Town, City, County Managers Association (MTCMA). He was also a White House Intern in the Fall of 2005 in the Office of the First Lady, Laura Bush.

Mr. Bless has been an active member of several professional associations. He has served on the TCMA Membership Committee since 2017, on the City Managers of Tomorrow Committee since 2018, and is a Manger in Residence at the University of Houston. He served on the Board of Directors for MTCMA, he chaired MTCMA Sponsorship Committee from 2014-2017, and Co-Chaired the MTCMA City/County Collaboration Task Force 2016-2017. He has also been an active member of ICMA since 2013, and has served on the ICMA Sustainable Communities Advisory Committee and ICMA Welcome Ambassadors Committee since 2013. He has presented at sessions at the American Planning Association National Conference and the ICMA National Conference based on his work to bring the placemaking movement to Caribou.

Mr. Bless has been an active member of the community. He currently serves as President of the Cy-Fair Rotary Club, he is a past president of the Caribou Rotary Club, and has been an active Rotarian for 7 years. He has served as Chairman for Northern Maine Development Commission and Tri-Community Landfill Board of Directors. He has been President of the Aroostook Municipal Association. He has also served on the Cary Medical Center Board of Directors.

Austin and his wife have three children and attend Hope Church in Jersey Village. In his spare time Austin enjoys jogging, golfing, and watching baseball.

My experiences across the country have helped shape who I am and where I am today. Having worked in small communities in rural and even remote parts of the country and working in the suburbs of Houston I have experiences that help bring a unique perspective to understand the issues faced by all cities around Texas. I bring experience from other state associations that can be useful to our association. I want to use these experiences to help further the opportunities for all TCMA Members to learn and execute their jobs on a higher level. I want to serve on the TCMA Board of Directors in order to more fully implement Tenet 8 of our Code of Ethics to better “develop the competence of associates in the use of management techniques”.

Austin Bless
Director at Large Candidate

**Gabe Reaume
City Manager
City of Saginaw**

Director at Large Candidate

Gabe Reaume has served as the City Manager of the City of Saginaw since January 2018. Gabe previously served the cities of Denison and Sugar Land in several different capacities. He began his public service career as a volunteer, unpaid intern in the budget office in Denton. Gabe applied for an internship program through TCMA that eventually paid for his time in Denton.

Gabe is married to Cori, who serves as the city manager of the City of Justin. They met at a Texas City Management Association conference several years ago and have four children. He is proud to serve on the University of North Texas Public Administration Alumni Advisory Board. He is a strong supporter of internships for students and loves to help others plan and launch their public service careers.

Gabe has served as a past President of TCMA Region VI, and has served on the Membership Committee for approximately ten years. He is active in ICMA and is a proud graduate of the Leadership ICMA program.

"I owe a great deal to the Texas City Management Association. I met my wife Cori at a TCMA Conference, and TCMA paid for my first internship in the profession.

I feel that I would bring two very important qualities to the leadership of our organization: passion and compassion.

I am passionate about professional public service and I believe I am fulfilling my life's calling to serve as a City Manager. I am grateful and honored to be a member of an association that endeavors to make the lives of others better and brighter.

Do you remember your first TCMA conference or maybe your first meeting in the manager's chair? I sure remember both instances. In each situation, the compassion and friendly welcome of a TCMA member was there to lend me support and professional guidance. We need to continue to bring more people to our great organization and have care and compassion for those within our ranks. I have never met a stranger and plan to keep serving TCMA for a very long time!"

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