Board members

Peter M. Lake, Board Chairman

Peter Lake has served as a Board member of the Texas Water Development Board since December 15, 2015. Governor Greg Abbott designated him Chairman in February 2018.

Lake has held a variety of financial roles across a number of industries. Previously, he acted as director of research and head of automated trading at Gambit Trading, a member firm of the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. In this capacity, he led the firm’s market research initiatives and directed the development of its first automated trading programs. As one of the firm’s proprietary market makers he also traded interest rate derivatives, primarily focusing on U.S. Treasury bond futures.

He has also served as director of business development for Lake Ronel Oil Company, where he focused on financial analysis of upstream oil and gas opportunities. In addition, he served as director of special operations for VantageCap Partners. In this position he played a key role in the due diligence, valuation, and transactional aspects of the successful divestment of the firm’s primary investment.

Lake graduated with a bachelor of arts in public policy with a specialization in economics from the University of Chicago, and he earned a master’s of business administration from Stanford University’s Graduate School of Business.

Lake was born and raised in Tyler, Texas.

Lake’s term will expire February 1, 2021.

Kathleen Jackson, Board Member

Kathleen Jackson was appointed to the Texas Water Development Board by Governor Rick Perry effective March 18, 2014, and reappointed to a new term by Governor Greg Abbott on March 9, 2017.

Jackson has a diverse background representing agricultural, environmental, industrial, and wholesale-supply interests, which includes developing and implementing water management strategies for Southeast Texas. As a registered professional engineer, Jackson served as public affairs manager for one of the world’s largest petroleum and petrochemical producers.

Additionally, she was involved in production agriculture with her late husband, who ran a cattle operation and farmed rice. She served as a past member of the Lower Neches Valley Authority Board of Directors, the Texas Water Conservation Association, and participated on the Sabine and Neches Rivers Bay and Estuary Environmental Flows Assessment Program Stakeholders Committee.

She is also a board member and past president of the Lamar Institute of Technology Foundation, a sustaining member of the Junior League of Beaumont, a member of the Texas Farm Bureau, past president of the American Cancer Society of North Jefferson County, and a past board member of Junior Achievement of the Golden Triangle.

Jackson received a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from North Carolina State University.

Jackson has three children, sixth-generation Texans who all reside and work in Texas, and three grandchildren. She is a long-time resident of Beaumont.

Jackson’s term will expire February 1, 2023.
Brooke T. Paup, Board Member

Brooke Paup was appointed to the Texas Water Development Board by Governor Greg Abbott on February 22, 2018, and reappointed to a new term on February 6, 2019.

Prior to her appointment to the Board, Paup served as the director of legislative affairs for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for the last three years. While there, she led a team of legislative professionals to address statutory tax reforms.

Paup is formerly the deputy division chief of intergovernmental relations and former special assistant for policy and research for the Office of the Attorney General, where she worked on legislative issues, special litigation, and public finance—notably House Bill 4 and Senate Joint Resolution 1 in the 83rd Legislative Session, which created the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT). Paup has 13 years of state government experience.

She is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Symphony League, Wine and Food Foundation of Texas Auction Committee, and Doss PTA. Paup earned a bachelor of arts from Texas A&M University and a juris doctor from Texas Tech School of Law.

She lives in Austin with her husband, Spivey, and their two children, Henry and Heidi.

Paup’s term will expire February 1, 2025.