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"FROM INDEPENDENCE TO INTERDEPENDENCE: NORTH AMERICAN TRADE AT US 250"

MAY 18 & 19TH, 2026
ARMY & NAVY CLUB - DECATUR HOUSE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
WASHINGTON D.C.

Message from the President

Welcome to the 2026 Annual Board of Directors Meeting, Conference and Good Neighbor Awards Gala of the United States-Mexico Chamber of Commerce.

As North America navigates a pivotal moment in the review of the United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement, this conference brings together leaders from across government, business, and industry to strengthen the partnership that drives the world's largest trading bloc. Our discussions will address the opportunities and challenges shaping the future of regional competitiveness, economic security, trade, manufacturing, transportation, border issues, and cooperation among our three nations.

This year, we are also proud to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the United States, extend our salute to Canada on Victoria Day, and honor distinguished leaders whose vision and leadership have advanced trilateral collaboration and prosperity.

We are especially honored to continue the tradition of the Good Neighbor Awards, recognizing individuals and organizations whose contributions have strengthened the relationship between the United States and Mexico. Hosted at the Organization of American States Building, this celebration reflects the enduring spirit of partnership and hemispheric cooperation.

Thank you for joining us as we work together to shape a stronger and more prosperous North America.

The Honorable Albert C. Zapanta
President & CEO
United States-Mexico Chamber of Commerce

AGENDA

MONDAY, MAY 18TH

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Special Guest:

- Min. Ernesto Acevedo, Economic Attaché Embassy of Mexico to the U.S.

Army & Navy Club
John Paul Jones/Iwo Jima Room
901 17th St NW
Washington, DC 20006

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Staff Meeting

Army & Navy Club

AGENDA

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Registration & Continental Breakfast

The Decatur House
748 Jackson Pl NW
Washington, DC 20006

9:00 am – 10:45 am

Panel I. Reshoring: Manufacturing, Logistics, Supply Chain & Transportation

- Mario Cordero, former CEO, Port of Long Beach
- Greg Winfree, Agency Director & CEO, Texas A&M Transportation Institute
- Milton De La Paz, VP, Air Service Development and Cargo, DFW Airport Confirmed
- Luis Hernández, Executive VP Intermodal, Grupo Mexico, Transportes/Florida East Coast Railway. Presidente, Asociación Mexicana de Transporte Intermodal
- Patricio Sepúlveda, Chairman & CEO, Aeronex Cargo, President, Federation of Binational Chambers of Commerce in the USA

10:45 am – 12:30 pm

Panel II. Immigration, Security, Financial Flows and Energy

- John Doyle, CEO, Monex USA
- Robert Perez, Founder, P4 Partners, Former Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- Joseph Guzman, Associate Superintendent, Arizona Department of Education, former Director, Biometrics Management Office, U.S. Department of Defense. Member Arizona District Export Council.
- Pablo N. Eisner, Executive Vice-President, Mexican Petroleum Company

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Luncheon: "The North American Economic Partnership"

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between
Hon. Albert Zapanta President and CEO
United States-Mexico Chamber of Commerce *and*
Mr. Ramiro Cavazos, President and CEO
United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Keynote Remarks

- Hon. María Teresa Jiménez Esquivel
  Governor of the State of Aguascalientes

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Keynote Conversation

- Hon. Esaú Garza de Vega, Secretary of Economic Development of the State of Aguascalientes
- Hon. Betsabé Rocha Nieto, Secretary of Economic Development of the State of Nuevo León

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Meeting with U.S. Trade Representative Officials
(Binational Board Members – By Invitation Only)
-Mr. Braeden Young, Director for Mexico and the Caribbean, USTR
-Mr. Randall Oliver, Director for Canada, USTR

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Good Neighbor Awards Gala Dinner

Reception

Organization of American States
17th Street and Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20006

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Good Neighbor Awards Dinner

"Amb. José Juan de Olloqui Award for Western Hemispheric Leadership"

- Mr. Steve Menzies, Founder, Steve Menzies Global Foundation

Private Sector Leadership Award

- Mrs. Elizabeth Uhlein, Founder and CEO, Uline

Public Sector Leadership Award

- Hon. María Teresa Jiménez, Governor of the State of Aguascalientes
- Amb. Christopher Landau, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State, and former Ambassador of the U.S. to Mexico

Ambassadorial Recognition Award

- Amb. Esteban Moctezuma Barragán, Ambassador of Mexico to the U.S.
- Amb. Earl Anthony Wayne, U.S. Diplomat (1975-2015), former Ambassador to Mexico (2011-2015)

Biographies

Dr. José Zozaya
Chairman, USMCOC

José Zozaya has a Bachelor's Degree in Law from Universidad Iberoamericana and Postgraduate Studies in Corporate Law and Economic Competition from the Mexico Autonomous Institute of Technology (ITAM).

He was appointed President and Executive Representative for Kansas City Southern de México (KCSM) in April 2006. During his years in the railroad sector, he achieved significant achievements for the company and the industry in Mexico. Before becoming part of KCSM's executive team, he served as legal and government relations director for ExxonMobil Mexico for nine years. He was the National President of the American Chamber of Mexico for two terms from 2010 to 2012. He served as Vice President of the American Chamber of Mexico, the Association of American Chambers of Commerce in Latin America (AACCLA), and a Member of the Board of Afore Siglo XXI and Ferrovalle, SA de CV. In April 2013, he was appointed President of the Mexican Railroad Association (AMF). In November 2014, he was elected President of the Mexican Council of Transport (Consejo Mexicano del Transporte, CMET). In 2010, he received the Doctor Honoris Causa degree awarded by the Mexican Academy of International Law. He was granted the Guerrero Aguila 2010 award from the Coalition of Speakers, Poets, and Writers United for Mexico and the Chamber of Deputies. From August 2020 to March 2024, Zozaya served as Executive President of the Mexican Association of the Automotive Industry.

The Honorable Albert C. Zapanta
President and CEO USMCOC

Albert C. Zapanta is President and CEO of the United States—Mexico Chamber of Commerce. He is responsible for operations in 19 regional offices in the United States and Mexico.

In the private sector, Mr. Zapanta was an executive with ARCO for 18 years. In public service, Mr. Zapanta has held a number of presidential appointments and was a member of the Department of State's Advisory Committee on International Trade, Technology and Development, and private sector delegate to the U.S.-Mexico Partnership for Prosperity.

General Zapanta's military record includes the award of the Silver Star, five Bronze Stars for Valor, the Purple Heart and thirty other awards during the Vietnam War. Mr. Zapanta was appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to the rank of Major General.

He currently serves on the boards of various non-profit organizations across the country. In June 2018, he was elected to serve on the Irving City Council and was reelected in 2021 and 2024. On May 2, 2026, he was elected Mayor with 67% of the vote. He and his wife Rochelle have two daughters, a son, and three grandchildren.

United States-Mexico Chamber of Commerce Honorary Presidents

H.E. Esteban Moctezuma Barragán
Ambassador of Mexico to the U.S.
Honorary Chairman, USMCOC
2026 Recipient Ambassadorial Recognition Award

Esteban Moctezuma Barragán has served as Mexico's Ambassador to the United States since February 15, 2021, where he has focused on strengthening bilateral relations and fostering collaboration on key issues. Prior to this, he was Mexico's Secretary of Public Education from 2018 to 2021, overseeing critical educational reforms aimed at improving access and quality. From 2002 to 2018, he served as President of Fundación Azteca, leading initiatives in education, culture, and environmental sustainability. Earlier, in 1998, he was appointed Secretary of Social Development, where he focused on poverty reduction and community development programs. Ambassador Moctezuma's career reflects a lifelong commitment to advancing education, social welfare, and bilateral relations.

H.E. Ronald D. Johnson
Ambassador of the U.S. to Mexico
Honorary Chairman, USMCOC

Ronald Johnson was confirmed by the Senate as Ambassador to Mexico on April 9, 2025. He has served the United States government for over four decades, first as an officer in the U.S. Army, then as a member of the intelligence community, and most recently as the U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador. Among his various roles, Ambassador Johnson was the Central Intelligence Agency's Science and Technology Liaison to the U.S. Special Operations Command, in Tampa, Florida. Prior to that, he was a Special Advisor to the U.S. Southern Command in Miami managing collaboration between the Command and the Intelligence Community. He worked on a wide range of regional issues including refugees, counter-narcotics, counter terrorism, human rights and tropical virus disease control.

Ambassador Johnson has held various other assignments, including as the Deputy Special Advisor to the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command (2006 – 2008), and as a senior operations officer at the CIA. Ambassador Johnson served in the U.S. Army from 1984 – 1998 and retired as a Colonel. He also served in the Alabama Army National Guard, enlisting as a private in 1971 and reaching the rank of Captain before going on to active duty in the Army in 1984. He is the recipient of numerous awards including an Honorary Doctor of Humanities from Williamson College, the Sue M. Cobb Award for Exemplary Diplomatic Service, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff – Joint Distinguished Civilian Service Award.

Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Min. Ernesto Acevedo
Economic Attaché
Embassy of Mexico to the U.S

Ernesto Acevedo is Mexico's Trade and Investment Attaché at the Embassy of Mexico in Washington, D.C., a position he assumed in December 2024. In this role, he represents the Ministry of Economy and leads efforts related to the implementation and review of the United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement (USMCA).

Previously, Mr. Acevedo served as Executive Director at the World Bank Group, representing Mexico, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Spain, following his role as Alternate Executive Director. He has more than 25 years of experience in finance and economics across the public and private sectors.

Mr. Acevedo has held several senior leadership positions within Mexico's government, including Undersecretary of Industry, Commerce and Competitiveness, Chief of Staff, and Chief Economist at the Ministry of Economy. At the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, he served in key roles such as Director General of Productivity Analysis and Director of Macroeconomic Analysis.He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), a Master of Science in Economics from El Colegio de México, and completed doctoral studies in Economics, Finance, and Business at Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona.

Panel I. Reshoring: Manufacturing, Logistics, Supply Chain & Transportation

Mario Cordero
Former CEO, Port of Long Beach

Mario Cordero is the former Chief Executive Officer of the Port of Long Beach, where he led one of the nation's busiest and most complex seaports. Appointed in 2017, he was responsible for strategic planning, operational performance, financial oversight and environmental stewardship, managing a Harbor Department staff of more than 500 and a $761 million annual budget.

An accomplished maritime industry leader and attorney, Mr. Cordero brought decades of public- and private-sector experience to the role. He previously served as President and Vice President of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners and as Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, the federal agency responsible for regulating international ocean transportation and protecting fair trade practices. During his tenure, he strengthened relationships with ocean carriers, terminal operators and global trade partners, advanced sustainability initiatives including the nationally recognized Green Port Policy, and expanded community engagement efforts. His leadership emphasized collaboration, inclusiveness and long-term economic and environmental resilience.

Panel I. Reshoring: Manufacturing, Logistics, Supply Chain & Transportation

Greg Winfree
Agency Director & CEO, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Mr. Greg Winfree was appointed Agency Director of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) in December 2016. TTI is a state agency and the largest and most comprehensive higher education-affiliated transportation research institute in the United States, with $126 million in research expenditures and about 700 employees. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Texas A&M School of Law. Greg served for almost seven years at the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), most recently as Assistant Secretary of Transportation overseeing the department's research and technology agency. He is a member of the Presidential National Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Advisory Board sponsored by NASA, the Texas Connected and Automated Vehicle Task Force, the Transportation Research Board AV Forum, and a board member on the International Advisory Board for Development of Smart Mobility Platform. A lifelong attorney, Greg previously served in the civil rights division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He received a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University and a Bachelor of Science degree from St. John's University.

Milton De La Paz
Vice President Airline Relations Global Strategy and Development Dallas Fort Worth International Airport

Milton De La Paz is Vice President of Airline Relations and Cargo Business Development at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport and directs the airport's primary business goal to grow the core business of domestic and international passenger and cargo airline service. He also leads efforts to optimize business performance with all passenger and cargo airline partners at DFW. Milton is an accomplished senior commercial executive with more than 25 years of airline experience in the aviation and commercial airlines industry. He is responsible for the execution of DFW Airport's short- and long-range new air service strategies and for the airport's strategy to retain and grow existing airline service. He also leads DFW's air cargo business development strategy including new air cargo route development initiatives, facilities and infrastructure assessment and DFW air cargo community engagement.

Panel I. Reshoring: Manufacturing, Logistics, Supply Chain & Transportation

Luis Hernández
Executive VP Intermodal, Grupo Mexico Transportes/Florida East Coast Railway. Presidente, Asociación Mexicana de Transporte Intermodal

Luis is Executive Vice President of Intermodal at Grupo México Transportes, where he oversees intermodal sales operations across Mexico and Florida while driving strategic growth and service innovation. With a degree in Economics and an MBA from the Mexico Institute of Technology (ITAM), Luis began his career with Ferromex in 2010. Throughout his career, Luis has played a pivotal role in advancing intermodal services. As a Sales Executive, he led the launch of the Eagle Premium Service to Monterrey in partnership with Union Pacific Railroad, enabling Ferromex's entry into the FAK intermodal market. He later managed Domestic and Cross-Border Intermodal operations, where he designed and implemented key services, including a strategic BNSF Railway connection through El Paso–Juárez to the Silao ramp in Guanajuato.

Luis has held progressive leadership roles, including AVP Intermodal for Ferromex and Ferrosur, and Vice President Intermodal for Florida East Coast Railway, where he managed domestic and international commercial teams. In his current role, he has strengthened strategic partnerships, notably enhancing collaboration between BNSF, J.B. Hunt, and GMXT through the launch of Quantum de México, a high-reliability service with 95% on-time performance.

Luis also serves as President of the Mexican Intermodal Association (AMTI) for the 2026–2028 term, representing a broad network of stakeholders across the intermodal logistics chain in Mexico.

Patricio Sepúlveda
Chairman & CEO, Aeronex Cargo, President, Federation of Binational Chambers of Commerce in the US

Patricio is a seasoned aviation executive and former CEO of LAN Airlines, where he led the company's successful restructuring and transformation into what is now LATAM Airlines, establishing a foundation for global operational excellence and profitability.

He later held senior leadership roles at IATA, including Regional Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean, where he contributed to key industry transformations that strengthened the region's global aviation position.

As Founder of AeroNex LLC and CEO of AeroNex Cargo, Patricio advises airlines, airports, and governments and delivers turnkey cargo solutions, including a long-term partnership with JetBlue.

He also serves on multiple boards, is a Director of the Chile–U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and is President of the Federation of Binational Chambers of Commerce in the USA (FEBICHAM USA).

Panel II. Immigration, Security, Financial Flows and Energy

John Doyle
CEO, Monex USA

John Robert Doyle II serves as the Chief Executive Officer at Monex USA, bringing in two decades of expertise in foreign exchange markets. Most recently, he was the Vice President of Dealing and Trading before being named CEO. Recognized for his award-winning FX forecasting by Bloomberg, he is a trusted voice frequently featured in leading business outlets, including Bloomberg News, Reuters, the Financial Times, The Wall Street Journal, CNBC's Closing Bell, and Yahoo Finance's Midday Movers. John holds a Bachelor's degree in Government and Economics, as well as a Master's in Public Administration from American University in Washington, D.C.

Robert Perez
Founder and CEO, P4 Partners, and former Deputy Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Robert E. Perez is the Founder and CEO of P4 Partners and a former Deputy Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).In this role, he led over 60,000 employees and managed a $15 billion budget, overseeing CBP's operations across U.S. borders and in 50 countries worldwide.

He held key leadership positions as Executive Assistant Commissioner for Operations Support and Director of Field Operations in both New York and Detroit. He was the founding Director of the Customs–Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT). His work has earned him honors such as the "Distinguished Executive" award from the President of the United States and the "True American Hero" Lifetime Achievement Award.

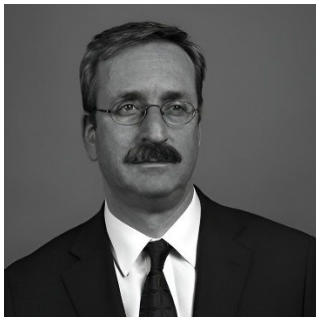
Mr. Perez holds a degree in Economics from Rutgers University, is fluent in Spanish, and is a graduate of Harvard Kennedy School's Senior Executive Fellows program.

Panel II. Immigration, Security, Financial Flows and Energy

Joseph Guzman
Associate Superintendent, Arizona Department of Education, former Director, Biometrics Management Office, U.S. Department of Defense. Member Arizona District Export Council

Dr. Joseph Guzman serves as Associate Superintendent of Education, leading efforts in assessment, standards, accountability, and research. An economist and engineer, Dr. Guzman has held senior policy and executive roles within the Pentagon, including leadership positions with the Department of the Navy, Air Force, and the Department of Defense Biometric Management Office. His research background includes work with the Center for Naval Analyses and the RAND Corporation.

Dr. Guzman has been recognized with Civilian Service and Meritorious Service Medals from the Air Force and Army, as well as recognition from the National Institute of Standards and Technology for advancing biometric technologies. His education leadership includes serving two terms as an elected School Board Member in Virginia and as a Commissioner to the Education Commission of the States. He was also named Michigan Educator of the Year by the Michigan Civil Rights Board. He holds Engineering and MBA degrees from the University of Arizona, along with a PhD in Business Administration and advanced degrees in Economics, Statistics, and Business Research from Stanford University.



Pablo N. Eisner
Executive Vice-President, Mexican Petroleum Company

Pablo Eisner is Executive Vice President at MPC, where he brings extensive expertise in geology, geophysics, and integrated asset development within the oil and gas industry. He specializes in combining technical data and multidisciplinary teams to maximize economic value in exploration and production projects.

In his role, Mr. Eisner leads strategic initiatives focused on optimizing asset performance through collaboration across geoscience, engineering, and business functions. His experience includes private investment activities in Mexico and the Gulf of Mexico, where he successfully identified and developed profitable opportunities.

Prior to joining MPC, he held senior leadership roles at several major energy companies, including CNOOC-Nexen, Apache Corporation, Repsol USA, BHP Billiton, and Anadarko Petroleum. Throughout his career, he has contributed to major global discoveries, including approximately 7 billion barrels of oil in Algeria. He also co-founded Petróleos Ebano, assembling and leading multidisciplinary teams for oil and gas investments in Mexico, and led geoscience efforts at Lifting-Cotemar to enhance asset valuation through integrated analysis.

Mr. Eisner holds a Master's degree in Geology and Geophysics from Rice University (1991) and a Bachelor's degree in Geological Sciences from Universidad de Buenos Aires (1987).

Luncheon: "The North American Economic Partnership"

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Ramiro A. Cavazos
President & CEO
United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Ramiro A. Cavazos is President and Chief Executive Officer of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC), the nation's largest business advocacy organization representing Hispanic entrepreneurs and enterprises. He leads the organization's mission to advance economic opportunity, wealth creation, and bipartisan policy solutions that support small businesses across the United States. Previously, Cavazos served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, where he elevated the organization to 5-Star accreditation, led international trade missions, and advocated for major trade and economic initiatives, including NAFTA. His career spans senior leadership roles in economic development, public-private partnerships, banking, global public affairs, and public service, including positions with the City of San Antonio, the University of Texas Health Science Center, and Levi Strauss & Company.

A nationally recognized thought leader, Cavazos serves on multiple boards and councils and has been honored for his contributions to economic development, international relations, and Hispanic leadership.

Keynote Remarks
Hon. María Teresa Jiménez Esquivel
Governor of the State of Aguascalientes

Keynote Conversation

Esaú Garza de Vega
Secretary of Economic Development, Science, and Technology of Aguascalientes

Mr. Garza studied a Bachelor's Degree in Foreign Trade, with experience as a Commercial Counselor and as a Secretary of Economic Development. He stands out for his expertise in management, coordination, and execution of products and projects.
He has delivered lectures on negotiation techniques applicable to Japanese culture at universities and forums, given presentations at economic promotion seminars, and has also participated in events on business opportunities in strategic sectors aimed at entrepreneurs.
He promotes foreign investment in Mexico, organizes business agendas and trade missions, and drives economic and social development policies, programs, and projects. He has implemented controls to optimize resources and increase productivity.

Betsabé Rocha Nieto
Secretary of Economy of Nuevo León

Ms. Betsabé studied a Bachelor's Degree in International Trade at the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education and holds a Master's Degree in Regulation with a focus on Energy and a Master's Degree in Administration with a specialization in International Business from the Universidad Regiomontana.
She has developed professionally in both the public and private sectors in the field of economic development. She has also served as Technical Secretary and Director of Productive Chains, as well as Coordinator of Foreign Investment and Head of Supplier Analysis at the Business Linkage Center.
Likewise, she served as Acting Head of the Office of the Municipal Presidency of Monterrey, General Director of the Home Appliance Cluster in Nuevo León, and Secretary of Economic Development for the municipality of Monterrey.
She was Head of the Technical Secretariat of the Government of the State of Nuevo León. She currently serves as Secretary of Economy.

Good Neighbor Awards

"Amb. José Juan de Olloqui Award for Western Hemispheric Leadership"

Mr. Steve Menzies

Founder, Steve Menzies Global Foundation Confirmed

Steve Menzies is a lifelong entrepreneur and Chief Executive Officer, best known for founding Applied Underwriters and North American Casualty Company, global firms specializing in insurance, reinsurance, and risk solutions. He has led the development of a top-rated U.S. insurer serving tens of thousands of employers and employees, achieving an AM Best A+ rating.

Menzies previously partnered with Berkshire Hathaway, where he became one of the youngest CEOs in the organization before successfully repurchasing his company in 2019. He is recognized for driving innovation in the insurance industry, including pioneering direct-to-claimant pharmacy solutions to better manage opioid use and improve care for injured workers.

Beyond his corporate leadership, Menzies is committed to community development and philanthropy. He is leading the creation of Heartwood Preserve, a large-scale mixed-use development in Omaha, Nebraska, and supports global initiatives through the Steve Menzies Global Foundation, focusing on social challenges such as criminal justice reform and wrongful detention.

Private Sector Leadership Award

Mrs. Elizabeth Uhlein

Founder and CEO

Uline

Liz Uihlein is President and Co-Founder of Uline, a leading distributor of shipping, industrial, and packaging supplies in North America. She co-founded the company with her husband, Dick Uihlein, in 1980 and has guided its growth into a multi-billion-dollar enterprise with over 9,000 employees and a broad network of distribution centers across the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. She leads the company's strategic direction, merchandising, and customer experience, driving product expansion to more than 40,000 items and maintaining a strong focus on service excellence.

In addition, Liz oversees EAU Holdings, supporting hospitality and retail businesses in Wisconsin, and is actively involved in conservation efforts promoting outdoor preservation in Wisconsin and Illinois.

Liz and Dick Uihlein have been married for over 50 years and have three children, all involved in the family business, as well as nine grandchildren.

Public Sector Leadership Award

Hon. María Teresa Jiménez
Governor of the State of Aguascalientes

María Teresa "Tere" Jiménez Esquivel is the Constitutional Governor of the State of Aguascalientes and the first woman to hold this office. A member of the National Action Party (PAN) since the age of 18, she has served in leadership roles within the party at both national and state levels, including Secretary of Education and Training.

She has held key public positions across federal, state, and municipal governments, building a career focused on municipal strengthening and federalism. She served as a Representative in Mexico's Chamber of Deputies. In 2017, she was elected Municipal President of Aguascalientes and re-elected in 2019. During her administration, she led efforts to modernize public services, including upgrading public lighting, streamlining municipal procedures, and implementing technology to improve public safety and emergency response. Following her mayoral term, she returned to Congress before winning the 2022 gubernatorial election. She assumed office on October 1, 2022. Governor Jiménez holds a degree in Political Science and Public Administration, two master's degrees in Public Policy and Public Management, and a doctorate in Constitutional, Criminal, and Amparo Law, with expertise in public policy, electoral law, and gender equity.

Amb. Christopher Landau
U.S. Deputy Secretary of State
Former Ambassador of the U.S. to Mexico

Christopher Landau was sworn in as the 23rd Deputy Secretary of State on March 25, 2025. In this role, he supports the Department's global diplomatic efforts, drawing on his experience in international relations, law, and public service.

Deputy Secretary Landau previously served as United States Ambassador to Mexico from 2019 to 2021, where he led the nation's largest diplomatic mission and strengthened bilateral cooperation. His tenure contributed to major achievements, including the implementation of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, the protection of cross-border commerce during the pandemic, and a significant reduction in illegal migration.

Before and after his diplomatic service, he spent over three decades practicing law in Washington, D.C., focusing on appellate litigation. He has argued cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and federal appellate courts across a wide range of legal issues.

He is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School and clerked for Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas. He is fluent in Spanish, proficient in French, and is married with two children.

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Amb. Earl Anthony Wayne
U.S. Diplomat (1975-2015)
Former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico (2011-2015)

Ambassador Earl Anthony Wayne is a distinguished diplomat and executive with extensive experience in global policy and international relations. He served in senior roles including U.S. Ambassador to Mexico and Argentina, Deputy Ambassador in Afghanistan, and Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs. He concluded his government service with the rank of Career Ambassador, the highest in the U.S. Foreign Service.

Wayne has led large, complex teams in Washington and abroad, shaping policy across economic, political, security, and public diplomacy issues. He currently serves as a Distinguished Diplomat in Residence and Professorial Lecturer at American University, while also advising leading organizations such as the Atlantic Council and Inter-American Dialogue.

Following his diplomatic career, Wayne remains active as a speaker, writer, and advisor on international affairs, with expertise in North America, trade, and security. He has received numerous honors and holds degrees from Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, and the University of California, Berkeley.

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