

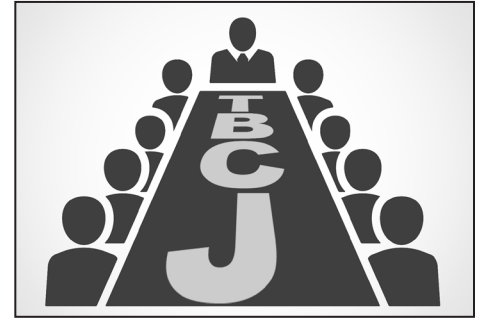


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## Board Bulletin



### Governor appoints two new members, reappoints Miles to TBCJ

Governor Greg Abbott has appointed E. F. “Mano” DeAyala and Patrick O’Daniel, and reappointed Larry Miles to six-year terms with the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, pending Senate confirmation. The Texas Board of Criminal Justice oversees the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, which provides confinement, supervision, rehabilitation, and reintegration of the state’s convicted felons. TBCJ members hire the executive director of the Department, set rules and policies which guide the agency, and serve as the Board of Trustees for the Windham School District.

Larry Miles of Amarillo is a pastor and elder at Trinity Fellowship Church, and a certified volunteer chaplain for TDCJ’s Amarillo Parole Office. He attended West Texas A&M University before serving in the U.S. Army. After being honorably discharged in 1973, he attended Amarillo College on the GI Bill. Miles was first appointed to the TBCJ in 2014, and currently chairs the Rehabilitation and Reentry Programs committee, and

is a member of the Community Corrections, Correctional Institutions and Victim Services committees.

E. F. “Mano” DeAyala of Houston is partner and attorney at Buck Keenan LLP, and replaces Leopoldo R. “Leo” Vasquez III of Houston who served as secretary for the TBCJ. DeAyala earned his Bachelor of Business Administration from The University of Texas at Austin and his law degree from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. In addition to being a member of the State Bar of Texas, he is a fellow with the Texas Bar Foundation and the Houston Bar Foundation, a member of the Solicitors Regulatory Authority and the Houston Bar Association, and is licensed as a solicitor in England and Wales.

Patrick O’Daniel of Austin is a partner at the law firm of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, an adjunct professor at The University of Texas School of Law, and is also a certified public accountant. After earning his bachelor’s de-

gree in Business Administration from UT Austin and his law degree from The University of Texas School of Law, O’Daniel clerked for United States Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. He is former president of Catholic Charities of Central Texas, general counsel for Texas Review of Law and Politics, and a member of the American Bar Association, National Association of Bond Lawyers, and Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants. O’Daniel replaces Judge Larry Gist of Beaumont who served as the chairman of the Community Corrections Committee and as a member of the Legal and Victim Services committees.

TBCJ Chairman Dale Wainwright sent greetings to the new members, saying “On behalf of the members of the Board, welcome to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer your time to serve the great state of Texas. ●