

# **TAFP BUSINESS MEETING AND MEMBER ASSEMBLY**

Friday, November 14, 2025

8 – 9:15 a.m.

Crystal Ballroom

Renaissance Dallas Addison Hotel

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## **AGENDA**

1. Call to order by Lindsay Botsford, MD, MBA, President
2. Report on quorum – Puja Sehgal, MD
3. Introduction of guests
4. TAFP Annual Business meeting
  - A. Approval of minutes
  - B. Approval of bylaws changes
5. TAFP Update with Ike Okwuwa, MD, President-Elect
6. Elections – Jake Margo, Jr, MD, Nominating Committee Chair
7. Fellowship Convocation – Steve Furr, MD
8. Town hall – Steve Furr, MD; Lindsay Botsford, MD, MBA, Tom Banning. Moderated by Terrance Hines, MD.
9. Other business
10. Adjourn

# 2025 TAFP MEMBER ASSEMBLY

## Thursday, November 13, 2025, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

## Friday, November 14, 2025, 8 – 9:15 a.m.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lane J. Aiena, MD, FAAFP - Huntsville, TX  
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#### *Delegate*

Joshua Angelo Mihalik, MS - El Paso, TX  
 Emily Mitchell - Amarillo, TX

#### *Alternate Delegate*

Madeline Grace Conselman, MS - Houston, TX  
 Megan Reilly Offutt - Galveston, TX

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#### *Delegate*

Winona Florida Gbedey, MD - Waco, TX  
 Mayver Carolina Gonzalez, MD - Tyler, TX

#### *Alternate Delegate*

Kyle Lee Breed, Jr, DO - San Antonio, TX  
 James Flaherty, MD - Irving, TX

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#### *Delegate*

Richel Zayas Avery, MD, FAAFP - San Antonio, TX  
 Rachelle Yukiko Hamblin, MD, MPH - San Antonio, TX  
 Shelley Kohlleppel, MD - Lakehills, TX  
 Mary Suzanne Nguyen, MD, FAAFP - Castroville, TX  
 Alexis Ramos, MD - San Antonio, TX  
 Lloyd Van Winkle, MD, FAAFP - San Antonio, TX  
 Jessica Yao, MD, FAAFP - San Antonio, TX

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Kenneth Barning, MD - Pearland, TX  
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### BRAZOS VALLEY CHAPTER

#### *Delegate*

David B Vaughan, MD - College Station, TX

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#### *Delegate*

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 Zachary Reece Sartor, MD, FAAFP - Waco, TX  
 Reagan E Tipton, DO - Waco, TX

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 Jorge Duchicela, MD, FAAFP - Weimar, TX  
 Anees Fatima, MD, FAAFP - Richmond, TX  
 Roland Prezas, DO, FAAFP - Missouri City, TX

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Ranna Ghannam Al-Dossari, DO - Sugar Land, TX

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### ***Delegate***

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 Dan Sepdham, MD, FAAFP - Dallas, TX  
 Khanh Thoai Truong, DO - Flower Mound, TX  
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### ***Delegate***

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### ***Delegate***

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### ***Delegate***

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### ***Delegate***

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 Suparna M Chhibber, MD, FAAFP - Houston, TX  
 Jessica Garcia, DO, FAAFP - Houston, TX  
 Neelima J Kale, MD, PhD, FAAFP - Houston, TX  
 Oksana Marroquin, MD - Houston, TX  
 Victor O Mendiola, MD - Houston, TX  
 Vinh Quang Nguyen, MD - Houston, TX  
 Christine Wan, MD - Pearland, TX

### ***Alternate Delegate***

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 Stephen Chao, MD - Houston, TX  
 Tasha Marie Dixon, MD - Houston, TX  
 Troy Treanor Fiesinger, MD, FAAFP - Houston, TX  
 Kathi S McCree, MD - Webster, TX  
 Terry Stewman Newman, MD - Webster, TX

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### ***Delegate***

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 Patricia Lopez-Gutierrez, MD, FAAFP - Round Rock, TX  
 Paul B Oliver, MD - Georgetown, TX  
 Krupaben Chaturbhai Patel, MD - Liberty Hill, TX  
 Karen V Smith, MD, MEd, FAAFP - Manor, TX

## **HENDERSON COUNTY CHAPTER**

### ***Delegate***

Joshua Nathaniel Splinter, MD, FAAFP - Athens, TX

## **HILL COUNTRY CHAPTER**

### ***Delegate***

David Michael Rider, MD - New Braunfels, TX  
Travis Carlisle Simmons, MD - New Braunfels, TX

## **MIDWEST TEXAS CHAPTER**

### ***Delegate***

Nimat Alam, MD, FAAFP - Odessa, TX  
Tochukwu Austine Noh, MD - Odessa, TX

### ***Alternate Delegate***

Madhusmita Panda, MD - Midland, TX

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### ***Delegate***

Shivum Agarwal, MD, FAAFP - Jacksboro, TX

## **NORTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER**

### ***Delegate***

Constanza Morales, MD - Texarkana, TX

### ***Alternate Delegate***

Tonya Joyce Youngblood, MD, FAAFP - Pittsburg, TX

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### ***Delegate***

Alyssa Beth Molina, MD - Conroe, TX

## **PANHANDLE CHAPTER**

### ***Delegate***

Benjamin J Leeah, MD, MPH, FAAFP - Amarillo, TX  
Nicole Denise Lopez, MD, FAAFP - Amarillo, TX

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### ***Delegate***

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### ***Alternate Delegate***

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### ***Delegate***

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Lahri Kancharla, MD - Flower Mound, TX  
Asif I Khan, MD - McKinney, TX  
Eduardo A. Lindsay, MD, FAAFP - Wylie, TX  
Maria Alejandra Vallejo, MD - Sherman, TX

### ***Alternate Delegate***

Narmeen Hassan Syed, MD - Argyle, TX

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### ***Delegate***

Janet L Hurley, MD, MBA, FAAFP - Whitehouse, TX  
Mariam Fatima Hussain, MD - Palestine, TX  
Li-Yu Huang Mitchell, MD, FAAFP - Tyler, TX

### ***Alternate Delegate***

Jessica Amanda Bracks, MD - Tyler, TX

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### ***Delegate***

David C Buescher, MD - Livingston, TX

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##### ***Delegate***

Kelly Lockwood Klein, MD, FAAFP - Littlefield, TX  
Patti Nelson May, MD, FAAFP - Lubbock, TX  
Roger Mike Ragain, MD, MS, FAAFP - Lubbock, TX

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##### ***Delegate***

William J Crowley, III, DO, FAAFP - Port Lavaca, TX

#### **SOUTHEAST TEXAS CHAPTER**

##### ***Delegate***

Farron Cheryl Hunt, MD, FAAFP - Beaumont, TX

#### **SOUTHWEST TEXAS CHAPTER**

##### ***Delegate***

Hector R Trevino, MD - Eagle Pass, TX

##### ***Alternate Delegate***

David Lex Brown, MD, FAAFP - Sabinal, TX

#### **TARRANT COUNTY CHAPTER**

##### ***Delegate***

Laura Ashley Jones, DO - Colleyville, TX  
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Linda Marie Siy, MD, FAAFP - Fort Worth, TX  
Yun Tzu Tran, MD - Fort Worth, TX  
Jeffrey O Urieto, MD - Midlothian, TX  
Vivianna Wu, DO - Euless, TX

##### ***Alternate Delegate***

Anwarullah Mohammed, MD - Benbrook, TX

#### **VALLEY CHAPTER**

##### ***Delegate***

Chris Casso, MD, FAAFP - Mcallen, TX  
Marissa Gomez-Martinez, MD, FAAFP - Edinburg, TX  
Hector Munoz, MD - Edinburg, TX  
Gerardo Munoz Monaco, MD, FAAFP - Edinburg, TX

##### ***Alternate Delegate***

Maria de Lourdes Moutta Calado Coimbra, MD -  
Mcallen, TX  
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**TEXAS ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024  
THE WOODLANDS WATERWAY MARRIOTT HOTEL**

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. by Terrance Hines, MD, President.

Dr. Adrian Billings declared a quorum with over 50 members participating.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Hines asked for a motion that the minutes from the last business meeting on November 10, 2023, be approved as written.

There was a motion and a second.

ACTION: Motion adopted.

**APPROVAL OF TAFP BYLAWS**

Dr. Hines asked for a motion that the proposed amendments to the TAFP Bylaws be approved as written.

There was a motion and a second.

ACTION: Motion adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TAFP BYLAWS

At this year's Annual Business Meeting and Member Assembly on November 14, 2025, members will have the chance to vote on amendments to the TAFP Bylaws. The proposed amendments are in accordance with the TAFP Bylaws, Chapter XVII, Amendment of Bylaws. An affirmative vote of at

least two-thirds of the members present and voting at the annual business meeting shall constitute adoption. For a complete copy of the TAFP Bylaws, contact Kathy McCarthy at (512) 329-8666, ext. 114. The Bylaws Committee and the Board of Directors recommend adoption of these amendments.

## Chapter VII. Ethics

### SECTION 2. VIOLATION OF PRINCIPLES

If any member has violated the principles of medical ethics or the Bylaws of this Academy, or is otherwise guilty of conduct justifying censure, suspension, or expulsion from this organization, any member may bring charges against him/her. Charges must be in writing and signed by the accuser(s) and must specify the acts and/or conduct.

Charges must be filed with the ~~Chief Executive Officer/Executive Vice President of the TAFP~~ TAFP President. At the first meeting of the TAFP Board of Directors held after the filing of charges, the charges must be presented to the Board. The Board shall consider the charges and shall either dismiss them or proceed within 30 days.

## Chapter IX. Dues

### SECTION 3

Membership dues shall be payable in advance on January 1 each year. ~~Dues of the new members shall be prorated as follows: If he/she is enrolled on or after July 1, but prior to November 1, his/her dues shall amount to one-half the annual dues; if he/she is enrolled on or after November 1, his/her dues shall be waived, but his/her annual dues for the ensuing calendar year shall immediately become due and payable, in addition to any admission fees. Membership dues shall be payable in accordance with the AAFP's bylaws and procedures.~~

## Chapter IX. Dues

### SECTION 4

Any member whose dues are unpaid at the time of any annual business meeting shall be ineligible

to vote or hold office. Any member who pays dues on a calendar year basis shall be considered delinquent if his/her dues are unpaid as of the date set by AAFP for receipt of dues ~~and shall be removed from membership 30 days after notice from the Treasurer and shall be removed from membership in accordance with the AAFP bylaws and procedures.~~

## Chapter XII. Board of Directors

### SUB-CHAPTER I. Policy and Procedure SECTION 1

The control and administration of the Academy shall be vested in a Board of Directors, hereinafter called the Board. The Board shall be composed of the Academy President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Immediate Past President, Delegates to the AAFP, four at-large directors, ~~one~~ two new physician directors, one advocate for diversity director, one resident director, and one medical student director.

## Chapter XII. Board of Directors

### SUB-CHAPTER IV. Appointed Positions SECTION 1. COORDINATOR OF PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAMS

The Coordinator of Preceptorship Programs shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board. ~~He/she shall upon appointment and confirmation become a member of the Commission on Academic Affairs. He/she shall have the responsibility of supervising student preceptorships with members. He/she shall be appointed for a three-year term and may succeed himself/herself.~~



## Member Assembly Item 6. Elections

November 2025

Printed below are the nominees from the Nominating Committee and the Residency Network and FMIG Network. If you are interested in serving on the Board in the future, contact TAFP staff for more information.

### **President-elect**

**Adrian Billings, MD, PhD, FAAFP** – Dr. Billings, of Alpine, is the Chief Medical Officer of Preventative Care Health Services FQHC in the Big Bend, the Associate Academic Dean of Rural and Community Engagement and Senior Fellow of the F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. He has been a career long rural community physician along the Texas-Mexico border of West Texas. Dr. Billings is passionate about enabling rural-born and educated students' opportunities to enroll in health care training programs.

***Why I want to serve:** I am interested in serving as an officer in TAFP to advocate for our patients, colleagues, and the communities we serve. After practicing in the rural and medically underserved Big Bend, I wake up every morning thinking about how to improve access to care for our patients and communities. Advocacy, or practicing medicine outside the walls of our health care facilities, is an important duty that I have been called to, and I hope to impact multiple pillars of social determinants of health in my work. Dr. Paul Farmer's quote, "Our most significant professional accomplishments in life will be done in partnership, as a team," helps ground me in the importance of health care collaborations in improving patients lives and public health in our communities.*

### **Treasurer**

**Puja Sehgal, MD** - Dr. Sehgal is a practicing family physician in Houston, Texas. After finishing medical school in India, she completed her internship at Wichita Falls Family Medicine Residency Program and residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. She joined Kelsey-Seybold Clinic, a multispecialty ACO, in 2007 and is currently the Chief of Family Medicine Department at Kelsey-Seybold and an elected board member of Kelsey Seybold medical group. She is past president of the Harris County chapter and has served on various committees and councils during her 20 year membership with TAFP. She previously chaired the Section on Special Constituencies as well as vice chaired the Council on Medical Practice. She served on the TAFP board in 2020. She has mentored residents for TAFP's Resident Leadership Experience program and was awarded the Breakthrough Women 2022 by Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce. She is a proud mom of three kids.

***Why I want to serve:** I truly believe that expanding family medicine is the answer to improving access to health care in this nation. TAFP gives us a voice and platform to advance the specialty and advocate for payment reforms for family physicians so that they are fairly compensated for the value and not the volume. Our physicians should have access to resources and technology to improve efficiency and decrease burn out. Our practices are as diverse as we are and our needs may be different but our goals are similar. Collaboration and coordination with payers, other stake holders, and multiple specialties can impact our practices positively. TAFP is uniquely positioned to assist all of us. With my knowledge, commitment, and efforts, I strive to work diligently with fellow physicians in improving health of our patients and communities and ensuring a joyful, rewarding practice for doctors.*



## **Parliamentarian**

**Lane Aiena, MD, FAAFP** - Dr. Aiena is a family medicine doctor in Huntsville, Texas. After completing his undergraduate degree at Louisiana State University, he attended medical school at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Medicine and his residency in Conroe, Texas. He has been practicing at Huntsville Family Medicine since 2017. He is a two-term at-large member of the TAFP Board of Directors, former New Physician Director for the Board of Directors, serves as the chair of the Texas Medical Association's Young Physician Section, and serves on the Walker County Hospital District Board. Dr. Aiena is also the President of the Walker-Trinity County Medical Society. Previously recognized with the TAFP Public Health Award and as Walker County Citizen of the Year, he is dedicated to leadership, advocacy, and improving patient care in his community and across Texas. He hosts the popular local radio segment "Thursday Morning House Call," promoting health education and strengthening the physician-patient relationship.

**Why I want to serve:** *I want to serve as Parliamentarian on the TAFP board to help advance TAFP's mission of supporting family physicians and improving access to care across Texas. As a rural physician, I've seen firsthand the barriers patients and doctors face, from workforce shortages to resource gaps. I am committed to representing those voices while working collaboratively to strengthen our specialty statewide. By serving, I hope to advocate for practical solutions that ensure every community, urban and rural alike, has the family medicine support it needs. I want to help TAFP empower physicians, promote sustainable practice models, and keep patient care at the center of all our efforts as we navigate the evolving health care landscape together.*

## **At-large Director (elect two)**

**Donald Niño, MD, FAAFP** - Donald R. Niño, MD, FAAFP was born in Houston and obtained his BSEE in biomedical engineering from Rice University. He received his medical degree from McGovern Medical School in Houston. He completed his family medicine residency at Memorial Medical Center in Corpus Christi, Texas. He opened his solo family medicine practice on the east side of Houston in 1986. He has volunteer faculty appointments with McGovern Medical School and Fertitta Family Medical School at the University of Houston. He was selected as a Distinguished Alumnus of McGovern Medical School in 1999. He was selected as the Texas Family Physician of the Year in 2001 by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians. He is on the Board of Trustees of the HCA Hospital Southeast and is a Certified Healthcare Trustee. He is still working full time as an employed physician with HCA at Channelview Family Medicine.

**Why I want to serve:** *I have been involved with TAFP since my medical school days. I have seen how the work of the Academy has affected family medicine in Texas and how that has helped all of our patients. I have been involved in and chaired many committees and commissions and have been on the board in the past. I have been looking forward to taking my turn as a leader of the Academy so that I can help serve my fellow family physicians and improve the health of the citizens of Texas. Each of us should want to work with the Academy to help keep family medicine strong in Texas, and in America, so that every citizen can have access to the best care anywhere, at their family doctor's office.*

**Tina Philip, DO** - Dr. Tina Philip is a solo practice family physician in Round Rock, Texas. She has a long history in organized medicine and currently serves as Immediate Past President of the Travis County Medical Society and Vice Chair of the TMA Council on Socioeconomics. She has previously served as Chair of the TAFP Council on Medical Practice and Chair of the TMA Women Physicians Section. She has a particular interest in development and promotion of female leadership in organized medicine and the preservation of independent medical practice. She is the proud mom of three young boys and embracing the role of “soccer mom.” When she is not chasing the kids around, she plays clarinet in a local community band.

***Why I want to serve:*** *I strive to move family medicine forward. In my past roles, I have been interested in increasing member engagement and creating a pipeline of leaders in organized medicine, which is particularly important in our specialty. One of my biggest strengths is being a people connector. I am skilled at identifying complementary individuals and bringing them together to accomplish goals. I am also skilled in leading groups with many different personalities. My experience at the state level puts me in a position to be able to advocate for family medicine. I am a solo practice owner. While that is not unique, it is becoming increasingly rare with each passing day. I would love the opportunity to serve the TAFP in this capacity.*

### **Advocate for Diversity and Health Equity (elect one for a two-year term)**

**Amanda Mohammed-Strait, MD** – Dr. Amanda Mohammed-Strait is a board-certified family physician passionate about community health, HIV/AIDS advocacy, and health equity. She earned her medical degree from Ross University and completed residency at UT Southwestern/Parkland Hospital in Dallas. She holds a Diploma in International Medicine and Public Health and is pursuing a Health Literacy Certificate. She serves as Community Health and Engagement Lead Physician at Oak Street Health in Southeast Dallas and sits on its Health Equity Advisory Council. She is active in TAFP and on several statewide health committees. Dr. Mohammed-Strait leads Walk with a Doc Dallas and serves on the Young Professionals Advisory Council for the HIV/AIDS Resource Center. Her recognitions include TAFP Humanitarian of the Year (2021) and D Magazine’s Best Doctors (2023–2025).

***Why I want to serve:*** *I want to serve as the Advocate for Diversity and Health Equity because I believe representation and equity are critical to improving patient outcomes and building trust in healthcare. As a Black woman physician caring for underserved communities, I’ve seen how bias, limited access, and health literacy gaps deeply affect health outcomes. This role is an opportunity to uplift the voices of marginalized patients and providers, promote inclusive practices, and advocate for policy changes that reduce disparities. My work in health advocacy, community engagement, and public health has prepared me to lead with empathy and purpose. I’m committed to advancing equity so that all communities — regardless of background — receive the respect, dignity, and care they deserve.*

### **New Physician Director (elect one for a two-year term)**

**Zach Sartor, MD, MPH, FAAFP** - Zachary Sartor, MD, MPH, FAAFP, is a family medicine physician with Waco Family Medicine Residency, serving as Associate Program Director for Curriculum and Evaluation. He is also board-certified in addiction medicine, serving as the Director for Primary Care Addiction Medicine at Waco Family Medicine. He received a BS in Chemistry from Baylor University and MD from Texas Tech University Health Science Center School of Medicine. Dr. Sartor also completed family medicine residency training at Waco Family Medicine and an academic development fellowship at the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center. Dr. Sartor recently completed an MPH through the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, where he was named a Bloomberg American Health Initiative scholar in the addiction and overdose focus area. He has been active with TAFP since 2016, serving on the Council on Health of the Public and completing the FMLE program in 2021.

**Why I want to serve:** I'd be honored to serve on the TAFP board of directors to help shape the future of our specialty in Texas. My work at Waco Family Medicine, focusing on graduate medical education and behavioral health integration initiatives, reflects my commitment to innovation and advancement of family medicine. Through my fellowship at Johns Hopkins focused on addiction and overdose, I've deepened my understanding of public health and systems-level thinking, which I hope to bring to TAFP's mission. I'm particularly passionate about supporting fellow physicians, especially residents and recent graduates looking to put down roots in family medicine in Texas. TAFP has so much to offer, and I'm excited to contribute to TAFP's efforts by serving as New Physician Director.

### **Resident Physician Director**

**Jose Rincon, MD** – Dr. Jose Rincon is a family medicine resident at DHR Health in McAllen, Texas. He completed his medical degree at La Universidad del Zulia in Venezuela, where he served multiple terms as class representative. Passionate about sports, he has practiced baseball, soccer, and martial arts. As a resident, Dr. Rincon has taken on key leadership roles within the institution — first as Resident Chair starting in his intern year, and now as Chief Resident. He is recognized for his dedication to medical education, advocacy, and team-based care. Driven by his lifelong love for athletics and musculoskeletal medicine, Dr. Rincon is pursuing his dream of becoming a sports medicine physician in the coming year.

**Why I want to serve:** I want to serve to be a voice, source of support, and a bridge for my fellow residents. As someone who trained abroad and now works in a rural area, I understand the unique challenges and strengths that international medical graduates bring to underserved communities. I want to highlight the positive impact that physicians like me can have in improving access to care, building trust, and addressing health disparities in these populations. My goal is to contribute to the continued growth and recognition of family medicine as a vital specialty. Through advocacy, leadership, and collaboration, I hope to help improve the health and quality of life of our patients while supporting the next generation of family physicians.

### **Medical Student Director**

**Brittany Uebbing** - Brittany Uebbing is a fourth-year medical student at the UNT Health Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, Texas. Originally from Round Rock, she completed her undergraduate studies in biochemistry and business at UT Austin before moving to Jacksonville, Florida for her gap year. In Jacksonville, she served as a maternal health care coordinator in the National Health Corps — AmeriCorps and grew her passion for maternal health and working with refugees. During medical school, she led a free primary care clinic for refugees at a local apartment complex. Outside the city, she has served on one medical mission to Guatemala and five to West Texas. In her free time, she enjoys outdoor adventures, dance cardio, and playing the flute.

**Why I want to serve:** I want to serve as a TAFP board member to voice the concerns of my peers and recruit students to join this diverse and rewarding specialty. TAFP has provided many wonderful opportunities for me to learn about family medicine — I want to continue doing the same and more for future students. As a ROME rural scholar, I rotated in rural communities and learned firsthand the disparities they face. While serving in Perryton, I identified a disparity in access to prenatal care for Guatemalan patients. My AAFP-ELI project culminated in an outreach event and the creation of the Texas Pregnancy Medicaid Toolkit to reduce barriers to prenatal care. I will use this platform to continue advocating for rural Texas and advancing maternal care for all families.

## **Delegate to AAFP**

**Emily Briggs, MD, MPH, FAAFP** - Emily Briggs, MD, MPH, FAAFP has been a board certified family medicine physician in New Braunfels, Texas since 2009. She provides full-scope family medicine services, including operative obstetrics. Dr. Briggs received her medical degree in family medicine as well as a master's degree in public health from the University of Texas at Houston HSC. She has a longstanding history of actively serving with AAFP, TAFP, AMA, and TMA. Currently she serves as Delegate for the American Academy of Family Physicians to the AMA, Delegate to the TMA House of Delegates for the LGBTQ Health Section, and recently completed her service as President then Board Chair of TAFP. She remains a tireless advocate for women's health issues and underserved and marginalized populations. Dr. Briggs remains active in her local community, including implementing a teen health summit. She is the TMA 2021 Young at Heart Award recipient and was recently awarded an honorary fellowship by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Dr. Briggs enjoys spending time with her husband and daughters, exercising, and creating music in her spare time.

***Why I want to serve:*** *I am a consensus builder. However when necessary, I will stand up for the interests of our members. Like you, I am asked who is taking care of my patients while I am here at TAFP. I am. Together we are taking care of the future of our patients ... here. We represent the interests of our patients and we are the voice that unifies our fellow physicians. Please allow me the opportunity, the honor, to represent you to the AAFP Congress of Delegates. Thank you.*

## **Alternate Delegate to AAFP**

**Janet Hurley, MD, MBA, FAAFP** - Dr. Hurley is the Director of Physician Practice Operations for CHRISTUS Trinity Clinic, where she has gained extensive expertise in clinic operations, population health, associate health, and pharmacy procedures. A 2000 graduate of Texas A&M College of Medicine, Dr. Hurley completed her family medicine residency at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler in 2003. She is a former Board Chair and Past President of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians, having contributed to the organization through service on a wide range of commissions, committees, and task forces. Outside of her professional commitments, Dr. Hurley is married with two adult children and teaches a young adult Sunday school class. Her personal passions include hiking and writing.

***Why I want to serve:*** *After completing my tenure as TAFP president and board chair in 2019, I expanded my leadership involvement at the national level, serving as vice-chair of a dynamic member interest group and as a member of the AAFP Commission on Quality and Practice. Over the past five years, I've built strong relationships with other state delegates and have consistently attended the Congress of Delegates at my own expense, where I've testified on key resolutions and worked to build consensus. I genuinely miss being part of TAFP's physician leadership and would be honored to serve you once again, this time as Texas alternate delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates.*



## Member Assembly Item 6. Nominating Committee

November 2025

Printed below are the applicants for the TAFP Nominating Committee. You will select two on the ballot emailed to you.

*If you have interested in serving on the Nominating Committee in the future, go to:*  
<https://www.tafp.org/academy/get-involved>.

### **Oksana Marroquin, MD**

#### **Why do you want to serve on the Nominating Committee?**

I am deeply committed to the mission and values of TAFP. I understand that strong, visionary leadership is crucial for our continued success. With my background: of serving as a Board member of the HCAFP, TAFP FMLE, and working with the TAFP Awards Screening Workgroup, I have developed skills in assessing qualifications and identifying key traits that align with our leadership needs. Serving on the Nominating Committee will be personally fulfilling as it allows me to play a key role in shaping the future of an organization I care about deeply.

#### **Are you a current or past member of the Nominating Committee?**

Served in 2025 for a partial term to replace another member who had to resign.

#### **Please list your TAFP committee, commission, and council participation.**

TAFP Commission on Health Care Services and Managed Care from 2018 to 2021

Commission on Special Constituency from 2018 to 2021,

Alternate delegate to the National Conference of Constituency Leaders 2019 and 2024 representing international graduates.

TAFP Racial and Ethnic Inequity Task Force 2020.

TAFP Family Medicine Leadership Experience.

#### **Please describe your local chapter or other medical society committee participation.**

Board member of the HCAFP.



## **Tamara McGregor, MD, FAAFP**

### **Why do you want to serve on the Nominating Committee?**

I have been teaching FM at UTSouthwestern for upwards of 20 years and have worked in private practice FM as well as in Hospice & Palliative Medicine. I work daily with medical students, residents, fellows and peers and across specialties. I also, as they say, "never knew a stranger". I love meeting, getting to know people, helping them solve problems, connecting them with mentors (I am helping lead the UTSW FM Faculty mentoring program) and helping people find work that they can love (for as long as I have loved my work). I have lived and worked in the DFW area (and Weatherford-Mineral Wells-Stephenville metropolitan areas) all my life and truly enjoy being a small co-enzyme in physicians' education or careers. in whatever capacity is called for. I frequently hear back from former students or residents and have even recruited some to go and become FM clerkship student teaching sites and preceptors. Dr Linda Siy was my senior resident at John Peter Smith FM residency, I worked alongside Dr John Richmond at UT Southwestern and my first private practice "boss" was Dr Justin Bartos, partnered with Dr Erica Swegler. I feel like I learned from "the greats". Furthermore, I gained so much support and knowledge from my friend, faculty peer, mentor and former chair, Dr Amer Shakil. While I nominated him for several awards before his untimely death in 2024, I failed to get him the recognition that he so richly deserved during his career. I would love a chance to "shine the light" on so many deserving family physicians and trainees and honor their work. I believe that I can bring some energy, laughter, compassion, service and connections to this committee and am hopeful that I can be considered/accepted for this committee.

### **Are you a current or past member of the Nominating Committee?**

I have not served on the Nominating Committee

### **Please list your TAFP committee, commission, and council participation.**

TAFP Council on Workforce and Member Engagement

I have participated in several TAFP-sponsored medical student, medical resident Dallas Chapter poster sessions and have taught at a few TAFP events

### **Please describe your local chapter or other medical society committee participation.**

I have not been as active with our Dallas Chapter as I have wanted. I have taught at least dinner talks in the past 5 years, mostly on the role of Family physicians in palliative and hospice care and advance directives discussions. My problem w going to meetings after work has more to do with long days at work followed by an very strong pull to go to my comfy chair at home to quickly nod off to attempts at EMR chart completion on the laptop. I plan to be more involved this next year and beyond.

## **Laura Amanda Nietfeld, MD, FAAFP**

### **Why do you want to serve on the Nominating Committee?**

I am writing to express my interest in the Texas Academy of Family Physicians (TAFP) Nominating Committee. I have been involved with the TAFP since I was elected Secretary of the Resident Section in 2013. Since that time, I have worked to promote the interests of the TAFP on a local level through my chapters and participating in local chapter leadership. On the state level, I have actively sought out committees and council positions and, on the national level, I have had the honor of representing the TAFP with the Commission on Continuing Professional Development. I have also benefitted from opportunities like the TAFP Family Medicine Leadership Experience and being a delegate and alternate delegate to the National Conference of Constituency leaders, which has helped me develop both personally and professionally.

Over the years, I have become deeply committed to the interests of the TAFP and its members and I appreciate any opportunity to support and give back to the TAFP. I hope to continue to support and advance the TAFP by helping to select responsible, dedicated leaders with a position on the nominating committee.

### **Are you a current or past member of the Nominating Committee?**

I have not served on the Nominating Committee

### **Please list your TAFP committee, commission, and council participation.**

Texas Academy of Family Physicians (TAFP) Council on Workforce and Member Engagement, Chair (2023-2024)  
 Council on Workforce and Member Engagement, Vice Chair (2021-2022)  
 Council on Workforce and Member Engagement, Member (2020-2021)  
 TAFP Academic Affairs Committee, Member (2018-2020)  
 American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) National Conference of Constituency Leaders (NCCL), Women's Delegate (appointed) for the TAFP (2021)  
 AAFP NCCL, New Physician Delegate (appointed) for the TAFP (2020)  
 AAFP NCCL, Alternate New Physician Delegate (appointed) for the TAFP (2019)  
 TAFP Member Assembly for the Section on Special Constituencies, Alternate Delegate (elected) (2017 and 2018)  
 Secretary of the Resident Section of the TAFP (elected), (2013 to 2014)

### **Please describe your local chapter or other medical society committee participation.**

I am currently president of my local Alamo Chapter of the TAFP. In addition, I have served as President-Elect (2024), Vice President (2023), and Secretary (2022) for my local chapter. I also am a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Commission on Continuing Professional Development (term 2022-2025).

I am also a member of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine and participate in the faculty development collaborative.

# **AAFP Degree of Fellow FELLOWSHIP CONVOCATION**

Steven Furr, MD, FAAFP  
Past AAFP Board Chair

## **Fellowship Oath**

As a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians

I promise to dedicate myself:

... to uphold the principles upon which our Academy was founded,

...to provide comprehensive care to my patients,

... to exemplify the highest standards of my profession, and

... to enhance my skills through continuous professional  
development.

I pledge my commitment to improve the health of the patients,  
families, and communities I serve, and to strengthen the specialty of  
family medicine, now and in the future.



Congratulations to these members for receiving the degree of fellow award.

Shivum Agarwal, MD, FAAFP  
Maria Lourdes Aguinaga, MD, FAAFP  
Umer Ahmed, MD, MBA, FAAFP  
Charla Beth Allen, MD, FAAFP  
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Mahdi M Awwad, MD, FAAFP  
Dwane G Broussard, MD, FAAFP  
Chris Casso, MD, FAAFP  
Crystal Haydee Chavez, MD, FAAFP  
Derek Chui, DO, FAAFP  
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# Family medicine tallies significant victories for patients and communities in the 89th Texas Legislature

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**By Jonathan Nelson**

July 24, 2025

The 89th Texas Legislature adjourned its regular session on June 2, 2025, and gavelled back in for a special session on July 21. In a regular session that was focused largely on items not related to health care, TAFP and its coalition partners were able to secure significant wins for patients and communities across the state.

A member of TAFP's advocacy team, Helen Kent Davis has written an extensive overview of the session from the perspective of family medicine and public health entitled [“The 89th Texas Legislature: A Summary from the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.”](#) The document contains a bonus section on the predicted effects of Congress's passage of H.R. 1, the so-called “One Big Beautiful Bill Act,” on the health care industry.

Here are some highlights from the session.

## The budget

Unlike some recent legislative sessions, lawmakers convened in January with a sizeable budget surplus and a rosy fiscal forecast. They passed a \$338 billion budget including state and federal funds for the next two years, \$5 billion more than the current biennial budget. Some of that new funding will go to upgrade the state's aging eligibility system for Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. About \$160 million in new spending will go to support programs to improve rural health, including much-needed help for rural hospitals.

Women's health program funding remained stable as lawmakers maintained spending levels for the Healthy Texas Women program, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program, and the Family Planning Program. As a steering committee member of the Texas

Women’s Healthcare Coalition, TAFP fought for programs and initiatives designed to address Texas’ maternal mortality and morbidity crisis, and to increase access to maternity care.

## Family medicine obstetrics fellowships

In what amounts to a major win for rural communities across the state, budget writers included \$5 million to “support the development or expansion and administration of family medicine obstetrics postgraduate training grant programs and to support the salaries and benefits of the training physicians.” The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will administer the funds and establish rules to guide institutions in the creation and expansion of the fellowships.

After participating in the publication of the [“2025 Rural Texas Maternal Health Rescue Plan”](#) last fall, TAFP began [calling for the creation of obstetrics fellowships for family doctors](#) to increase access to maternity care in rural Texas. According to the March of Dimes, 47% of Texas counties are “maternity care deserts” — meaning they lack obstetrical services entirely — compared to 33% of counties nationally. The Robert Graham Center says family physicians deliver babies in more than 40% of U.S. counties, and they are the sole maternity care clinicians in 16% of maternity care deserts across the country.

TAFP believes family doctors can play an important role in increasing access to maternity care for rural Texans, but more training opportunities are needed. For family physician residents seeking additional maternity and women’s health care training, there are only five FMOB fellowships available in Texas and only 48 fellowships in the country. By establishing the new Family Medicine Obstetrics Postgraduate Training Grant Program, the Legislature has given family medicine the opportunity to help struggling communities.

## Primary care and rural physician workforce funding

The Legislature opted to stay the course on a raft of programs designed to recruit and train primary care physicians and to encourage more to practice in rural and underserved communities. Funding for these five programs remained unchanged from the current biennium.

### **The Family Practice Residency Program**

The FPRP is a strategy in the budget under the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board designed to increase access to primary care by providing direct funding to family medicine residency programs. The program, which has suffered from inconsistent funding in past sessions, maintained funding at \$16.5 million for the coming biennium.

### **The Physician Education Loan Repayment Program**

The PELRP pays up to \$180,000 of student loans for physicians who agree to practice in a Health Professional Shortage Area in Texas for four consecutive years. The program will receive \$35.5 million for the biennium.

### **The Texas Primary Care Preceptorship Program**

The TPCPP aims to increase student interest in primary care by placing first- and second-year medical students in primary care practices for two- to four-week rotations. Its funding will stay at \$4.85 million for the biennium.

### **The Rural Resident Physician Grant Program**

The RRPGP awards grants for the creation of new graduate medical education positions in rural and nonmetropolitan areas. The program was established in 2024 and will get \$3 million for its second biennium.

### **The Joint Admission Medical Program**

JAMP seeks to recruit economically disadvantaged undergraduate and high school students to pursue careers in medicine by offering scholarships, internships, mentorship, and other support. Its funding held steady at \$11.7 million for the biennium.

## **Other key legislation**

### **Expansion of value-based primary care**

House Bill 2254, which reforms outdated insurance laws that block value-based care models in many employer-based health plans, made it through the session and is awaiting the governor's signature. TAFP and a coalition of health plans, business and employer groups, and primary care organizations worked to bring this issue to the Legislature. H.B. 2254 allows employers and primary care physicians to enter value-based contracts with innovative payment models like advanced primary care and direct primary care that could improve patient outcomes and lower health care costs.

### **The Life of the Mother Act**

Lawmakers in both houses passed Senate Bill 31, the so-called Life of the Mother Act, with broad majorities. The bill should provide pregnant women, physicians, and hospitals a common understanding of what constitutes a medically necessary exception to Texas' abortion ban, allowing physicians to perform the procedure when needed to save a mother's life or prevent serious medical harm.

## Scope of practice

As expected, the house of medicine faced numerous attempts by nonphysician providers to expand their scope of practice. Once again, TAFP and other physician organizations succeeded in defeating the measures. This session's biggest threat was S.B. 3055, which would have given advanced practice registered nurses, or APRNs, independent authority to diagnose and treat patients — which is by definition the practice of medicine — without collaborating with physicians.

**In written testimony to the Senate State Affairs Committee**, TAFP President Lindsay Botsford, MD, MBA, laid out the Academy's concerns with the legislation. "Rather than another debate regarding physician versus nurse credentials, the Academy urges lawmakers to consider ways to strengthen the entire primary care network, including APRNs, by redoubling efforts to promote team-based care — the only model that can achieve our mutual goals to increase access, improve health outcomes, and constrain health care costs," she concluded. The bill did not make it out of committee.

## Stay tuned ...

The current 30-day special session called by Gov. Abbott is focused on legislation in response to the recent floods in Central Texas, regulation of THC products, the redrawing of the state's congressional districts, and a number of conservative-backed proposals that failed to pass during the regular session. Of interest to family physicians, lawmakers will likely consider legislation to restrict the manufacturing and distribution of abortion medications. TAFP will continue to advocate for family doctors, their practices, and their patients, and as always, keep an eye on your inbox for the latest news in TAFP News Now.

Your Academy extends a huge "thank you" to all members who participated this session, either by testifying, or writing and calling your representatives, or by serving as Physician of the Day. Your effort, your voices, and your membership led to TAFP's successful advocacy.