

# TAFP BUSINESS MEETING AND MEMBER ASSEMBLY

Friday, November 8, 2024

8 – 9:15 a.m.

Town Center South

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel

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## AGENDA

1. Call to order by Terrance Hines, MD, President
2. Report on quorum – Adrian Billings, MD, PhD
3. Introduction of guests
4. TAFP Annual Business meeting
  - A. Approval of minutes
  - B. Approval of bylaws changes
5. TAFP Update with Lindsay Botsford, MD, MBA, President-Elect
6. Announcement of candidates – Grant Fowler, MD, TAFP Nominating Committee
7. Fellowship Convocation – Sarah Sams, MD
8. Town hall discussion:
  - A. Alternative payment models – Lindsay Botsford, MD, MBA
  - B. Workforce development in Texas – Tom Banning
  - C. Maternity and reproductive health care – Emily Briggs, MD, MPH
9. Other business
10. Adjourn

# 2024 TAFP MEMBER ASSEMBLY

## Thursday, November 7, 2024, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

## Friday, November 8, 2024, 8 – 9:15 a.m.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lane J. Aiena, MD, FAAFP - Huntsville, TX  
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Kaparaboyana Ashok Kumar, MD, FAAFP - San Antonio, TX  
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Amanda Hernandez, MS - Houston, TX  
 Erica Munoz - San Antonio, TX

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Shelby Paul, MD, MBA - Tyler, TX  
 Rachel Salinas, MD - Mercedes, TX

#### *Alternate Delegate*

Charles Edmund Conselman, MD - Dallas, TX  
 Geri Elizabeth Langham, MD - Corpus Christi, TX

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#### *Delegate*

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#### *Delegate*

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 Tatiana Cordova, MD, FAAFP - San Antonio, TX  
 Mary Suzanne Nguyen, MD, FAAFP - Castroville, TX  
 Laura Amanda Nietfeld, MD, FAAFP - San Antonio, TX  
 Nancy Juliette Vacca, MD, MBA, FAAFP - San Antonio, TX  
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#### *Delegate*

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#### *Delegate*

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 Jorge Duchicela, MD, FAAFP - Weimar, TX  
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### ***Delegate***

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### ***Delegate***

Juan Francisco Castro, MD - Corpus Christi, TX

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### ***Delegate***

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 Jessica Nu Glick, DO - Houston, TX  
 Clare Arnot Hawkins, MD, FAAFP - Houston, TX  
 Eric Ted Lee, MD, FAAFP - Bellaire, TX  
 Oksana Marroquin, MD - Humble, TX  
 Anush S Pillai, DO, FAAFP - Pearland, TX  
 Puja Anil Sehgal, MD - Sugar Land, TX  
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 Joaquin Villegas, MD, MPH - Houston, TX

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 Suparna M Chhibber, MD, FAAFP - Houston, TX  
 Lara Longo Gaines, MD, FAAFP - Houston, TX  
 Chelsea Elizabeth Mendonca, MD - Houston, TX  
 Tu Dan (Kathy) Huynh Nguyen, MD - Houston, TX  
 Rabia Shafiq, DO - Houston, TX  
 Jasmine Sulaiman, MD, FAAFP - Spring, TX  
 Gustavo David Villamar, MD - Houston, TX

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### ***Delegate***

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 Patricia Lopez-Gutierrez, MD, FAAFP - Round Rock, TX  
 Paul B Oliver, MD - Georgetown, TX  
 Anuj Sharma, MD - Round Rock, TX  
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***Delegate***

Joshua Nathaniel Splinter, MD, FAAFP - Athens, TX

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***Delegate***

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***Delegate***

Nimat Alam, MD, FAAFP - Odessa, TX

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***Delegate***

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***Delegate***

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Asif I Khan, MD - McKinney, TX

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Deepalakshmi Rajakrishnan, MD - Plano, TX

Maria Alejandra Vallejo, MD - Sherman, TX

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***Delegate***

Rita A Alumanah, MD, FAAFP - Tyler, TX

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### ***Delegate***

James Philip Felberg, MD, FAAFP - Lubbock, TX  
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### ***Delegate***

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

## **TARRANT COUNTY CHAPTER**

### ***Delegate***

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Triwanna Fisher-Wikoff, MD, FAAFP - Fort Worth, TX  
John Harlan Haynes, MD, MS, FAAFP - Denton, TX  
Linda Marie Siy, MD, FAAFP - Fort Worth, TX  
Richard A Young, MD - Fort Worth, TX

### ***Alternate Delegate***

Jeffrey O Urieto, MD - Mansfield, TX

## **VALLEY CHAPTER**

### ***Delegate***

Naomi D'Acolatse, MD, MPH, FAAFP - McAllen, TX  
James Nicholas Fahey, MD, FAAFP - Edinburg, TX  
Maria De Jesus Munoz, MD, FAAFP - San Benito, TX  
Gerardo Munoz Monaco, MD, MBA, FAAFP -  
Edinburg, TX

### ***Alternate Delegate***

Marissa Irene Gomez-Martinez, MD, FAAFP -  
Edinburg, TX

**TEXAS ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023  
GAYLORD TEXAN HOTEL, GRAPEVINE, TX**

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. by Emily Briggs, MD, MPH, President.

Dr. Ike Okwuwa declared a quorum with over 50 members participating.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Briggs asked for a motion that the minutes from the last business meeting on October 28, 2022, be approved as written.

There was a motion and a second.

ACTION: Motion adopted.

**APPROVAL OF TAFP BYLAWS**

Dr. Briggs 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 8, 2024, 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 XII. Board of Directors

### SUBCHAPTER I. POLICY AND PROCEDURE, SECTION 3

Two new physician directors shall serve staggered two-year terms. The New physician directors must be an active members in good standing who is are less than seven years out of residency training at the time of their election to the position. The Nominating Committee shall recommend a new physician director at least 60 days prior to the beginning of the Annual Session, and they shall be elected by the Member Assembly and begin serving at the conclusion of the Annual Session. The term of office shall be one two years, and they may succeed themselves. There shall be a limit of one three consecutive terms for the new physician position on the TAFP Board of Directors. Members having completed their three consecutive one-year terms as the new physician director would be allowed to serve on the Board in another capacity. Such members would also be eligible to serve as the new physician director again after a minimum of a one-year hiatus.

## Chapter XIII. Standing Committees

### SECTION 2. Committee Descriptions

#### Nominating Committee

- a) This committee shall consist of nine members, each with terms of three years.
- b) One-third of the members shall be appointed annually.
- c) ~~Two~~ One members will be appointed by the Board of Directors and ~~the other two~~ elected by the Member Assembly annually.
- d) The chair shall be elected annually by the Committee from the Committee's membership.
- e) No member of the Nominating Committee can be a candidate for a position under consideration by the committee. Any committee member who wishes to apply for such a position should resign 90 days prior to being considered by the committee.



## Member Assembly Item 6. Elections

November 2024

Printed below are the nominees from the Nominating Committee and the Residency Network and FMIG Network.

*If you have interested in serving on the Board in the future, contact TAFP staff for more information.*

### **President-elect**

**Ike Okwuwa, MD, FAAFP** – Dr. Okwuwa graduated from the University of Benin Medical School in Nigeria. He completed residency training at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center of the Permian Basin, where he is currently the residency program director. He helped grow the program to one of the largest family medicine training programs in the United States, with presence in eight counties in the Permian Basin. He has served with distinction while receiving awards such as the Dean's teaching, educational innovation, and distinguished service awards at TTUHSC in the Permian Basin. He served as a member of AAFP's Commission on Members and Member Services and chaired the commission in 2021. He has previously served as the new physician member and an at-large member on TAFP's Board of Directors, TAFP Parliamentarian, and Treasurer of TAFP. He has also served on the Council of Medical Education and is currently serving on the Council on Science and Public Health at TMA. He is the chairman of the Family Medicine Department at MCH Odessa and the chairman of the board of directors of Permian Basin Healthcare Network — a physician-hospital organization in the Permian Basin. He is passionate about leadership development and clinical competency in medical education. His goal is to train competent and compassionate physician leaders who would transform health care delivery and bring humanity back into the practice of medicine.

***Why I want to serve:*** *I believe our specialty, family medicine, is the answer to the nation's health care delivery question. I believe in servant leadership, and I want to continue my support in service of TAFP's innovative initiatives aimed at improving the health of all Texans and being an example of what family medicine stands for. I pursue excellence in all I do through hard work and dedication. I value building relationships and I am detailed- and problem-solving-oriented. I hope to continue to bring my unique perspective, knowledge, and leadership experience to the TAFP board. I believe that together, we can transform health care and change our communities.*

### **Treasurer**

**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.*

### **Parliamentarian**

**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 and is vice chair of 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.*

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

**Sarah Ashitey, MD, FAAFP** - Dr. Sarah Ashitey's professional work is rooted in her commitment to public health. She trained at UT Southwestern Medical Center and John Peter Smith Hospital, where she gained experience in community and global health. She has since worked in a rural health clinic, hospital-owned clinic, and now a thriving group private practice in Dallas. Her dedication to public health is evident in her roles on the Environmental Health Committee for the City of Dallas, the DISD School Health Advisory Council, and as a board member of The Immunization Partnership. She also serves on the TAFP Council for the Health of the Public and the Health Committee for West Dallas. Beyond her professional commitments, Dr. Ashitey enjoys playing tennis, creative writing, and engaging in healthy debates.

***Why I want to serve:*** *I am deeply committed to the health and well-being of both the public and the physicians who provide essential care. I believe family medicine is the cornerstone of our health care system, addressing diverse patient needs comprehensively. By serving on the TAFP board, I aim to advocate for our patients and ensure family physicians have a voice in shaping health care policies. We must be present at decision-making tables to influence outcomes that directly impact our practice and patients. It would be my greatest honor to contribute to this vital cause, representing the interests of our community and profession.*

**Rashmi Rode, MD, FAAFP** - Dr. Rode is the Associate Program Director for the Baylor College of Medicine, Family Medicine Residency Program in Houston. Being a voice for her patients, and her specialty, she represents at faculty senate in her institution, is the immediate past president for the Harris County chapter, has served as a Texas delegate to NCCL, and as the co-convenor at NCCL in 2022. Dr. Rode completed TAFP's FMLE program in 2017 and serves as a faculty mentor for TAFP's similar Resident Leadership Experience program. She is an international medical graduate and graduated from a leading medical school in India. She completed a residency in OBGYN in India and a family medicine residency at Baylor College of Medicine, where she was the chief resident and stayed on as a faculty after graduation. She has received multiple awards in both patient care and teaching. Dr. Rode enjoys working with the underserved patient population in the Harris health system and has done multiple quality improvement projects in her community focusing on evidence-based medicine, women's health, and patient education.

***Why I want to serve:*** I believe that the cost of health care can only be contained by strengthening primary care. I consider myself a servant leader and want to continue to serve on the TAFP board, and be the voice for my peers and colleagues as we work as an Academy to improve the health of our community. I have been involved with TAFP and the Harris County chapter for over 10 years and aspire to continue using my knowledge and experience and bringing my unique perspective to the board. As family physicians, we are uniquely positioned to meet patients where they are, and advocate for them as we reach for the common goal of health care for all. The past couple of years of serving on the board has been a growing experience as I connected with people who share the vision of advancing the specialty of family medicine.

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

**Amanda Mohammed-Strait, MD** – Dr. Mohammed-Strait has a strong passion for community, medicine/public health, and HIV/AIDS advocacy. She graduated from Ross University School of Medicine in Dominica, West Indies in 2015. She completed her family medicine residency training in Dallas at UT Southwestern Medical Center and Parkland Hospital in 2018. She has an International Medicine and Public Health Diploma, serves on the Young Professionals Advisory Council for the HIV/AIDS Resource Center Dallas, is a former Texas Children in Nature board member, and serves on many councils with TAFP. Mohammed joined Walk with a Doc in 2019 and has been a leader of the organization in Dallas hosting monthly walks with her patients and members in the community. She was named the 2021 TAFP Humanitarian of the Year Award recipient and named one of the 18 Under 40 award recipients at Southwestern University for 2021. She was named one of D Magazine's 2023 and 2024 Best Doctors. Mohammed serves on the TMA Council on Health Promotion and her organization's Health Equity Advisory Council. She also co-hosts a podcast called 'What the Health is Up?', is board certified in family medicine, and is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Mohammed practices as the Community Health and Engagement Lead Physician at Oak Street Health in Southeast Dallas.

***Why I want to serve:*** I want to serve TAFP as a board member for many reasons. Being in the early stages of my career in family medicine, I've discovered there are many opportunities and challenges for family physicians that are perhaps more than for any other specialty. Family physicians are suited for practice in the smallest and largest of communities. I have been an active member of TAFP in many capacities during and beyond residency training that has continued to enrich the ways in which I engage with the organization but also within my local community. I believe it's essential to learn more from one another and collaborate on ways in which we can ensure that our patients have equal and accessible health care regardless of gender, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status.

**Jessica Glick, DO** - Dr. Jessica Nu Glick is a family medicine physician practicing in direct primary care in Houston, Texas. She attended the University of North Texas Health Science Center's Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and continued on to residency at the Conroe Family Medicine Residency. Dr. Glick graduated from TAFP's Family Medicine Leadership Experience in 2022 and served as the Northwoods Chapter President in 2023. She also served as the Montgomery County Medical Society President in 2023 and served in TMA's House of Delegates from 2022 to 2023. She was TAFP's New Physician Delegate at AAFP's National Conference of Constituency Leaders in 2024. She is participating in her second year as a Resident Leadership Experience mentor. She will be completing AAFP's Women Empowering Women Inclusively Leading with Love program and will be completing AAFP's Leading Physician Wellness certification this year.

***Why I want to serve:** TAFP has been a constant source of support and guidance throughout my medical career since I began medical school. I have been inspired by the family physicians who I have trained with and learned from through this organization. I believe that when we work together we have the power to make lasting, positive change in our country, state, local communities, and individual clinics. New physicians are at such a pivotal point in their careers where they are navigating their first jobs, starting their families, pursuing their personal interests in medicine, and crafting their practice styles. This is a beautiful, challenging, and vulnerable time in their lives when time can feel very finite. Advocacy is such an important part of preserving our ability to practice medicine but can require time away from our homes and practices. To be able to serve, represent, and provide a voice to my fellow new physicians on the board during these formative years of our careers would be a true honor.*

### **Resident Physician Director**

**Madeline Hazle, MD** – Dr. Hazle is a third-year family medicine resident at UT Health San Antonio, where she also completed medical school. Originally from Houston, Dr. Hazle attended the University of Wisconsin, where she was member of the swim team, before returning to Texas for her medical training. She previously served as the student member on the TAFP board and has held several other leadership positions at both the state and national level, including her role as the current resident representative to the AAFP Commission on Membership and Member Services. Dr. Hazle plans to pursue a career in outpatient primary care, caring for the patients of her home state.

***Why I want to serve:** I want to serve as a TAFP board member because I am passionate about advancing family medicine and enhancing the support for my fellow residents. I want to ensure that the voices of residents are heard in shaping the future of family medicine in Texas. I'm excited to collaborate with other passionate TAFP members to make meaningful change that will ultimately improve the lives of the patients we serve.*

### **Medical Student Director**

**Shreya Mallena** - Shreya Mallena is a fourth-year medical student at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. For her undergraduate degrees in public health and biochemistry, she attended the University of Texas at Austin (hook 'em!) where she discovered her passion for public health and medicine. During her gap year, she helped with COVID-19 pandemic response efforts by working for the Texas Department of State Health Services. This experience led her to pursue an MPH during medical school to be better equipped to work at the intersection of public health and medicine. In her free time, she enjoys reading, baking, and running.

**Why I want to serve:** *Attending medical school in West Texas has given me the opportunity to work with predominantly rural and underserved populations and has furthered my passion for primary care medicine. I have been the TAFP student chair-elect for the past year, and it has been a transformative experience in building my leadership skills. I have been able to connect with other medical students and physicians who are also interested in health equity. I want to serve to continue advocating for primary care medicine and help build a community that provides tools for medical students to pursue this path.*

### **Delegate to AAFP**

**Tricia Elliott, MD, FAAFP** - Dr. Elliott graduated from Rice University and received her medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch. She completed a residency in family medicine at Albert Einstein/Montefiore Medical Center Residency Program in Social Medicine in Bronx, New York. She has provided clinical and administrative leadership across various types of health systems, including academic medical centers, a multi-specialty group practice, and a community-based, university-affiliated teaching hospital, in the roles of clinical faculty, program director, vice chair for clinical affairs, senior vice president of medical staff affairs, and currently as senior vice president of academic and research affairs/Chief Academic Officer/DIO.

**Why I want to serve:** *Service to our patients and profession has been at the heart of my professional career, with TAFP and AAFP graciously providing me this privilege for many years. I have always believed in the power of advocacy on all levels. My involvement with TAFP and AAFP has inspired me to dedicate more in service and advocacy on multiple issues impacting our family physicians and our discipline of family medicine, such as physician payment, scope of practice, physician workforce, health care coverage and expansion, delivery systems, public health, and much more. I have attended AAFP's Congress of Delegates each year for 15 years beginning as a Special Constituencies' alternate delegate and then delegate to the Congress. I have been a member of the core delegation ever since, proudly representing the voices of our Texas family physicians with our delegation. I am currently serving as delegate and would be honored to continue in this role.*

### **Alternate Delegate to AAFP**

**Clare Hawkins, MD, FAAFP** - Dr. Hawkins graduated medical school in 1984 and served in academic medicine as an undergraduate and postgraduate faculty in Canada with a master's degree in community health. He was recruited to the Houston area, becoming Family Medicine Residency Director from 1998 to 2015. He completed the Certificate of Added Qualification in Hospice and Palliative Care in 2010 and recognition of focused practice in hospital medicine in 2014.

**Why I want to serve:** *I have attended the Congress of Delegates approximately 10 times over the past 20 years as part of the Texas delegation while a member of the TAFP executive committee. I have a vision for helping shape policy for the American Academy, while representing the interests of the Texas Academy and its' members.*



## Member Assembly Item 6. Nominating Committee

November 2024

Printed below are the applicants for the TAFP Nominating Committee. You will select one 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?**

I have not served on the Nominating Committee

#### **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.



## **Marie Mae Martinez, MD, FAAFP**

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

I am eager to serve on the nominating committee because I believe in the family physician's pivotal role in healthcare. I am convinced in the power of diverse and inclusive leadership to drive meaningful progress. My strong commitment to organizational excellence, positions me well to contribute effectively to this role. With over a decade of experience in clinical practice coupled with experiences in various leadership positions, I have come to understand the intricacies of organizational dynamics and am able to appreciate and foster a culture of collaboration and innovation. Moreover, as a member of an underrepresented community, I know the importance of diversity and inclusion in leadership roles. I see and understand the challenges and barriers that diverse candidates often face and am passionate about advocating for fair and equitable representation. My approach to serving on the nominating committee will be characterized by diligent, unbiased evaluation, and a commitment to transparency and integrity. I am confident that my combination of experience, skills, and perspective will enable me to make a valuable contribution to the committee in ensuring that we select the best candidates who will uphold and advance our organization's values and mission.

### **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.**

2023 - 2024	Chair of the TAFP Bylaws Committee
2021 - 2023	Vice Chair of the TAFP Bylaws Committee

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

2020 - 2021	President, TAFP Alamo Chapter
2019 - 2020	Secretary, TAFP Alamo Chapter

# **AAFP Degree of Fellow FELLOWSHIP CONVOCATION**

Sarah Sams, MD, FAAFP  
AAFP Board of Directors

## **Fellowship Oath**

As a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians

I promise to dedicate myself:

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

...to providing comprehensive lifelong care to my patients;

...to exemplifying the highest traditions of my profession, and

...to enhancing my professional skills through continuing medical education.

I pledge my commitment to improving the health of my patients, their families, and communities and to advancing the specialty of family medicine, now and in the future.

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

Edith Akintokunbo, MD, FAAFP  
Rita A Alumanah, MD, FAAFP  
Cassandra Nicole Arceneaux, MD, MPH, FAAFP  
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