

Outstanding Texans Selected To Join the Texas Lyceum

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(Dallas, TX) The Texas Lyceum, the 27 year-old statewide non-profit, non-partisan leadership group, focused on public policy issues affecting Texas and the United States, announced the group has selected its new Directors for 2007.

The new members include:

- **J.D. Angle** of Fort Worth – VP of the Tyson Organization;
- **Tim Belton** of Houston – COO of TRC Companies, Inc.;
- **Aimee Boone** of Austin – Finance Director, Texas Democratic Party;
- **Steve Brown** of Fort Worth – Steve Brown, DDS, PA;
- **Jonas Chartock** of Austin – President/CEO Charter School Policy Institute;
- **Estrella Escobar** of El Paso – Assistant to the President of UTEP;
- **Russ Frank** of Houston – Director of Government Affairs for METRO;
- **Jim Grace, Jr.** of Houston – Attorney with Baker Botts, LLP;
- **James Ho** of Dallas – Attorney with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP;
- **Jonathan Lack** of Houston – Principal with ROI Ventures, LP;
- **Susan Moore** of Austin – Director of Government Relations High Growth Markets at AMD;
- **Juan Munoz** of Lubbock – Associate Vice Provost of Texas Tech University;
- **Peter Olson** of Washington, DC – Chief of Staff for U.S. Senator John Cornyn;
- **Derrick Parker** of Corpus Christi – Administrator of Driscoll Children's Hospital;
- **Mike Pickens** of Dallas – VP of Exploration and Production of Pickens Energy Corporation;
- **A.J. Rodriguez** of San Antonio – President/CEO of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce;
- **J.D. Salinas, III** of McAllen – Hidalgo County Judge;
- **Joey Seeber** of Tyler – Mayor of the City of Tyler;
- **Nancy Shellhorse** of Austin – Attorney with Thompson and Knight;
- **Lisa Turner** of Arlington – The Turner Group; and
- **Ken Wise** of Houston – Judge of the 152nd District Court.

The Lyceum offers exciting opportunities for its membership to become more involved and contribute their talents and time to the betterment of Texas.

"We are pleased to have such a dynamic group joining the Lyceum this year," said Lyceum President Maggie Radford. "They bring an ideal mix of both public and private sector experience to our organization which discusses and debates pressing issues facing our state and nation and helps policy makers be better decision makers."

This year the group has already met in Midland for a conference on the impact of race on public policy and featured Lyceum alumnus Houston Mayor Bill White. This coming spring, the group will convene in Washington D.C. for a conference on trade and globalization and this summer they will meet again in Austin for a public conference to take on the topic of separation of church and state.

The Texas Lyceum, a non-profit, non-partisan organization, is the premier statewide leadership organization. The Texas Lyceum is a group of 96 men and women from throughout the state, who begin their six-year term while under the age of 46, and who have demonstrated leadership in their community and profession, together with a deep commitment to Texas.

The Texas Lyceum gained its name from after the oak grove (lyceum) where Aristotle and his fellow Greek philosophers convened to debate issues more than 2500 years ago.

The Association acts as a catalyst to bring together diverse opinions and expertise to focus on national and state issues, and seeks to emphasize constructive private sector, public sector and individual responses to the issues.

To accomplish these purposes, the Lyceum conducts periodic public forums, publishes the Lyceum Journal, The Texas Lyceum Poll, and conducts programs for the Directors to explore and discuss key economic and social issues of the state and nation. For more information about the Texas Lyceum, please visit: www.texaslyceum.org

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