



## Board Appointment Form

City Clerk's Office

Appointing Office	Mayor Renard U. Johnson
Agenda Placement	Consent
Date of Council Meeting	05/13/25
Name of Board	Sun Metro Citizens Advisory Committee
Agenda Posting Language	
Appointment of Xavier Bañales to the Sun Metro Advisory Committee by Mayor Renard U. Johnson.	
Appointment Type	Regular
Member Qualifications	
A person whose duties include operations of the Sun Metro Advisory Committee.	
Nominee Name	Xavier Bañales
Nominee Email Address	
Nominee Residential Address	
Nominee Primary Phone Number	
Residing District	District 1
City Employed Relatives	N/A
Board Membership	
Real estate owned in El Paso County	
Previous Appointee	Silvia Torezani
Reason for Vacancy	Resigned
Date of Appointment	08/12/24
Term Begins On	08/12/24
Term Expires On	08/12/28
Term	Unexpired Term

J. Xavier Bañales



### **Professional Background**

- Interim Director, El Paso Transportation Authority (ETA), established by the County of El Paso in November 2021. ETA is responsible for providing transportation services within the County of El Paso (but not within the City of El Paso). The ETA programs include: El Paso County Fixed Route; EP County Paratransit Program; EP County Van Pool Program; El Paso to Las Cruces Express Bus Program (Gold Route).
- Chief Executive Officer, Amistad (Oct 2004 to May 2020 retired). Responsible for management and administration of Amistad. In this position, was the staff support person to the Board of Directors and coordinated all functions related to the management and administration of the agency. At its height the agency had 180 employees and a budget of 18 million. Retired in May 2020.
- Assistant Executive Director of one of the largest Girl Scout Councils in the nation (Girl Scouts of San Francisco Bay) - 1989 to 2004.
- Executive Director – Rio Grande Girl Scout Council, El Paso Texas. 1983 – 1989.
- Chief Juvenile Probation Officer County of El Paso 1977 – 1983.
- Girl Scouts USA. Director of the Migrant Communities Project 1974 – 1977.
- EPISD Classroom teacher 1973 – 1974.
- US Army 1969 – 1971 Honorable Discharge.

### **Community Activities**

- Texas State Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Committee (2019 - 2024).
- Board member, Community en Accion (CEA). Elected board chairperson in 2018 and 2019. CEA is a nonprofit organization made up of Latino community leaders serving the greater El Paso Community.
- Amistad Board of Directors. After having retired for three years, I was asked to serve on the board of directors in late 2023 and was elected board treasurer starting in 2024.
- Past president of LULAC Council 8, El Paso Texas, 2021 – 2023.

- Texas Guardianship Association Board of Directors, 2008 – 2014. President of the board of directors in 2014.
- El Paso County Emergency Food and Shelter Board, 2007 to 2012. President of the board of directors 2009 – 2012.
- Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD). Board President 2012 – 2014.
- West Texas El Paso Regional Transportation Coordinating Committee. Established by TxDOT. Have served as Board Chairperson and currently am chairperson of the board. The area of service includes El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Presidio, Jeff Davis and Brewster Counties.
- Received Certificate of Completion – Financial Management Oversight Seminar by The Federal Transit Administration (San Francisco – March 2012).
- Mental Health Mental Retardation (Now named Emergency Health Network) Board of Trustees – Vice Chair, appointed by El Paso City Council – 2009 to 2012. Served as board member, Treasurer, and as Vice President of the board of directors.
- Presenter, TxDOT Transportation Short Course, Texas A & M, October 2007. Community Transportation Collaborations. 2010.
- Selected to El Paso Community Foundation's Border Institute for Not-for-Profit Agency Executive Directors – 2008.
- Past member ROTARY Club of El Paso.
- President of the Board of Directors of the Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation of the East Bay, Oakland, CA. 1998 – 2001.

**Military Service:** US Army 1969 - 1971

### **Education**

- University of Texas El Paso, Bachelor's Degree in History, Minor in Political Science, 1969.
- University of Texas El Paso, Master's Degree in Education, Minor in History, 1973.