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GOV. PERRY APPOINTS DAVID CORPUS, DOLORES RAMIREZ TO TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry has announced the appointment of David Corpus of Humble and Dolores Ramirez of San Benito to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) Board of Trustees. Both began their terms at today's TRS board meeting in Austin.

Gov. Perry also announced the reappointment of Joe Colonna of Dallas to the board. Colonna is a private investor and is a board member of the Baylor Health Care System Foundation and the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board. He is also a Boy Scout merit badge counselor. Colonna received a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston. He has more than 20 years of investment management experience, including private equity and debt investments on behalf of pension funds, endowments and family offices.

Dolores Ramirez is a first grade teacher at Rangerville Elementary School in the San Benito Consolidated Independent School District (SBCISD). She has also served as president of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA), an independent, nonunion association for Texas teaching professionals, which serves more than 50,000 members across the state. Currently, Ramirez is the San Benito local TCTA president.

Ramirez served at the statewide level as chair of the TCTA budget committee and seven years as a District 1 director on the TCTA Directors' Council. She is a faculty representative with the San Benito Classroom Teachers Association where she has also held the president and vice president positions. She has served as president of the District 1 Coordinating Council, member of the Region 1 Teacher of the Year panel, and grant proposal reader for TEA with the Even Start Literacy Program. Ramirez has represented her campus on the Superintendent's Advisory Council and her grade level on the Campus Improvement Team. She was named Teacher of the Year for Rangerville Elementary School in 2006.

Ramirez earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&I University in Kingsville (now Texas A&M) and bilingual certification from the University of Texas, Brownsville.

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David Corpus is senior vice president of CommunityBank of Texas, N.A. He has worked in the banking industry for the past 29 years. His areas of specialty include commercial, industrial, and commercial real estate transactions. He has extensive experience in bank mergers, acquisitions, and De Novos. He also serves on the Harris County Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors, an appointment by Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. He is chairman of the Tejano Center for Community Concerns Board of Directors, vice chairman of the Raul Yzaguirre School for Success, and a board member of the Harris County Housing Finance Corporation. He is also past board treasurer for the Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans, and a former adjunct instructor for the Houston Community College Systems. His board service with other charitable organizations spans more than 25 years.

Corpus holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree in management, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Our Lady of The Lake University at San Antonio, Texas.

“We congratulate Mr. Corpus and Ms. Ramirez on their appointments to the board,” said TRS Executive Director Brian Guthrie. “We look forward to continuing to benefit from Mr. Colonna’s expertise, and we welcome our new trustees. Together, these three individuals will bring valuable investment and public education perspectives and experience to TRS.”

All three board appointments are for terms that will expire on Aug. 31, 2019.

TRS delivers retirement and related benefits authorized by the Texas Legislature, and manages a more than \$117 billion trust fund established to finance member benefits. More than 1.3 million public education and higher education employees and retirees participate in the system.

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