

2026 Commissioner Bios

Jena Dunn, EdD, Chair

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Education in Higher Education Leadership, Texas A&M University Commerce
- Master of Divinity in Cross-Cultural Studies, Hardin-Simmons University
- Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, Texas A&M University Corpus Christi

EMPLOYMENT

- Provost, Stark College and Seminary, 2018-present
- Director of Student Development, Stark College and Seminary, 2015-2018
- Institutional Accountability, Stark College and Seminary, 2014-2015
- Registrar, Stark College and Seminary, 2012-2015
- Director of Academic Affairs, Stark College and Seminary, 2011-2012
- Assistant to Undergraduate Programs, Stark College and Seminary, 2008-2011
- Faculty Member, Stark College and Seminary, 2011-present
- Faculty Member, Hardin-Simmons University, 2011-present

Elaine Phillips, MA, Vice Chair

EDUCATION

- Master of Arts in Christian Education, Oral Roberts University
- Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education, Southwestern University
- Associate of Arts, Victoria College

EMPLOYMENT

- Provost, Family of Faith Christian University, 2016-present
- Vice President of Academic Affairs, Family of Faith Christian University, 2007-2016
- Director of Accreditation and Assessment, Family of Faith Christian University, 2004-2007
- Registrar, Family of Faith Christian University, 1995-2004

Brian Sherstad, MA, Secretary

EDUCATION

- Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary
- Bachelor of Theology in Pastoral Ministry, Grace Bible College

EMPLOYMENT

- Executive Vice President, Grace Christian University, 2015-Present
- Dean of Students and Vice President for Community Life, Grace Christian University, 2000-2015

Teddy Bitner, EdD, DMin

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Education in Higher Education Leadership, Aspen University
- Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Theology, Trinity Theological Seminary
- Master of Military Art and Science in History, U.S. Army command and General Staff College
- Master of Arts in Christian Ministry, Wheaton College,
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Accounting, University of Central Missouri

EMPLOYMENT

- President, Calvary University, 2026 – present
- Chief Academic Officer and Vice President, Calvary University, 2009-2026
- Chairman General Education Division, Calvary University, 2002-2009
- Director of Institutional Research and Strategic Planning, Calvary University, 2002-2009
- Senior Military Analyst, 1998-2012

Matthew Bracey, MTS, JD, PhD

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Juris Doctor, Cumberland School of Law
- Master of Theological Studies, Beeson Divinity School
- Bachelor of Arts in History, Welch College

EMPLOYMENT

- Vice Provost for Academic Administration, Welch College, 2017-present
- Registrar, Welch College, 2013-2017

Karina Dunn, MLIS

EDUCATION

- Master of Library Science, University of Alberta
- Bachelor of Arts in Theology in Music, Vanguard College

EMPLOYMENT

- Library Director, Vanguard College, 2020-present
- Library Director, Horizon College and Seminary, 2022-2025
- Assistant Librarian, Vanguard College, 2013-2019

Donald Grafton, DMin

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Ministry in Formational Leadership, Capital Seminary and Graduate School
- Master of Divinity in Practical Theology, Regent University
- Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Disciplinary Studies, New Hope Christian College

EMPLOYMENT

- Vice President of Academic Affairs, New Hope Christian College, 2022-2026

- Academic Dean, New Hope Christian College, 2018-2021

Aaron Hamilton, PhD

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational Leadership, Columbia International University
- Master of Arts in Ministry, Ohio Christian University
- Master of Business Administration, Ohio Christian University
- Bachelor of Arts in Ministerial Studies, God's Bible College and College

EMPLOYMENT

- Chief Academic Officer, Hobe Sound Bible College, 2024-present
- Director of Finance, Hobe Sound Bible College, 2017-2025
- Pastoral Ministry, 2001-2017

Stanley Helton, PhD

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy in Greek New Testament, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Leadership, Abilene Christian University
- Master of Theology in New Testament, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- Master of Divinity in New Testament and Congregational Ministry, Abilene Christian University
- Master of Science in Doctrinal and Historical Studies, Abilene Christian University

EMPLOYMENT

- President and Professor of New Testament and Ministry, Alberta Bible College, 2015-present

Matthew Millsap, PhD

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy in Systematic Theology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Master of Arts in Information Science and Learning Technologies, University of Missouri
- Master of Divinity in Systematic Theology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Arkansas Tech University

EMPLOYMENT

- Dean of Library Services, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2023-present
- Director of Library Services, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2020-2022
- Assistant Director of Library Services, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2015-2020

Gabriela Mora Alvarez, MBA

EDUCATION

- Master of Business Administration, Azusa Pacific University

- Bachelor of Arts in Business, Vanguard University

EMPLOYMENT

- Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operating Officer, LABI College, 2018-present
- Business Assistant, LABI College, 2015-2018

Alicia Plant, DMin

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Ministry, Regent University
- Master of Divinity, Duke University
- Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies, Morris Brown College

EMPLOYMENT

- Associate Academic Dean, Beulah Heights University, 2016-present
- Director of Digital Learning, Beulah Heights University, 2020-2022
- Business Account Executive, AT&T Corporation, 2005-2010

Evan Posey, PhD

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy in Theology and Apologetics, Liberty University
- Master of Divinity, Luther Rice College and Seminary
- Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, Georgia State University

EMPLOYMENT

- Executive Vice President and Provost, Luther Rice College and Seminary, 2021-2026
- Vice President for Academic Affairs, Luther Rice College and Seminary, 2016-2021
- Undergraduate Dean, Luther Rice College and Seminary, 2013-2016
- Student Accounts Manager, Luther Rice College and Seminary, 2007-2013

Aaron Profitt, PhD

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Studies, University of Cincinnati
- Master of Arts in English (Literature and Literary Theory), University of Kansas
- Bachelor of Arts in English and Political Science, University of Kansas

EMPLOYMENT

- Vice President for Academic Affairs, God's Bible School and College, 2013-present
- Director of Institutional Research, God's Bible School and College, 2008-present
- Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, God's Bible School and College, 2008-2013
- Chair, General Studies Division, God's Bible School and College, 2005-2012

David Sayers, MAcc, MBA, PhD

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational Leadership, Columbia International University
- Master of Accountancy, Gardner-Webb University

- Master of Business Administration, East Tennessee State University
- Bachelor of Business Administration, Radford University

EMPLOYMENT

- Chief Financial Officer, Columbia International University, 2025-present
- Chief Financial Officer, Newberry College, 2020-present
- Chief Financial Officer, South Florida Bible College, 2019-2025
- Partner, Integrated Organizational Development, Inc., 2010-present
- Chief Financial and Operating Officer; Department Chair, Leadership and Business; and Foundation President, Mid-Atlantic Christian University, 2006-2009
- Chief Financial and Development Officer, Florida Christian College, 2009-2010

Yiyoung Yuk, EdD

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Education in TESOL and Missiology, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Master of Divinity in Christian Ministry, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and English Education, Dongduk Women's University

EMPLOYMENT

- K-12 ESL Education Program Director, Emmaus Bible College, 2018-present
- Children's Ministry Pastor, First Korean Baptist Church, 2015-2016
- Minister for English and Chinese Ministry, Goldsboro Korean Baptist Church, 2011-2014
- EFL Teacher and Program Developer, YBM Preschool Academy, 2006-2008

Sara Lock, JD (public member)

EDUCATION

- Juris Doctor, University of Montana School of Law
- Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies, Emmaus Bible College

EMPLOYMENT

- Associate Attorney, Just Criminal Law, 2026-present
- Deputy County and Prosecuting Attorney, 2018-2020, 2021-2022, 2024-2026
- Associate Attorney, Lubnau Law Office P.C., 2021
- Associate Attorney, Daly & Sorenson LLC, 2017-2018
- Staff Attorney, The Honorable Thomas W. Rumpke, Sixth Judicial Court, 2015-2017

Rose Marie Straeter, DMin (public member)

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Ministry, Global Awakening Theological Seminary
- Master of Ministry, Global Awakening Theological Seminary
- Master of Arts Psychology-Organizational Leadership, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
- Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education, Asbury University

EMPLOYMENT

- Adjunct Professor, United Theological Seminary, 2025-present
- Instructor, Global Awakening Theological Seminary, 2026-present
- Marketplace Chaplains, 2025-present
- Director/President/Founder, Broken, Loved, Healed, Inc. Ministry, 2020-present
- TESL Teacher, self-employed, 2021-present
- Instructor, Illinois Department of Human Services, 2014-present
- Coordinator, Peer Counselor Supervisor, Counselor, Marion County Health Department, 2006-2012

Charles Tegen, MAcc, CPA (public member)

EDUCATION

- Masters of Professional Accountancy, Clemson University
- Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, Southern Wesleyan University
- Certified Public Accountant
- Chartered Global Management Accountant

EMPLOYMENT

- Associate Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management, Clemson University, 2016-present
- Adjunct Professor, College of Business, Clemson University, 2016-present
- Associate Vice President for Finance, Clemson University, 2014-2016
- University Comptroller, Clemson University, 1991-2014

Maria Graham, M.S. (student representative/public member)

EDUCATION

- Master of Arts in Ministry, Lancaster Bible College (current)
- Master of Science in Management, University of Maryland Global Campus
- Master Certificate in Strategic Organizational Leadership and Management, Michigan State University
- Bachelor of Science in Finance, University of Maryland Global Campus

EMPLOYMENT

- Retired Senior Supervisor from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Division of Supervision and Regulation (33 years of service)
- CFO and Board member, Divine Dance Institute, Capitol Heights, MD
- Global Secretary, Gospel Truth Global International
- Recording Secretary, Afro American Missionary Crusade