

## **Prairie View A&M Foundation Adds Six New Members to Board of Trustees**

Prairie View A&M Foundation is proud to announce the addition of six new members to its Board of Trustees. New members include Dr. Renee F. Dorn, Ronald W. Haggerty, Christopher Houston, Odie McGowan, W. A. “Willie” Tempton, Jr., and Barbara Tompkins-Brown.

“We are proud to welcome these six new Board of Trustees members to the Prairie View A&M Foundation,” said John Osby, Vice-Chairman of the Board. “Their business experience and passion for the success of the students of Prairie View A&M University will enhance the capabilities of the Prairie View A&M Foundation and its mission to maximize the effectiveness of contributions to support future excellence in education, research, service, and athletics at Prairie View A&M University.”



Dr. Renee Dorn grew up in the City of Inglewood, California, graduated from Beverly Hills High School, and matriculated to Prairie View A&M University in Texas, where she is a 3rd generation Prairie View alumnae. She earned her Bachelor in Business Administration - Management (B.B.A.) and her Master in Business Administration (M.B.A.) degrees from Prairie View. In 1999, she received her Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from Texas Southern University-Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and in May 2013, she received her fourth degree, a Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership (Ed.D.) from Pepperdine University. Dr. Dorn is currently the Director of Alumni Relations at Pepperdine University.



Ronald W. Haggerty is an attorney at the Ronald Haggerty Law Firm located in Sugar Land, Texas. Ron is also a mechanical engineer and registered patent attorney with experience in energy projects and intellectual property matters in the U.S. and internationally. Born and raised in Houston, Texas, Ron is a graduate of E.E. Worthing Sr. High School. He has a B.S.M.E. from Prairie View A&M University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law (STCL) in Houston.



Christopher Houston is originally from the Piney Woods of East Texas. He has worked domestically and abroad internationally and has been a resident of the Greater Houston Area since 2004. He graduated from Prairie View A&M University in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering (mathematics minor). Additionally, he holds a Project Management Certification from the University of Manchester (UK) which he earned in 2013. Mr. Houston is currently the Appraisal Engineering Manager – Projects West for BP.



Odie Woods-McGowan earned her bachelor's, as well as her master's degrees from Prairie View A&M University in 1967 and 1975 respectively. While balancing motherhood, community involvement, and the life of a military spouse, her career was deeply rooted in Human Resources with almost 30 years in the federal government, 25 of which were in supervisory/management positions. She was the first African American inducted into the United States Army Garrison-Fort Hood Civilian Hall of Fame, honoring its members' achievements for going above and beyond job expectations and serving as role models for excellence across the Installation.



W. A. "Willie" Tempton, Jr. is currently an independent businessman, operating a consulting company, which provides leadership and operations management services to clients in the energy industry. Prior to assuming this role, Willie had a distinguished career in the energy business, including over 35 years of experience in technical, operations, and leadership roles in the refining and petrochemicals sectors. Prior to retirement, Willie served as the General Manager of Phillips 66's Sweeny Complex and Vice President of the Complex Cogeneration Joint Venture. Willie attended Prairie View A&M University and graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1980.



Barbara Tompkins-Brown was born and raised in Prairie View, Texas, and graduated from Prairies View A&M University in 1980 with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. In 2014she accepted a position as Senior Vice President of Manufacturing with Corrosion Prevention Technologies/Corrosion Innovations (Owned by Tagos) where she worked until retirement in 2021. She currently works part-time as a consultant after retiring from a distinguished 40-year career in Corporate America.

For more information about Prairie View A&M Foundation, go to [pvamf.org](http://pvamf.org). The Prairie View A&M Foundation is a public non-profit organization dedicated to securing and stewarding gifts and grants that benefit Prairie View A&M University.