

## NM Public Education Commission

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## BIOGRAPHIES

### **Melissa Armijo-District 1**

Melissa currently works as the Office Administrator at the National Hispanic Cultural Center Foundation where she helps raise money for the Center's many educational programs dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Hispanic culture, arts, and humanities. She previously served as the Special Assistant to the Dean of Students at the University of New Mexico and, while at UNM, served as the co-chair of the Staff Council Student Success Committee.

Melissa serves as the Board President of the Mark Armijo Academy Charter High School, an APS chartered charter school serving at risk youth, which was named after her late husband Mark who passed away in 2015. She is the co-founder and serves as the Vice President of the Armijo Family Scholarship Fund where she has helped raise and distribute more than \$100,000 in scholarships to New Mexico students who are majoring in the fields of education and STEM. She is also a current Board Member of Youth Development Incorporated. YDI helps families with childcare, early childhood development, as well as mentoring and job training services. In addition, she serves on the Technical Customer Advisory Committee of the Bernalillo County Albuquerque Water Utility Authority.

Melissa previously served as the Board President of the Gutierrez-Hubbell House Alliance, and on the Central New Mexico Community College governing board. Serving in various roles with Las Mujeres, Inc., she helped raise more than \$250,000 for scholarships for New Mexico women to attend New Mexico universities.

Melissa attended both New Mexico State University and the University of New Mexico. She is a 2018 graduate of Emerge New Mexico and has certifications in Women in Leadership and Non-Profit Management from UNM's Anderson School of Management.

Melissa is a lifelong resident of Albuquerque's South Valley who has spent her professional and volunteer career dedicated to providing educational opportunities to New Mexicans. Melissa and late husband Mark have two adult children, Aja and Christian, who are her most impressive accomplishments. Christian graduated from the College of Fine Arts in December 2018 at the University of New Mexico and Aja completed her Master's degree at UNM's department of Speech & Hearing Sciences in May 2017.

### **David Robbins-District 2**

David has over 14 years' experience in state government, and more than 30 years in the private sector. He holds a bachelor's degree in Economics and an MBA in Finance, both from UNM. His experience has included management, wholesale and retail sales, insurance, banking, utilities, education, consulting, public service, and construction.

David has been an adjunct professor of finance at the Anderson Schools of Management at the University of New Mexico. He was elected to the Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education in 2009 and served from 2009-2013, including Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committees and the Capital and Technology Outlay Committee.

David served as Director of Administrative Services and CFO for the NM Department of Workforce Solutions, 2014-2018. He previously held the same positions at the NM Taxation and Revenue Department (2011-2014), where he oversaw the annual distribution of approximately \$7 billion in state revenues and taxes to New Mexico cities, counties, and various state funds.

In 2017, Governor Suzanna Martinez appointed David to a vacancy on the Public Education Commission, District 2. He ran for election in 2018 and is serving a four-year term, running through 2022.

David and his wife of over 44 years, Jan, are the proud parents of three grown children, including one with disabilities. They have five grandchildren (two granddaughters and three grandsons); all live in the Albuquerque area. David and his wife are active members of their church, where he serves as a Deacon and teaches a senior men's bible study class.

### **Glenna Voigt-District 3**

Glenna Voigt was born in South Korea and raised in Albuquerque, NM. She obtained her B.S. in Education from the University of New Mexico and her M.A. in Educational Leadership from New Mexico Highlands University. Her Master's Thesis researched why traditional public school teachers leave large schools to teach at charter schools. Prior to studying Education, Glenna served in the US Air National Guard as a Photographer, studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of New Mexico, and taught English in Tokyo, Japan.

With over 20 years in Education, Glenna was a Physical Education Teacher, Athletic Coach, and Principal with Albuquerque Public Schools and the Founding Principal of the first NM PEC authorized charter school, Media Arts Collaborative Charter School (MACCS). As a Teacher, Glenna also served as her APS middle school's Bilingual Coordinator, Literacy Coach, ESL

Instructor, Volleyball and Basketball Coach, and Legislative Liaison. While Principal at MACCS, the school received Albuquerque's prestigious Creative Bravos Award in 2012, "honoring the City's most creative minds and work that support a creative economy while making a significant impact on the lives of students, neighborhoods, and communities". Glenna has a thorough understanding of the extensive and varied work involved in running a successful charter school.

During her educational profession in Albuquerque, Glenna published numerous articles addressing technology and access in education, and the creative arts and civic engagement. "When youth overcome the vulnerability to present their creativity and defend their knowledge, they find their voice, become masters of their learning, and are empowered to speak up." Glenna has presented at over eight State and National conferences about the importance of rigorous course options, presentations of learning, challenges educators face with technology growth, career education, community outreach, and the importance of art and PE in schools.

In 2014 Glenna received an inaugural three-year WK Kellogg Foundation Fellowship which broadened her lens and her work to promote healthy development, academic success and economic security for children and their families. Her WKKF Fellowship sparked collective national action and culminated with a collaborative New Mexico/Mississippi youth project, "My World Our World", in which students creatively expressed ideas about social justice and racial equity.

Glenna is an avid reader and international traveler, enjoys the outdoors and the challenges of golf. She also serves on three local Boards.

#### **Rebekka Burt-District 4**

Rebekka Burt was born and raised in New Mexico. She has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Masters of Business Administration, both from New Mexico Highlands University. She is the Director of Education & Business Outreach for a local NM, start-up Tech Company in Albuquerque. She has worked for nearly a decade in education and government, starting her career as a middle school Language Arts teacher in Rio Rancho Public Schools, the same district from which she graduated. As an educator, she saw first-hand that students will rise to any challenge or high set of standards and rigorous curriculum if they have access and support. She then joined the staff of Albuquerque City Council as a policy analyst, working on policy review and recommendations. She then combined her background and passion in education and government and joined the New Mexico Public Education Department, as the Director of Community Engagement, where she worked to connect with educators and families across the State.

She and her husband, Michael, have two young daughters currently attending New Mexico public schools.

#### **Georgina Davis-District 5**

Georgina Davis has resided in rural San Juan County since 2005. She was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota and has lived in Washington State and Arizona. She spent a year in the Solomon Islands assisting with an economic development project. She has worked in the for-profit, not-for-profit and government environments. She also owned her own small business where she offered consulting services for small start-up businesses.

Georgina Davis achieved her BS in Business Administration from Southwest State University at Marshall, Minnesota and her MBA from City University at Bellevue, Washington.

Georgina Davis has been an Adjunct Instructor at San Juan College in Farmington, New Mexico since 2008. At San Juan College, She taught a variety of classes; English composition, business math, accounting, and Microsoft business applications; she participated in the Tutor Program and the Assisted Learning Program; she taught a variety of classes for the ENCORE program; she was an instructor with the GED program. She has a certificate from Quality Matters, Improving Your Online Course, which has been extremely useful in the current environment of online learning.

Georgina's pastime is genealogy/family history. She can trace her mother's side back to the Puritan Migration; however, her father's side remains a mystery.

#### **Michael M. Chávez-District 6**

Michael Chavez is completing twenty-five years in public education. Born and raised in Deming, Michael has been a life-long resident with deep roots in southern New Mexico. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master of Arts Education both from New Mexico State University.

Michael holds a NM Level Three-B Pre K-12 Administrative License, a Level Three-A Instructional Leader 7-12 Secondary License with endorsements in Social Studies and TESOL and a Level Two Athletic Coach License. His

experience includes teaching at the middle and high school levels, middle school assistant and principal, and director of federal programs and bilingual education.

In his current role as federal programs director, Michael oversees programs focused on poverty, bilingual education, English language development migrant education, homeless and foster care students, neglected and delinquent student services, homebound education services, immigrant education, truancy, career technical education, well-rounded education, safe and healthy schools, the district's clothing bank, and the seal of bi-literacy award. In addition to his district responsibilities, Mr. Chávez serves as a member of the New Mexico Hispanic Education Committee and is the past president of the New Mexico Association of Bilingual Education. He has also served as an adjunct instructor for ENMU's TESOL Endorsement Program. Task-force committee participation includes PED's adoption of the WIDA Standards, ESSA school grade workgroup focused on Opportunity to Learn and English learner indicators, New Mexico Achievement Gap Alliance member, Co-chair of the State Bilingual Advisory Committee, Title III AMAO Adoption Committee, ELL Test Accommodation Committee, and has mentored principals through PED's Principals Pursuing Excellence the last six years.

Michael and his wife, Vicki, of 32 years, reside in Deming and are proud of their two grown children and their spouses, Joslynn and her husband Adrian and Evan and his wife Marie.

### **Patricia Gipson-District 7**

Commissioner Patricia Gipson spent 29 years in the Garden State of New Jersey (NJ) as an educator, teaching primarily AP United States history, sociology and economics. During her tenure, she also served as a staff development trainer for her school district, a peer education coordinator and served on numerous curriculum development committees.

She was the recipient of a Ford Foundation Grant, which was a multi-year project to develop curriculum with other educators in NJ to incorporate cooperative learning techniques into the classroom. Incorporating civic responsibility was always a priority. She says, "I was fortunate enough to help write and implement an elective course for high school seniors which culminated in their researching community problems and completing a community service project related to a solution for one of the issues identified."

Ms. Gipson was the Student Council advisor, and she had the privilege of coaching an outstanding group of scholar athletes during her 10 years as a varsity soccer coach.

In addition to her teaching duties, she served as vice president and grievance chair for an all-inclusive National Education Association (NEA) local. During that time, she also co-chaired numerous contract negotiations, which afforded her the opportunity to gain extensive training in negotiations and mediation.

Since retiring, she has been involved in many charitable organizations and events in southern New Mexico such as The New Mexico Mission of Mercy, Empty Bowls and Cowboys for Cancer to name a few.

She is actively involved in the Democratic Party of Doña Ana County, currently serving as the District 52 Director, the VP of the Doña Ana County Federation of Democratic Women and Secretary of the State Federation.

### **Michael Taylor-District 8**

Mike Taylor was raised in Boise, Idaho. He earned a Bachelor of Science in zoology and a minor in chemistry from The College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho. He went on to complete a Doctorate of dental surgery from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska and a Master of Science in dentistry from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He has practiced as an orthodontist in Roswell, Ruidoso and Artesia for nearly 30 years. Taylor has been married to his wife, Kim, for almost 31 years, and they have three grown children, Emily, Myles and Gillian.

Taylor has served on the Governing Council for Sidney Gutierrez Middle School for the past thirteen years. His involvement with the school began soon after his eldest daughter was enrolled. He is a member of Christ's Church in Roswell where he serves as a deacon, is on the praise and worship team, and has served on many mission trips. He is a committed supporter of the Chaves County CASA Program and has been the primary sponsor of an annual community fundraiser that he started 20 years ago to benefit CASA. Taylor has been a member of the New Mexico Amigos, the official goodwill ambassadors of the state of New Mexico, for nearly 10 years. He enjoys tending his vineyard, traveling, reading, serving others, working on creative projects and being in the company of his family and good friends.

Although not an educator by profession, Taylor values the importance of options in education. He wants to help ensure that young people have opportunities to learn in environments that enrich their giftings and challenge them to excel. He is committed to improving education in New Mexico by working to authorize and hold accountable quality charter schools in the state.

### **K.T. Manis, Ph.D.-District 9**

KT Manis, Ph.D. is the Public Education Commissioner for the 9th District of the State of New Mexico. KT was born and raised in Hobbs, NM.

Professionally, KT is an entrepreneur, educator, and researcher. Specifically, KT has businesses in New Mexico and Texas and works for the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration at Texas Tech University. He earned his first Ph.D. in Hospitality Administration from Texas Tech University in 2018. KT is completing a second Ph.D. in Business Administration (Marketing) at the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration at Texas Tech University. KT's research broadly focuses on technology-marketing interfaces: technology-strategy, technology-consumer, and technology-pedagogy.

KT has published in the Journal of Business Research (the #1 ranked marketing journal according to Google Scholar) where his conceptualization of virtual reality was used as an organizing framework for the introduction to the special issue. Recently, he has had co-authored publications accepted to Marketing Education Review (the #2 ranked marketing pedagogy journal), Harvard Business Review, and the Journal of Macromarketing. A

Additionally, KT was selected as a winner of the 2020 AMS Review/Sheth Foundation Doctoral Competition for Conceptual Articles.

KT has presented over 15 research papers at national/international marketing conferences including Winter American Marketing Association (AMA), Academy of Marketing Science (AMS) Annual, Summer AMA, Association for Consumer Research, Society of Marketing Advances, AMS World, and SERVSIG. Additionally, he was selected as one of ten international students to present their work at SERVSIG's Got Talent at the 2019 AMA Summer Academic Conference.

Also, KT's work on artificial intelligence (AI) was recently accepted to an AI and Strategy workshop hosted by the Indian School of Business (ISB – Hyderabad) (the #7 ranked business school worldwide and #1 in Asia) where he was awarded a research travel grant from ISB. He was also awarded the Outstanding Contributions to Research as a Doctoral Student Award at Texas Tech University in 2019.

### **Steven J. Carrillo-District 10**

"As a parent, my hope for my son's future is rooted in the quality education he receives in our schools. The betterment of our children's education is my priority and it's why I've decided to run for school board."

My son is now 20, and a 2018 graduate of Santa Fe High School. That statement is as true today as it was when I was running for the school board in 2011. It is why I decided to continue my service to our kids and public education by serving on the Public Education Commission.

I was born and raised in Los Angeles to middle class parents; parents who were children of the Great Depression. It's from them that I learned the value of hard work, education, thrift, and service to others. Raised primarily by my mother it was instilled in me at an early age the importance of social responsibility and civic action. I graduated from Loyola High School in 1977 and in 1981, from Loyola Marymount University with a degree in film and television arts. But life had other plans for me.

In the early 80's I became very involved in efforts to end U.S. involvement in Central America. This led to work anti-nuclear work, walking across the United States in 1986, the Ukraine in 1988, and landing in Washington, D.C. I completed a program through the AFL-CIO Organizing Institute and spent the next year on the road in Mississippi, Illinois, Georgia, and Massachusetts organizing unions. This profound experience, organizing workers in lumber mills, hospitals, universities, and nursing homes, working in board rooms and on picket lines, shaped who I am today and cemented my commitment to social justice, equality, and equity. My work in organized labor led me West and on March 6, 1991, I ended up here in Santa Fe. In 1994 I declined to go on the road again. I found home.

The next fifteen-plus years I spent a working in the food & beverage industry and have extensive experience managing employees, budgets, and regulatory compliance. As a former business owner, I fully understand the importance of effective public schools in fostering economic development to the betterment of our state and our public charter schools

as an essential tool in preparing our kids for their future success.

When you work with unions, electoral campaigns, and employees, you learn how to collaborate; to listen to all sides and to reach the best possible solutions. By doing so we are all the real winners. Sometimes there is conflict and sometimes it's not pretty. And with regards to my nine years on the Santa Fe Public Schools Board of Education, my advocacy and passion for the success of our kids and our schools had never wavered, been compromised, or politicized. I bring this same commitment and advocacy for our state charter schools to my work as part of the PEC.

Aside from a longtime career in the food and beverage industry, managing and opening restaurants, my final professional career is in financial services. I'm thankful that this work essentially funds my education advocacy work and allows me to schedule my time to fully support our schools and our kids. I look forward to being an effective and relevant member of the Public Education Commission.