



BARBARA BUSH
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**BARBARA BUSH HOUSTON LITERACY FOUNDATION
ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBER AND APPOINTS OFFICERS**

*Pamela Wells, Ed.D. to join prestigious organization
Greg Garland appointed Vice Chairman*

HOUSTON – The Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation (Foundation) is pleased to announce the appointment of a new board member – former Executive Director for Region 4 Education Service Center, Pam Wells, Ed.D., expanding the board to 10 members. In addition, the Foundation is delighted that Greg Garland, Phillips 66 Executive Chairman of the Board, will serve as Vice Chair of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. Other officers include Neil Bush, son of the late President George H.W. and Barbara Bush, who will continue to serve as the Foundation’s Chair, and Terri Lacy, Partner with Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP, who will continue to serve as Secretary of the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

“We are delighted to welcome Pam to our esteemed Board of Directors to help advance Mom’s literacy legacy and the important mission of the Foundation across our city,” said Neil Bush, Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation Chairman. “Her passion for children and expertise in the field of public education garnered during her more than 40-year career will undoubtedly strengthen our board and the impact of our Foundation.”

Wells retired in August 2022 as the Executive Director for Region 4 Education Service Center, the largest of the twenty education service centers in Texas. Region 4 provides service to support more than 1.2 million students and approximately 165,000 staff in 48 school districts and 41 public charter schools in the eight-county greater Houston area. Wells began her career as a teacher, campus, and district administrator, and as interim superintendent in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. She has received numerous awards for her education leadership and contributions. She has served on numerous boards, including Houston Education Regional Consortium (HERC) Advisory Board, the GHP Education Advisory Council, Upskill Houston Executive Committee, and the United Way Education Council. She currently serves on numerous boards including the American Heart Association Board of Directors, Communities in Schools Board of Directors, the Cy-Hope Board of Directors, the University of Texas College of Education Advisory Council, and as a Cy-Fair Educational Foundation trustee. She has a strong understanding of PK-12 systems, educational policy, and is a data-minded thought-leader. Wells has been involved with the Foundation as a partner in My Home Library and Reading Roundup initiatives.

“The Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation is doing incredible work across our city to ensure that more underserved children and their families have an opportunity to thrive in life by learning how to read,” said Pam Wells, Ed.D. “It is an honor to serve on the Board of Directors and play a meaningful role in assuring that the Foundation’s mission continues to remain a priority for Houston and that its literacy programs and partnerships in the community remain vibrant.”

Garland, who was appointed Vice Chair of the Foundation’s Board of Directors, has served on the Foundation’s board since 2016.

“Maria and I continue to be blessed and grateful for Greg’s personal commitment of time and talent as a valued member of the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation’s Board of Directors,” said Neil Bush. “Greg’s thought leadership and engagement over the years has contributed greatly to the Foundation’s growth and success. In addition, he has leveraged the stature of Phillips 66 to place literacy as a key priority in our city.”

Garland is executive chairman of the board of directors of Phillips 66, a Houston-based, diversified energy company. He has 40 years of experience in technical and executive leadership positions within the oil, natural gas and chemical industries including serving as CEO of Phillips 66 from 2012 through June 2022. Garland previously served as senior vice president, Exploration and Production, Americas, for ConocoPhillips.

Prior to joining ConocoPhillips, he was president and CEO of Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, which is now a joint venture between Phillips 66 and Chevron. Garland also serves on the board of directors for Amgen, the Greater Houston Partnership, Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas and the National Petroleum Council. He is a member of the executive committee of American Petroleum Institute and serves on the engineering advisory board of Texas A&M University. Garland is also one of the founding CEOs of the American Cancer Society’s CEOs Against Cancer initiative in the U.S. Gulf Coast region and a member of the Board of Visitors for MD Anderson. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from Texas A&M University in 1980.

“Phillips 66 believes in creating partnerships that inspire action and identify solutions to society’s greatest challenges, including literacy, which is one of our city’s pressing issues,” said Garland. “Together with the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation, we are committed to addressing the cause of literacy in a strategic and comprehensive way through volunteer service and financial investment. It is an honor to serve on the Foundation’s board, because literacy is not only a priority for me as a business leader, but also as a father and grandfather.”

Additional members of the Foundation’s Board of Directors include Maria Bush; The Honorable Rodney Ellis, Harris County Commissioner for Precinct 1; Tony Canales, President and General Manager Telemundo 47 Houston / KTMD; Martha Carnes, retired Pricewaterhouse Coopers Partner; Stephen

Maislin, President of the Greater Houston Community Foundation; and Y. Ping Sun, Counsel at Yetterman Coleman LLP.

About the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation

The Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation is a charitable organization formed by Neil and Maria Bush to carry forth First Lady Barbara Bush’s legacy in the literacy cause and to focus deeply on breaking the intergenerational cycle of low literacy in the Bush family’s hometown. Founded on Mrs. Bush’s belief, “If you help a person to read, then their opportunities in life will be endless,” the Barbara Bush Foundation’s mission is to improve lives through the power of literacy – the ability to read, write, speak clearly and think critically. The Foundation serves as the champion across the Greater Houston area for the literacy cause, raising awareness for the value and importance of literacy, mobilizing volunteers and resources to build critical capacity of community-based literacy providers, and investing in local literacy programs and services that support children and families to develop strong literacy skills for success. For more information, visit www.bushhoustonliteracy.org or follow us on Facebook at [@bushhoustonlit](https://www.facebook.com/bushhoustonlit) on Twitter [@bushhoustonlit](https://twitter.com/bushhoustonlit) and on Instagram [@bushhoustonlit](https://www.instagram.com/bushhoustonlit).

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