

Small Member School Candidate: Virginia Lannen CEO, Pegasus School of Liberal Arts

## Bio:

Virginia Lannen is a Founder, Chair and CEO of Pegasus School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, a First Generation Charter School, located in downtown Dallas, Texas.

Ms. Lannen currently serves on the board of TCSA. Previously, she served as a founding board member of Charter Schools Now, the Texas Charter School Association's affiliated 501(c) (4) organization, on the Legislative Committee for TCSA, and as Member Council Chair of TCSA.

Ms. Lannen was one of the Founders and Board Members of the Association of Charter Educators, the first Association dedicated to the interests of Texas Public Charter Schools and their students. She has been a trainer and charter school course provider for other charter school officers and directors.

Ms. Lannen received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Austin College in Sherman, Texas and her J.D from the University Of Texas School Of Law.

Post undergraduate school, Ms. Lannen served as legislative aide for a Texas State Representative and then for a State Senator. She worked closely with the Senate Education Committee dealing with a myriad of education issues. Her legislative work spanned six legislative sessions.

While in law school, she clerked with the General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C. and with the Dallas City Attorney's Office. Out of law school she joined the Dallas law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, in litigation and environmental law. Subsequently, she joined the Texas Attorney General's office, serving as an Assistant AG in the Consumer Protection Division.

## Why I am running:

I want to continue my board service at TCSA to ensure that Texas charter schools have the tools, resources, and support to be the best they can be to serve Texas public school students.