

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, by Resolution of March 13, 2007, the City Council of the City of El Paso created the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) and named its initial Board;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 370.251 of the Texas Transportation Code and the City of El Paso's Petition and Request for Authorization to Form the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority, as approved by the Texas Transportation Commission, the terms for CRRMA Board positions expire on February 1 of each year;

WHEREAS, in an effort to ensure the continuity of the CRRMA through the avoidance of any vacancies in City-appointed positions of the CRRMA Board, the City Council desires to make appointments to Positions 2 and 6, which shall become effective on February 4, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City of El Paso hereby appoints the following board members to the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority Board for the position(s) identified below, which shall take effect on February 4, 2025:

1. Lina Ortega, Position 2, term expiring on February 1, 2027.
2. Mathew McElroy, Position 6, term expiring on February 1, 2027.

APPROVED on this ___ day of February 2025.


THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Renard U. Johnson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karla M. Nieman
City Attorney



Board Appointment Form

City Clerk's Office

Appointing Office	Mayor Renard U. Johnson
Agenda Placement	Consent
Date of Council Meeting	02/04/25
Name of Board	Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority
Agenda Posting Language	
Discussion and action on a Resolution that the City of El Paso appoints to the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority Lina Ortega to Position 6, whose term will expire on February 1, 2026.	
Appointment Type	Regular
Member Qualifications	
A person whose duties include daily operation of the CRRMA.	
Nominee Name	Lina Ortega
Nominee Email Address	[REDACTED]
Nominee Residential Address	[REDACTED]
Nominee Primary Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Residing District	District 8
City Employed Relatives	[REDACTED]
Board Membership	
Border Relations Committee of City of El Paso Member, 2006 to 2010 Chair 2009-10, Vice-Chair 2007-08 El Paso Housing Finance Corporation (City of El Paso) Board Member, 2001-2003	
Real estate owned in El Paso County	
N/A	
Previous Appointee	Dorothy Byrd
Reason for Vacancy	Term Expired
Date of Appointment	02/04/25
Term Begins On	02/04/25
Term Expires On	02/01/27
Term	First Term

EVELINA ORTEGA

Attorney at Law

El Paso, Texas

AREA OF EXPERTISE Civil Trial Attorney

BAR ADMISSIONS State of Texas, November 1978
Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, May 1980
Western District of Texas, January 1980
Northern District of Texas, February 1980

CERTIFICATION Personal Injury Trial Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
December 1992 to 2022

HONORS Texas State Bar Award-
Texas Legal Legion
February 17, 2022

The Best Lawyers in America
2007 to present

Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers
Martindale-Hubbell 2011 to present

Texas Super Lawyer
2009-10, 2014

EDUCATION University of Texas School of Law (1976-78)
Austin, Texas
Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1978

University of Texas (1974-75)
Austin, Texas
Bachelor of Arts in Government (minor in Economics)
with Honors, 1975

University of Texas (1973-74)
El Paso, Texas

EMPLOYMENT Texas State Representative for District 77
January 2017 to January 14, 2025

Solo Attorney Practitioner, 1989 to Present. Represent civil litigants in personal injury, employment, and products liability matters with emphasis in medical cases.

Caballero & Ortega, 1986-89. Represented civil litigants.

Assistant Federal Public Defender, 1982-86. Represented indigents charged with federal offenses at Federal Public Defenders Office.

Solo Attorney Practitioner, 1980-81.

Assistant Attorney General, 1978-80. Represented the State of Texas in a major Federal Class Action Civil Rights lawsuit and later handled writs of habeas corpus lawsuits in Texas Attorney General's Office.

Law Clerk at Texas Attorney General's Office, 1977-78. Performed legal research and assisted in Federal Class Action lawsuit.

AFFILIATIONS

El Paso Bar Association
Member, 1980 to present

El Paso Bar Foundation
Board of Directors
2010 to 2022
Past President

El Paso Women's Bar Association
President, 1985

El Paso Trial Lawyers Association
President, 1997

Texas Trial Lawyers Association
Associate Director, 1992-93
Director, 1994-95

United States District Court
Western District of Texas
Member, Admissions Committee

1985-2010

Mexican American Bar Association
Member, 1994 to 2016
Member of Board of Directors, 1996-98

Texas Bar Foundation
Fellow, 1994-98
Life Fellow, 1998 to present

Texas Board of Disciplinary Appeals
Member, 1994-97 (appointed by the Texas Supreme Court)

STATE INVOLVEMENT Metropolitan Transportation Policy Board
Chair, 2021-22 and former Vice Chair
Member from 2017 to December 2024

House Democratic Caucus
Current Treasurer and former Counsel
Member from 2017 to December 2024

Texas Women's Health Care Caucus
Secretary
Member from 2017 to December 2024

Legislative Study Group
Caucus Counsel
Member from 2017 to December 2024

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT El Paso County Ethics Commission
County of El Paso
Member, 2011 to 2016
Chair 2015-16

Border Relations Committee of City of El Paso
Member, 2006 to 2010
Chair 2009-10, Vice-Chair 2007-08

Annie's List
Board Member, 2007-08

El Paso Women's Political Action Committee
Member, 2004 to 2014

Mayoral Environmental Task Force

Chairperson, 2001-03

El Paso Housing Finance Corporation (City of El Paso)
Board Member, 2001-03

El Paso Court of Inquiry
Attorney Pro Tem on Mental Health/Mental Retardation, 1994-95



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Agenda Placement	Consent
Date of Council Meeting	02/04/25
Name of Board	Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority
Agenda Posting Language	
Discussion and action on a Resolution that the City of El Paso appoints to the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority Mathew McElroy to Position 2, whose term will expire on February 1, 2026.	
Appointment Type	Regular
Member Qualifications	
A person whose duties include daily operation of the Camino Regional Mobility Authority.	
Nominee Name	Mathew McElroy
Nominee Email Address	[REDACTED]
Nominee Residential Address	[REDACTED]
Nominee Primary Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Residing District	District 8
City Employed Relatives	N/A
Board Membership	
N/A	
Real estate owned in El Paso County	
N/A	
Previous Appointee	Silvestre Reyes
Reason for Vacancy	Term Expired
Date of Appointment	02/04/25
Term Begins On	02/04/25
Term Expires On	02/01/27
Term	First Term

Mathew S. McElroy

Professional Experience

Chief Operating Officer

September 2023 to Present, Wannamaker Management Corporation

- Responsible for all operational activities (approx. 300 employees) across operations in Columbia, Mexico, and the US, including Project Management Office, back office operations, IT, real estate, real estate acquisitions, site selection and expansions, and AI implementation.

General Manager

July 2017 to August 2023, GCC Sun City (Grupo Cementos de Chihuahua)

- Led 300 employee West Texas, southern New Mexico market Ready Mix, Asphalt and Aggregates producer.
- Successfully led turn around after GCC purchase from CEMEX in 2016.
- EBITDA turn around—negative EBITDA across the combined business units after acquisition turned profitable within one year.
- Successfully transitioned business through senior leadership changes.
- Implemented new organizational structure and right sizing, reducing overhead costs.
- Implemented two Lean Six Sigma and automation projects that reduced operational costs in two major operations.

Director

July 2015 – July 2017, City of El Paso, Texas Municipal Government, International Bridges Department

- Responsible for oversight of the International Bridges Department and annual budget of \$22 million.
- Worked with regional stakeholders to stand up Bi-National International Bridges Working Group.
- Led Lean Six Sigma Project with Working Group to identify and fund international cargo crossing system improvements, resulting in significant external funding to reduce international bridge wait times.
- Worked with Customs and Border Protection P3 funding from the City of El Paso to reduce vehicle wait times at peak hours by 9%. Project used a multidisciplinary team of economists and CBP agents to target overtime hours where wait times could systematically be reduced across the bridge system.

Director

May 2012 – July 2015, City of El Paso, Texas Municipal Government, Planning and Inspections Department (formerly City Development Department)

- Responsible for oversight of the City Development Department—Divisions included Urban Planning, Building Permits and Inspections, Subdivision Permitting and Inspection. 125 staff and an annual budget of \$10.8 million.
- Oversaw the creation of City Development as a new department and the construction of a One-Stop-Shop for all permit and development applications.
- Implemented major new technology systems successfully: Electronic Document Review (EDR) and a mobile application to allow contractors to schedule inspections in less than ten seconds.
- Oversaw adoption of 10- and 15-year economic development incentive policies tied to downtown and the traditional city centers of El Paso. Incentives included historic, property tax, city sales tax, fee waivers, and other income streams to focus on infill and redevelopment tied to mass transit (street car, Bus Rapid Transit).
- Trained 60 city staff and private sector design professionals in Oklahoma City for the CNU-A exam by invitation of the Urban Land Institute. Trained 40 city staff and private design professionals in Austin, Texas to sit for and pass the CNU-A exam by special invitation of the City of Austin. The CNU-A exam focuses on street design, building orientation, and building fully multi-modal communities.
- Winner, 2015 *Charter Award* by the Congress for the New Urbanism, for *Plan El Paso* and multiple implementation projects.

Deputy Director

July 2008 – May 2012, City of El Paso, Texas Municipal Government, Development Services and Planning and Economic Development Departments.

- Responsible for oversight of the City of El Paso Planning Division, to include approximately 30 staff members, staff support to the City Plan Commission, Capital Improvements Advisory Committee (Impact Fees for water and Wastewater), Open Space Advisory Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

- 2012 Groves Award Winner. Awarded jointly by the Congress for the New Urbanism and the Transect Codes Council at the 20th anniversary Congress for the New Urbanism. The Groves Award is among the highest national awards in planning and among the highest personal awards given by the CNU.
- Developed and provided instruction to 100+ City of El Paso department heads and senior staff and 90+ private engineers and architects in professional exam for accreditation by the Congress for New Urbanism (CNU-A).
- Winner 2011 EPA National Award for Smart Growth Achievement: Programs, Policies, and Regulations. Plan El Paso 2010. A comprehensive, transit-oriented development plan.
- Worked to have the City of El Paso adopt the Institute for Transportation Engineers Walkable Urban Thoroughfares adopted as a required practice for City capital projects and as the basis for an update of subdivision design regulations.
- Worked with the El Paso City Council to incentivize (\$50 million) 600 acres (400 infill) of SmartCode development in El Paso.
- Worked to create City policy that requires all firms doing City funded capital work have at least one project assigned staff member who has passed the CNU-A exam.
- Served as the City team leader to adopt the first Urbanist comprehensive plan for the City since the 1925 Kessler plan with Dover Kohl and Partners.
- Liaison to Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment, focusing on housing and multifamily development identified in HMA while Military Growth Coordinator (see below).
- Oversight of DoD Growth Management Plan grants (\$1.3 million).
- Oversight DoD Comprehensive Plan Rewrite grants (\$2.8 million).

Military Growth and Expansion Coordinator

July 2007 – June 2008, Department of Defense, OEA/City of El Paso, Texas Municipal Government, Development Services.

- Responsible for the oversight and development of a Housing Market Analysis (HMA) and regional growth management plan (RGMP) with consultant Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC).
- HMA focused on strategy of minimizing on post military housing by incentivizing private development of housing for military not required to live in barracks. Developed and led adoption of incentive programs through the City of El Paso to incentivize multifamily unit shortfall identified in the HMA.
- RGMP addressed 15 areas impacted by the 28,006 troops expected at Fort Bliss, Texas by 2012. Plan content areas included an existing conditions assessment, housing, future land use, education, revised subdivision ordinance, building code, traffic impact study, and economic development.
- Led RGMP community working group (Ft Bliss Commanding General, Ft Bliss Garrison command, installation housing office, local private developers, school districts, chambers) who reviewed HMA and RGMP to final adoption by the City Council of the City of El Paso.
- Grant project budget \$1.3 million, not including local match.

Associate Director

July 2003 – July 2007, University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), Institute for Policy and Economic Development (IPED), El Paso, Texas.

- Responsible for IPED supervision (approximately 20 full and part time staff); including outreach, project management of broad ranging economic, planning, program evaluation, other social science and survey research contracts. Also coordinated and lead grant writing teams for competitive proposals to multiple federal and state agencies, as well as private foundations.
- Conduct outreach and social science research in areas ranging from housing, urban planning, economic impact analysis, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to public opinion polling and program evaluation. Projects include team building, extensive data analysis and technical report writing, to include econometric forecasting, (time series multivariable methods), cross sectional data analysis, and Input-Output (RIMS II, IMPLAN, REMI, Regional Dynamics) based economic impact analysis.
- Served as principal investigator (PI) for dozens of contracts and grants, which required staff selection, work assignment, training, evaluations, terminations, all in addition to day-to-day staff supervision.
- National Award Winner (2007-2008) for Excellence in Policy Analysis and Research from C2ER (Center for Community and Economic Research, formerly ACCRA) for bi-national industry cluster planning and gap analysis project. Project completed with Ed Feser, Ph.D. and Carlos Olmedo.

Assistant Director

April 2001 – June 2003, University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), Institute for Policy and Economic Development, El Paso, Texas.

- Project management of assigned planning, other social science, and economic research projects and contracts.
- Conduct social science research in areas ranging from cross sectional data analysis and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to survey research.
- Grant writing primarily focusing on education and economic development issues.
- Manage and edit Institute external communications (Web presence, scholarly publications, technical reports).
- Served as principal investigator (PI) for multiple contracts and grants, which required staff selection, work assignment, training, evaluations, terminations, all in addition to day-to-day staff supervision.

Senior Technical Staff Associate

June 1999 - March 2001, University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), Technology Planning, El Paso, Texas.

- Responsible for department supervision under Associate Vice President for Technology Planning and Distance Learning, to include management of the budget, grant writing, instructional design, and digital media courseware project management and production. Projects ranged from social science research, regional technology planning, and working groups (Internet 2, UT TeleCampus) to multimedia projects.
- Developed intranet for the sharing of NAFTA economic, demographic, and transportation databases and research under subcontract from Public Policy Research Center at UTEP for US Department of Transportation.
- Development of the *Border Encyclopedia*, a grant funded project from the University of Texas System to create a database of United States border demographic, economic, cultural data and case studies.

Graduate Policy Fellow

Contract, 1997, 1998, 1999, UTEP Public Policy Research Center, El Paso.

- Extensive planning (affordable housing, Section 8 housing, transportation and NAFTA impacts), economic, and other social science research. Responsibilities included technical report writing, multimedia product development, and data analysis in areas ranging from affordable housing policy and contingent valuation method to inter-modal transportation, NAFTA, and organizational theory.
- Specific planning work in affordable housing and neighborhood planning for the completion of two long term projects.
- Multiyear transportation planning under projects for (1998, 1998, early 1999) under Department of Transportation funding to Public Policy Research Center at UTEP.

High School English Teacher

January 1997-August 1999, Eastwood High School, Ysleta Independent School District, El Paso, Texas

- Advanced Placement, Pre- Advanced Placement English courses.

Sergeant, U.S. Army Reserves

January 1993 - December 2000

- Multiple assignments, including squad leader and land navigation instructor.

Education

Master of Science (MS) in Economics

University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), Awarded December 2008.

- Thesis: Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Home Lending Patterns Along the Texas-Mexico Border

Master in Public Administration (MPA)

University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), Awarded December 2000

- MPA Outstanding Graduate, 1999 – 2000.

Bachelor of Arts (BA), English and American Literature, magna cum laude

University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), August 1992 - December 1996
