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President's Message

As we begin the new year, it's a natural time to look ahead. At Greater Texas|Aggieland Credit Union, we're intentional about when and how we introduce something new. A new product should serve a clear purpose, meet real member needs, and reflect the long-term value we aim to provide.

That's why I'm pleased to share that we'll soon be launching the Pinnacle Credit Card, the very best cash back credit card we could dream up.

Pinnacle is designed for members who are deeply engaged in their financial relationship with us and want a credit card that recognizes that commitment. With elevated cash back earning, higher credit limits, and a premium card design, Pinnacle offers strong value while staying true to the responsible approach our members expect from this credit union.

This card complements our existing offerings by giving members a clear next step as their financial needs grow. At the heart of it, our motivation for developing Pinnacle was about delivering meaningful benefits, straightforward rewards, and a product that feels as solid as the relationship behind it.

We'll be sharing more details soon, and I'm confident Pinnacle will be a welcome addition for members looking to get more out of their everyday spending.

Thank you for continuing to trust Greater Texas|Aggieland Credit Union. And, happy new year!

Sincerely,

Howard N. Baker II
President & CEO
Greater Texas Credit Union

Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors, is pleased to announce the selection of these highly qualified nominees for the upcoming Board of Directors election during the 2025 Annual Membership Meeting.

PAULA CASTILLO REED, BOARD CHAIR

Paula Castillo Reed has been a passionate member of Greater Texas|Aggieland Credit Union for more than 40 years and currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors. A dedicated advocate for the credit union movement, Reed joined the Board three years ago after serving on the Supervisory Committee from 2019 to 2022. Her board leadership is anchored in a commitment to ensuring the credit union is efficiently and effectively run for the benefit of all members.

Reed holds a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Finance and a minor in Management Information Systems from University of Texas Austin. She recently retired from the State of Texas after 25 years of service, with her last position held as Director of Accounting for the Health and Human Services Commission for six years. Her career is distinguished by completion of multiple leadership and finance programs, including the Department of Aging and Disability Services Leadership Program (Certified

Management Professional), the Texas State Auditor's Texas Fiscal Officers' Academy, the Health and Human Services Enterprise Executive Leadership Academy, and the Governor's Senior Development Program.

With decades of membership experience and a strong background in finance, operations, and public service, Reed brings thoughtful oversight, integrity, and member-centered focus to her role. She remains committed to strengthening the credit union's long-term health, governance, and service to members across Greater Texas|Aggieland Credit Union.

VERONDA DURDEN, FIRST VICE CHAIR

Veronda Durden has been a dedicated member of Greater Texas|Aggieland Credit Union for more than 25 years and has served on the Board of Directors for the past decade. Her leadership journey includes two years as a Board Member, three years as 2nd Vice Chair, and five years as 1st Vice Chair. In addition, Durden has contributed to the credit union's governance by serving on the Nominating Committee for eight years, including one year as Chair.

Durden earned a Bachelor of Education from Northwestern University and completed graduate work in Business Administration at the University of Texas at Austin. She also holds a Master of Science in Health Professions from Texas State University. Currently, she serves as President and CEO of Any Baby Can of Austin, a role she has held for seven years. Her professional development includes completion of programs such as Fraud and Financial Investigations through the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, the Governor's Executive Development Program, Leadership America, and a Mediation Course at the UT School of Law Center for Dispute Resolution.

Beyond her work with the credit union, Durden is deeply engaged in her community, serving on the boards of United Way of Texas, Children's Optimal Health, and Workforce Solutions Capital Area. Her commitment to the credit union movement and community service is driven by a passion for ensuring Greater Texas|Aggieland Credit Union operates efficiently and effectively for all members.

We encourage all members to attend the 2026 Annual Meeting to learn more about our nominees and participate in the democratic process that guides the future of our credit union. The election results will be announced at the meeting. Your engagement and support are vital in ensuring the continued success of Greater Texas|Aggieland Credit Union!

Annual Meeting

Save the date for the 2026 Annual Meeting:

- Thursday, February 19, 2026
- Triumphant Love Lutheran Church, 9508 Great Hills Trail Austin, TX 78759
- Check-in: 5:00 p.m. | Meeting Starts: 6:00 p.m.

Registration for the annual meeting will be available on our website early January.