

Water for Texas

The Texas Water Development Board



Carlos Rubinstein, Chairman

Brownsville, TX

Carlos Rubinstein served as a commissioner of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) from 2009 to 2013, where he supervised the overall direction and policy for TCEQ. Prior to becoming commissioner, he held a variety of positions at TCEQ including deputy executive

director, area director, regional director, and Rio Grande Watermaster. While serving as deputy executive director, Rubinstein supervised a biennial budget of approximately \$1 billion.

Before arriving at TCEQ, Rubinstein served as the city manager for the City of Brownsville. He was responsible for a \$60 million budget and overseeing over 800 employees. Rubinstein developed budgetary cost efficiencies that contributed to increasing the city's fund balance and bond rating and participated in various bond rating and market transactions with financial institutions in New York to review Brownsville's financial status. In addition to his financial and leadership duties, he developed and implemented the legislative agenda for the city. He also held the positions of health and permitting director and director of public health and emergency medical service with the City of Brownsville.

He is the Texas representative to the Western States Water Council; the Border Governors' Conference Sustainable Development worktable; the Governmental Advisory Committee, which advises the EPA Administrator on environmental concerns regarding NAFTA, the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation; and the Commission for Environmental Cooperation. Rubinstein is a former member of the Texas Environmental Flows Advisory Group and of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board, an independent federal

advisory committee that assists the president and Congress on environmental infrastructure needs along the U.S. border with Mexico. He is the past Texas representative to the Border Governors' Conference Water worktable. Rubinstein received a bachelor's degree in biology from Pan American University.

Carlos Rubinstein was appointed chairman of the Texas Water Development Board by Governor Rick Perry on September 1, 2013. His term will expire on February 1, 2017.



Bech Bruun, Member

Corpus Christi, TX

Bech Bruun's professional experience spans positions in the executive and legislative branches of government as well as in the water industry with a large wholesale water provider.

He most recently served as director of governmental appointments for the Office of the Governor.

Prior to his time in the appointments office, he served as the government and customer relations manager for the Brazos River Authority (BRA). While at the BRA, Bruun provided strategic and legal counsel to the general manager on issues ranging from proposed legislation and agency rulemaking to general water policy. He also served as the BRA's principal liaison to the Texas Legislature and executive branch.

Bruun's legislative experience includes service as chief of staff to State Representative Todd Hunter (District 32) and as general counsel to the House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence. This committee has broad jurisdiction over legislation pertaining to civil law, probate and guardianship matters as well as jurisdiction over all appellate courts in the state.

Bruun previously held several positions in the Office of the Governor and was the past Executive Director of Texas Victory 2008. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Environmental Flows Advisory Group and the Knights of the Austin Symphony. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Texas at Austin and a law degree from the University of Texas School of Law.

Bech Bruun was appointed to the Texas Water Development Board by Governor Rick Perry on September 1, 2013. His term will expire on February 1, 2019.



**Kathleen Jackson,
Member**

Beaumont, TX
Kathleen 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.

In addition to her engineering and natural resources background, Jackson also has a strong commitment to her community. She is a former member of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Education Committee and Minority Business Development Partnership, the Beaumont Independent School District Educational Improvement and Partnership Advisory committees, Rotary Club of Beaumont, the Southeast Texas Workforce Development Board, the Jason Alliance of Southeast Texas and Young Audiences of Southeast Texas.

She also served as past chair of the Southeast Texas Industry Public Relations Association, and the Southeast Texas section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and Keep Beaumont Beautiful Commission.

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.

Kathleen Jackson was appointed to the Texas Water Development Board by Governor Rick Perry on March 18, 2014. Her term will expire on February 1, 2015.

