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NALEO Announces Election of New Board Members and Officers

The new slate of Board Members was elected during the NALEO 40th Annual Conference, which took place in New York City and convened more than 1,000 Latino leaders from across the country

NEW YORK, NY— The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) today announced the election of its Class of 2026 Board Members and Officers for the 2023–2024 term. The new Members were elected to serve their first term at the organization’s Board of Directors meeting on July 12 in New York City during the NALEO 40th Annual Conference.

The Board Members elected during the meeting were:

- Illinois State Senator Omar Aquino;
- Texas State Senator Cesar Blanco;
- Manor, Texas Independent School District Board Trustee Ana Cortez;
- Rhode Island State General Treasurer James A. Diossa;
- City of Downey, California Mayor Claudia M. Frometa;
- City of Yorba Linda, California Mayor Eugene Hernandez; and
- City of Lawrence, Massachusetts Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez.

While seven Members were elected, NALEO also bid farewell to six current Board Members ending their terms of service:

- Harris County, Texas Sheriff Ed Gonzalez;
- Former Rhode Island Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea;
- California Insurance Commissioner and Past NALEO President (2019–2022) Ricardo Lara;
- Canutillo, Texas Independent School District Trustee Armando Rodriguez;
- San Diego, California County Supervisor Nora Vargas; and
- Former Massachusetts State Representative Jeffrey Sanchez.

Finally, the NALEO Board of Directors elected its current slate of Officers to serve an additional one year for the 2023–2024 term:

- Miami-Dade County Commission for Women Board Member Lubby Navarro as President;
- Hudson County, New Jersey Clerk E. Junior Maldonado as First Vice President;
- New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera as Second Vice President;
- City of Downey, California Mayor Claudia M. Frometa as NALEO Secretary; and

- New Mexico Commission of Public Records Member Brian Colon as Treasurer.

“We are excited to have another diverse slate of Latino leaders join the NALEO Board of Directors,” **said NALEO President Lubby Navarro**. “As our organization’s reach expands, it is even more crucial to have a core team of driven, talented Latino leaders to help fulfill the NALEO mission and guide the organization toward its goals. I look forward to governing alongside this group of leaders from across the country and across the aisle. Congratulations to the NALEO Class of 2026 Board of Directors and Officers!”

This slate of Board Members was elected during the NALEO 40th Annual Conference, which took place for the first time in New York City, from July 11–13, 2023. The event convened more than a thousand Latino leaders and their supporters from across the country and across the aisle to facilitate the meaningful exchange of ideas and foster solutions around today’s most pressing policy issues.

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About NALEO

The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials is the non-partisan leadership organization of the nation’s more than 7,000 Latino elected and appointed officials.