

Steven J. Alexander

Steve started working in government at the City of Killeen, Texas in April of 1994 as a Management and Budget Analyst and has since held a number of executive positions in municipal government. Most notably, Steve served as Director of Finance for Copperas Cove for four years before becoming their City Manager for five years. Subsequent to his time in Copperas Cove, Steve served the City of Greenville as their City Manager for six years. He is now the Director of Administrative Services and Chief Financial Officer for the Town of Highland Park.

Completing his undergraduate degree in 1993, he holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting. He also holds a Masters of Business Administration from Tarleton State University and is a certified public accountant.

Steve is a current member of ICMA, TCMA, TSCPA, AICPA, and GFOAT.

He currently resides in Rockwall, TX with his wife, Tricia and their three children, Samantha, Matthew and Kaitlyn.



Robert Camareno – City Manager

Robert Camareno has a passion for public service and is honored to be the City Manager for the City of New Braunfels, the second fastest growing city in the country. As City Manager, he is responsible for the day to day operations of the City. The City Manager is one of three employees of the City appointed by the Council.

Robert was born in New Braunfels, graduated from New Braunfels High School, received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Phoenix in Accounting and is a member of the International City/County Management Association and the Texas City Management Association.

After high school, Robert honorably served in the United States Marine Corps for three years and received two meritorious promotions. Robert started his professional career as an accountant with a large certified public accounting firm in Arizona. After eight years with the firm, he went on to become the Finance Director and Interim City Manager for the City of Eloy, Arizona. He then served the City of Casa Grande, Arizona as a Budget Analyst, Supervising Accounting and Interim Finance Director.

Because of a desire to be closer to his parents, Robert moved back to Texas to become the Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance for the City of Copperas Cove, Texas. He then reached a professional goal by becoming a City Manager in the City of Buda, Texas. In 2008 Robert realized a personal goal - to serve his hometown, New Braunfels, Texas. First as the Assistant City Manager and then City Manager since 2013.

Robert is married and has three children. Because of his dedication to serve others, he currently volunteers as a member of the Board of Directors for Communities in Schools, an organization that works hand in hand with schools, communities and families to help students stay in school and succeed in life. He previously served on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Comal County, the Eloy Chamber of Commerce, Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce and Upstarts.

Krystal Crump

Krystal Crump has more than five years of experience as an auditor for schools, cities, and counties and is currently the director of finance and IT for the City of Kennedale. She has a bachelors degree in accounting and masters degree in accountancy from Baylor University.

Monette Fisher

Monette Fisher is a Senior Account at the City of Decatur. Her career began with Standard Register, a fortune 500 company, as a Purchasing Agent in the Document Management, Secure Document Division where she also served as a regional trainer in the Lubbock, Tyler, Shreveport, Little Rock and Fort Worth offices. In 2003, she began working in government finance. She attended the Southwest School of Government Finance through a scholarship from GFOAT. She has been an active member of GFOAT since 2003 and has enjoyed having the opportunity to participate on the Ethics Committee and to serve as co-chair. Her hobbies include fly fishing and outdoor activities with her family. She can be reached at mfisher@decaturtx.org

Jeff H. Gulbas

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Jeff Gulbas, a partner in the firm's Dallas office, graduated from Texas A&M University (BA, Magna Cum Laude, 2003) and earned his law degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law (JD, with honors, 2006) where he served as Texas Survey Editor of the SMU Law Review. Jeff joined the firm soon after his graduation from SMU School of Law. Jeff serves as bond counsel and underwriters' counsel in tax-exempt debt transactions for numerous political subdivisions, including independent school districts, cities, and counties. Jeff also assists issuers of tax-exempt debt in structuring short-term flexible repurchase agreements. Jeff is a member of the American Bar Association, The State Bar of Texas, The Dallas Young Lawyers Association, The National Association of Bond Lawyers, and he is especially involved in the Texas A&M Association of Former Students.

Bob Hart

Bob Hart was appointed City Manager in March 2007. He has served as City Manager in five other Texas cities: [Georgetown](#), [Huntsville](#), [Pampa](#), [Sweetwater](#), and Sundown.

Bob also served as President of the Innovation Groups, leading the organization to its transformation to the [Alliance for Innovation](#) (AFI), a nonprofit association dedicated to local government capacity building, organizational culture development, technology maximization, and networking.

Bob is an active member of the Texas City Management Association ([TCMA](#)) and the International City/County Management Association ([ICMA](#)) through which he is a credentialed manager.

As an adjunct faculty member in the [Master of Public Administration](#) program at the University of Texas at Arlington he teaches Strategic Planning and the capstone seminar where he leads students in completing their final applied research project prior to receiving a Master's degree.

Bob also serves on the Accreditation Council of the American Public Works Association ([APWA](#)), the First Tier Suburbs Council of the [National League of Cities](#), and the Public Administration Advisory Board of the [University of North Texas](#).

Bob earned his Bachelor's degree from [Baylor University](#) and his Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the [University of North Texas](#), where he is also a member of [Pi Alpha Alpha](#), and was named the outstanding MPA Alumni for 2000.

Bob and his wife, Lois, have five children.

Tom Hart, City Manager

Tom Hart has served as Grand Prairie City Manager since 1999. Prior to that, Hart was Assistant City Manager and later City Manager in Euless for 16 years. He was one of the youngest city managers in the history of Texas when he served as City Manager in The Colony from 1978-1981. Known for his attention to world class customer service and innovative management style, Hart created the city's popular and successful mission to "create Raving Fans by delivering World Class Service."

During his tenure as Grand Prairie's City Manager, he has overseen the reconstruction of the historic Uptown Theater and construction of QuikTrip Ballpark, Verizon Theatre, the Ruthe Jackson Center and Gardens, Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens, Tony Shotwell Life Center, Prairie Paws Adoption Center, the Splash Factory, Alliance Skate Park, the Public Safety Training Center, Municipal Court House, the Public Safety Building, and Active Adult Center.

Hart serves on the Lone Star Park Charitable Foundation and was named Zeus Man of the Year by the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce in 2009. Hart was honored in the 2009 Grand Prairie Rotary Club Golf Tournament for his significant contributions to the Grand Prairie community. Hart was instrumental in founding Grand Prairie's Rotary Club Golf Tournament in 2001, which has provided more than \$1 million in dental services to Grand Prairie children.

His professional awards also include:

- Two Joy Samson Mentoring Awards from the Urban Management Association of North Texas
- Texas City Management Association Mentoring Award
- International City/County Management Association Award for Career Development – The Cookingham Award
- International City/County Management Association In-Service Training Award – The Clarence E. Ridley Award
- Hurst-Euless-Bedford Rotarian of Year
- Northeast Leadership Award – North Region
- Past President North Texas City Management Association

He and his wife, Susan, have two sons, Austen and Tr

Laura Hill, Mayor

Mayor Hill was elected in May of this year. She has served the City for many years, starting in 2004 when she was first elected to City Council.

She is founder of SPARK - Students and Parents Against Risks to Kids and a co-founder of SASO (Say-So) - Scholars and Athletes Serving Others

She received the Legacy of Women Award 2014 from Safe Haven of Tarrant County; the Carroll ISD Shankman Award for service to children; the Southlake Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award; the L.I.N.K. Award from Metroport Meals on Wheels; and the Chamber of Commerce Civic Group of the Year for SASO.

Mayor Hill is the a Co-owner, Downey Publishing – Southlake, Texas, operating in Texas, Arkansas & Oklahoma as well as a Co-Owner of Texas Ice Cream.

She has lived in Southlake since 1997.



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Areas of Expertise

Specializes in public finance

Profile

- Works with cities, school districts, counties, economic development corporations, development districts and water authorities
- Has extensive experience with both short-term and long-term debt, including general obligation bonds, certificates of obligation, tax notes, revenue bonds, lease/purchases, variable rate demand notes, commercial paper, advance refunding, debt restructurings and synthetic debt products
- Provides financial advisory services for Texas, New Mexico and Missouri

Education

- Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and Economics, Texas Tech University

Current Affiliations

- TML
- TCMA
- GFOAT

Licenses Held

- Registered Representative of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)
 - General Securities Representative, Series 7
 - Uniform Securities Agent, Series 63
 - Investment Bank Representative, Series 7

Jean Knight & Associates

Jean Ford Knight is a consultant in Business Administration, Management Development and Interpersonal Communication Training. Jean is a native Texan and President of Jean Knight & Associates in Dallas, Texas. She travels nationally as a business consultant and keynote speaker.

For over 25 years she has focused on conflict resolution, team building, sales and customer service. Her vast experience gives her the ability to quickly recognize troubled areas and come with a workable solution. Her dedication is an added bonus when solving one-on-one problems that include sexual harassment suits, termination without conflict and other situations that take time away from the business at hand. On a more personal level she has been given credit for saving marriages, and or just removing conflict from the home front.

Adrienne Lothery

Strategic Services Manager, City of Colleyville

Adrienne Lothery has 10 years of local government experience and currently serves as the Strategic Services Manager in the City of Colleyville City Manager's Office. In this role her primary responsibilities include the annual budget and tax rate, franchise utilities, strategic planning and performance measures, as well as oversight of the Colleyville Center department. She previously served as the Budget and Grants Manager in the Town of Flower Mound's Finance Department. She holds undergraduate degrees in political science and business administration from Southern Methodist University, as well as a Master's of Public Administration from the University of North Texas and the designation of CGFO (Certified Government Finance Officer). She is a member of the Leadership ICMA Class of 2016 and the Scholarship & Fellowship Committee Co-Chair for the Government Finance Officers Association of Texas

Charles (Chuck) Marohn

Charles Marohn - known as "Chuck" to friends and colleagues - is a Professional Engineer (PE) licensed in the State of Minnesota and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). Chuck is the **Founder and President** of Strong Towns. He has a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota's Institute of Technology and a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute.

He is the author of [Thoughts on Building Strong Towns \(Volume 1\)](#) and [A World Class Transportation System](#) as well as the host of the Strong Towns Podcast and a primary writer for Strong Towns' web content. He has spoken in dozens of towns and cities across North America, and speaks regularly for diverse audiences and venues.

Chuck grew up on a small farm in Central Minnesota. The oldest of three sons of two elementary school teachers, he graduated from Brainerd High School in 1991. Chuck joined the Minnesota National Guard on his 17th birthday during his junior year of high school and served for nine years. Besides being passionate about building a stronger America, he loves playing music, is an obsessive reader and religiously follows his favorite team, the Minnesota Twins.

Chuck and his wife live with their two daughters and two Samoyeds just north of Baxter, Minnesota.

Linda T. Patterson

CCM, President, Patterson & Associates

Linda T. Patterson is a registered investment advisor and president of Patterson & Associates, an institutional money management firm founded in Austin, Texas, in March 1994. The firm serves public and private entities with full investment advisory services and cash management consulting and has over \$5 billion currently under management. Before starting Patterson & Associates, Linda served as deputy state treasurer/director of investments of Texas and was city treasurer of the City of Fort Worth from 1985-91.

Linda initiated and played the central role in passage of the Public Funds Investment Act of 1987, which opened investment alternatives for all Texas governmental entities. In 1989, she initiated the Public Funds Collateral Act. She sat on the national GFOA Cash Management Committee and has been on the Board of Texas Tech University Southwest School of Governmental Finance since 1989.

Linda was a Fulbright Scholar and teaches nationally on cash management and prudent investing and recently authored a second book on public funds investing.

Ryan P. Patterson

RYAN P. PATTERSON, Strategic Services Auditor, City of Allen

Ryan P. Patterson is the Strategic Services Auditor for the City of Allen, Texas, where he brings competence, expertise, and innovative processes as a Certified Government Financial Officer. Mr. Patterson has over 8 years' experience in both county and municipal government. His career has exposed him to various segments of local government auditing which include non-profit, grant, tax, and compliance. Mr. Patterson implemented the Hotel Occupancy Tax compliance audit function for the Town of Addison and is currently building the internal audit function for the City of Allen. He is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association of Texas and the Institute of Internal Auditors. Mr. Patterson earned his bachelor of business administration in Accounting from Texas Christian University.

Miykael Reeve

Ms. Miykael Reeve is the Director of Finance at City of Red Oak, Texas. She received her bachelors from Northwood University and earned her Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO) certificate in January 2013. She began her career working as an Auditor for Shaw, Witherspoon and Company, P.C. She moved from there to become the Account Manager at the City of Ovilla, Texas in 2006. She soon after joined Government Finance Officer Associates of Texas (GFOAT) as an active member. In 2008, she was offered the Director of Finance position and she finally settled down at the City of Red Oak. During her tenure, the City of Red Oak has successfully upgraded there bond rating from A- to AA- with Moody's. She has submitted and earned the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Financial Report for September 30, 2012 and 2013. She has submitted and earned the Distinguished Budget Award her Comprehensive Budget for September 30, 2015. She has implemented policies and procedures that have enabled the City of Red Oak to grow. She was nominated by GFOAT for the Co-chair of the Ethic committee in 2012, where she currently serves. She can be reached at the Mreeve@redoaktx.org.

Robert B. (Bob) Scott

Bob Scott is Chief Financial Officer/Assistant City Manager for the City of Carrollton, Texas where his responsibilities include all aspects of the City's financial operations. Mr. Scott, a CPA, began his career in public accounting, ultimately serving as an audit manager with responsibility for a large number of governmental clients. He has extensive experience in accounting and financial reporting issues having served on various GASB review committees and taskforces including the pension taskforce. He has been active in GFOA for many years serving both as Chairman of the CAAFR Committee and on the GFOA Executive Board. Also an active member of the AICPA, he currently serves as a member of the State and Local Government Expert Panel and has authored the AICPA course: GASB 68 Accounting and Auditing Seminar. In 2008 the AICPA named him the outstanding CPA in local government.

Caitlan Smelley

Assistant to the City Manager, Town of Addison

Caitlan joined the Town of Addison as a Management Analyst in December 2013, focusing on Procurement, Risk Management, and Budget. In March 2015, Caitlan was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager where she oversaw the budget process for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Caitlan has a MPA from the University of Texas at Arlington and is currently working on her Certified Government Finance Officer designation through GFOAT. Caitlan will also serve as the President of the Urban Management Assistants of North Texas for 2017.

Bret W. Starr

Budget Administrator, City of Irving

Bret W. Starr has administered the Budget organization for the City of Irving for the past twelve years. Irving is a city of over 230,000 located in the heart of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex with a total budget of over \$623 million. Prior to joining Irving, he served as the Assistant Finance Director for the City of Hurst and as an Accountant for the City of North Richland Hills.

Bret is a Past President of the Government Financial Officers Association of Texas and served as co- chair of the GFOAT legislative committee from 2004-2016. He currently serves on the program development committee. He is also past president of the Government Treasurer's Organization of Texas.

Bret received a Master's of Business Administration degree from Texas A&M University and his bachelor's from TCU. He is also a Certified Government Financial Officer