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# Advisory Council 2026

## *Executive Committee*

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| **Ryan Franco** | President, Altos Industries |

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| **Natalie Ballew** | Groundwater Division Director,<br>Texas Water Development Board |
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| **Erika Chan** | Head of Sustainability,<br>United States Steel Corporation |
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| **Adam Conner** | Central Texas Water Supply Planning Lead,<br>Freese and Nichols |
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| **Vanessa Fuentes** | Austin City Council Member, City of Austin |
| **Peter Gregg** | Attorney and Owner, Gregg Law, PC |
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| **Franz Hiebert** | Independent Advisor on Energy and Environment |
| **Seamus Jones** | Director of Technical Marketing Engineering, Dell Technologies |
| **Joshua Katz** | Partner, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP |
| **Heather Lehrmann** | Director, Environmental Protection and Compliance, Waste Management |
| **Trinity Lloyd** | Founder, Good Trouble Climate |
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| **Ashley McLain** | Stantec (Retired) |
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