



Kinder High School for the
Performing and Visual Arts

KINDER HSPVA SCHOOL BOARD

Angie Eason, Chair, is a seasoned communications leader with more than 20 years of experience in highly matrixed organizations. She currently serves as Director of Internal Communications and Engagement at CenterPoint Energy. Previously, she was Senior Director of Employee Communications at Comcast, where she led internal communications and executive messaging for the Big South Region, spanning 10 states. She also served as Corporate Communications Principal at USAA, where she managed communications for the Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer.

Earlier in her career, Angie was Director of Employee Communications for Comcast's Texas Region and Division Director of Corporate Communications for CommonSpirit Health's Texas Division. In that role, she supported communications for a large healthcare network that included hospitals, emergency centers, urgent care clinics, and medical group locations across the state.

Angie holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Texas A&M University. She is actively involved in her community, supporting Top Teens of America in her hometown of Baytown and previously serving as a board member for Dress for Success Houston.

Angie's son, Grant Eason, graduated from the Kinder HSPVA Theatre Department in 2022.

Anna Eastman, Secretary, is a Licensed Master Social Worker working towards her Clinical License at Autumn Counseling. She was elected and served as the District 148 Representative in the Texas Legislature from 2020 to 2021, and the District I Trustee on the HISD School Board from 2009 to 2017. During her time on the HISD School Board, Anna served in multiple leadership capacities, most notably Board President and Chair of the Audit Committee.

Anna graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art History and obtained a Master of Social Work from Our Lady of the Lake University. Previously, she worked as a lead social worker for Communities in Schools in San Antonio. Anna has served in various volunteer roles supporting the arts, education, and the outdoors with a focus on how they impact the social-emotional well-being of Houston youth.

She currently serves on the board of The Woods Project and previously served on the Breakthrough Houston board, Teach for America Houston Regional Board, Houston Grand Opera's education and community outreach committee, and Holocaust Museum Houston's education committee.

Anna is the parent of three children, including two Kinder HSPVA alumni, Ely Eastman (Instrumental '15) and Helen Eastman (Instrumental '20).

Dr. Catherine “Cathy” Horn, Treasurer, is Dean of the College of Education at the University of Houston. Her research focuses primarily on the systemic influences of assessment and related policies on the learning trajectories of students, especially those traditionally underserved by the education and social sectors. Her other research areas include systemic barriers to college access for traditionally minoritized and marginalized students, K-12 high-stakes testing, addressing the teacher shortage, and college admission policy.

Cathy serves as Executive Director of UH’s Institute for Education Policy Research and Evaluation; Director of the Center for Research, Evaluation and Advancement of Teacher Education; and Director of the Education Research Center. She is also Past President of the UH Faculty Senate. Cathy is the first woman to serve as Dean of the College of Education.

She previously worked for The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University, the National Board on Educational Testing and Public Policy at Boston College, and HISD as a high school teacher. She earned a Ph.D. from Boston College, an M.Ed. from UH, and a B.A. from Rice University.

Cathy is the parent of two Kinder HSPVA alumni, Ryan Horn-Clegg (Visual Arts ’19) and Harper Horn-Clegg (Instrumental ’22).

Victor Cardenas has been a litigator for more than twenty-five years and has tried significant cases involving environmental claims, premises actions, insurance defense, catastrophic events, multidistrict litigation, and personal injury. He is currently a Shareholder at Pappas Grubbs Price PC, where he represents energy, transportation, chemical refineries, and industrial businesses. He advises clients on environmental due diligence, regulatory compliance, and the development of preventative and proactive strategies.

Victor graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a B.A. in Government and received his J.D. from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University. Previously, he practiced with Hartline Barger LLP, Jackson Gilmour & Dobbs PC, and Connelly Baker Wotring & Jackson LLP. Victor has chaired the City of Houston Buildings and Standards Commission since 2006, and he serves as a Kids In Need of Defense (KIND) Pro Bono Attorney.

Victor’s wife, Lynley Cardenas, was the HSPVA librarian for 17 years. They are the parents of two alumnae: Olivia Cardenas (Creative Writing ’17) and Sophie Cardenas (Theatre ’19). Victor’s parents had long careers with HISD, and his father served as an Assistant Principal at Lamar High School and Principal of Lee Elementary School.

Cristina Esquivel is the Director of Asset Management for Griffin Partners. In her role, she oversees the leasing, operations, and financing for both office and industrial assets.

Prior to joining Griffin, she worked as an Asset Manager at Brookfield Properties overseeing their office CBD properties. She also worked in various positions at Hines and has experience in development, acquisition, financial reporting, and accounting of office, retail, industrial, and multifamily.

Cristina holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Texas and a Master of Accountancy degree from the University of Houston, and she is a certified public accountant. She also serves on the board for CREDA (formerly NAIOP) and CREW Houston. She is an alumna of HISD’s High School for Law and Justice.