



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **NALEO Educational Fund Announces Election of New Board Members**

*The new Board Members were elected during the NALEO 40<sup>th</sup> 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) Educational Fund today announced the election of two Class of 2025—First Term Board Members. The new Members were elected to serve their first term at the organization’s Board of Directors meeting on July 13 in New York City during the NALEO 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

The two Board Members elected during the meeting were:

- California State Assemblymember Lisa Calderon and
- Canutillo, Texas Independent School District Trustee Armando Rodriguez.

Just prior to joining the NALEO Educational Fund Board of Directors, Trustee Rodriguez completed his service on the NALEO Board of Directors.

These new Board Members fill two vacancies left by three NALEO Educational Fund Board Members who completed their terms of service in December 2022. Those Board Members are:

- Dallas, Texas County Treasurer, Past NALEO Educational Fund Chair (2012–2015), and Past NALEO President (2016–2019) Pauline Medrano;
- Former Indiana State Representative and Past NALEO Educational Fund Chair (2019–2022) Mara Candelaria Reardon; and
- Mr. Pep Valdes, Executive Vice President of Parking Company of America.

“We are excited to have Assemblymember Calderon and Trustee Rodriguez join the NALEO Educational Fund Board of Directors, and we are eager to see these two Latino leaders utilize their talents to spearhead NALEO Educational Fund’s mission and empower all Latinos through the American political process,” **said NALEO Educational Fund Chair Alejandra Sotelo Solis.** “Our new Board Members will be responsible for providing thought leadership surrounding the projects, events, and services that drive NALEO Educational Fund forward — encompassing everything from our professional development Policy Institutes to preparing the Latino electorate for the 2024 U.S. presidential elections.”

These two Board Members were elected during the NALEO 40<sup>th</sup> 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 Educational Fund**

*NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-partisan, non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.*