

Austin DRC Board of Directors



Craig Bell
Chair

Volunteer mediator; retired from a career of planning and management with the City of Austin.



Ken Bailey
Appointee, Commissioner Brigid Shea, Precinct 2

Adjunct, Associate Professor at ACC Fire Training Academy. Retired Fire Fighter with the Dallas Fire Department.



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Chair-Elect

Volunteer Mediator, Certified Ombudsman, Director of HR at Atchley & Associates, LLP, Austin, Texas.



Larry Oliver
Appointee, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, Precinct 3

Volunteer mediator, retired Commander from the Austin Police Department, long-time volunteer with several Austin-area community organizations.



Dale Matthews
Past Chair

Legal and management professional, consultant, and mediator. www.texbizlaw.com



Kathy Lenox
Appointee, Commissioner Margaret Gómez, Precinct 4

Volunteer mediator, retired IT Field Trainer/Analyst from UT Austin, trainer of hearing and mobility assistance service dogs.



Robert Marchbanks, CPA
Treasurer

CFO at the National Domestic Violence Hotline.



The Honorable Karin Crump
Judiciary Representative

Judge Crump has served as the presiding judge of the 250th District Court since January, 2015. www.traviscountytx.gov/courts/civil/district/250



Bill Forbes
Volunteer Mediator Liaison

Volunteer Mediator, Membership Coordinator and Board member of the Austin Association of Mediators, Retired Software Engineer.



Margie Cowden
Member at Large

Volunteer mediator. Extensive community volunteer involvement since the 1970s, primarily in Board service to a variety of area nonprofits.



Stacey Sheridan
Appointee, County Judge Sarah Eckhardt

Regional Marketing Director, CTA Architects and Engineers. Volunteer mediator with extensive community service.



Fred Hawkins
Member at Large

Mediator, trial lawyer, speaker, adjunct training instructor. www.lakesidemediation.com



Renita Sanders
Appointee, Commissioner Ron Davis, Precinct 1

Volunteer mediator, retired City of Austin Deputy Police Monitor, extensive community involvement with several Austin-area organizations.



Nancy Juren
Member at Large

Litigation attorney with extensive government service; retired from the Texas Attorney General's Office. Volunteer mediator.