

## CORPUS CHRISTI COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

**\*One (1) vacancy with term to 5-1-22, representing the following category: 1 - Education. (*The Corpus Christi Commission on Children & Youth recommends the new appointment of Dr. Jacob Dryden.*)**

### Duties

The Commission on Children & Youth supports a comprehensive system of services and advances policies to meet the needs of Corpus Christi's children, youth and their families, including gathering information from people and entities to act as a source of information and referral on issues concerning children, developing an annual community action plan for children, youth and their families, advising the City Council on acquiring and allocating children and youth's resources and services, strengthening communications and encouraging partnerships between public and private entities working with children and youth, and serving as an advocate for local, state and federal policy benefitting children, youth and their families to the City Council, and to others as authorized by the Council.

### Composition

The commission shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the City Council. Each appointee shall have demonstrated interest in the welfare of children or youth through occupation or through association with community-based organizations. Members shall be representative of each of the following fields: (1) - Health and Human Services, (1) - Law Enforcement, (1) - Education, (1) - Youth and Family Services, (1) - Nueces County District Attorney's Office, and (3) At-Large members. One (1) member shall be a youth representative from 16 to 21 years of age at time of appointment. Any member who ceases substantial activity in the field or office represented, automatically resigns from the commission. (On 10-10-95, Council approved the addition of a Police Officer to serve as an Advisory Member to be appointed by the Police Chief.)

Name	District	Term	Start date	End date	Appointing Authority	Position	Status	Category
*Kristen J Ross	District 1	1	5/14/2019	5/1/2022	City Council		Resigned	Education
Capt. Laura N. Garcia	District 3	1	11/7/2017	5/1/2020	City Council		Active	Law Enforcement
Clarissa B Mora	District 5	Partial	5/14/2019	5/1/2020	City Council		Active	At -Large
Christina R Harrison	District 3	Partial	5/14/2019	5/1/2021	City Council		Active	At-Large
Joseph N. Miller	District 2	2	5/12/2015	5/1/2021	City Council		Active	Youth & Family Svcs.
Priscila Baldillez	District 3	1	5/2/2019	5/1/2022	City Council	Vice-Chair	Active	At-Large
Melissa Hofstetter	District 3	2	5/2/2019	5/1/2022	City Council		Active	Health & Human Svcs.
Gilbert Z. Trevino	District 1	2	5/2/2019	5/1/2022	City Council	Chair	Active	Youth Rep.
Denise Pace		1	N/A	N/A	Police Chief	Advisory	Active	Police Officer

**CORPUS CHRISTI COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**Applicants**

<b>Name</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Category</b>
Jacob W Dryden	District 4	Education
Angelica Vela	District 5	Education

**Application for a City Board, Commission, Committee or Corporation**

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**Profile**

Dr Jacob W Dryden  
Prefix First Name Vignile Initial Last Name

[REDACTED]  
Email Address

2830 Denver Avenue  
Street Address

Corpus Christi  
City

TX  
State

78404  
Postal Code

What district do you live in? \*

☒ District 4

Current resident of the city?

☒ Yes ☐ No

2  
If yes, how many years?

Mobile: (952) 529-6777  
Primary Phone

Mobile: (361) 500-8360  
Alternate Phone

CCISD  
Employer

Social Studies Teacher  
Job Title

3750 Cimarron Blvd  
Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number

Corpus Christi  
Work Address - City

TX  
Work Address - State

78414  
Work Address - Zip Code

3618787900  
Work Phone

jacob.dryden@ccisd.us  
Work Email Address

## Preferred Mailing Address

☒ Home/Primary Address

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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## Interests & Experiences

Are you a registered voter?

☒ Yes ☐ No

## Education, Professional and/or Community Activity (Present)

I am teacher at Veterans Memorial High School. I currently serve as the Social Studies Department Co-Chair, Campus Advisory Team (Faculty Senate) Chair, and as a VMHS Leadership Team Member. From a student engagement perspective, I am Faculty Advisor for a popular student interest club. I regularly volunteer time for school dances, rallies, graduations, and UIL activities. Finally, I organize and hold VMHS Saturday School activities with excellent student turnout. Moreover, I am committed to the education of CCISD youth, both inside and outside the classroom.

Why are you interested in serving on a City board, commission or committee?

I teach Social Studies at Veterans Memorial High School. For several years now, when my classes discuss government, economics, US history, or geography topics, one of my teaching strategies is to take the lesson beyond the textbook and apply it to the "real world". Here, I ask the students to consider timely topics that relate to the lesson at hand. Often, especially in today's political climate, leaders and their decisions are analyzed and discussed in class. More times than I can count, my students have demanded that I run for mayor, senator, or president after a hearty discussion! I preach to my roughly 200 students that sitting on the sideline and watching a problem helps no one. I encourage them that public service is an excellent way to make a better tomorrow for you and your community. I want to serve on the Corpus Christi Commission On Children And Youth because the Corpus Christi youth deserve to aim higher and I can help them achieve their goals. I offer the Commission a unique perspective. I work with hundreds of Corpus Christi youth everyday, I am highly educated, I have successful committee experience, I am passionate about youth education and development, and, most important of all, I have time to give because I care about their tomorrows.

Are you an ex-Officio member of a City Board, commission or committee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

No person shall be appointed by the Mayor or Council Members to serve on more than one board, commission, committee or corporation at the same time. If you currently serve as a voting member for a board, commission, committee or corporation are you willing to resign your current seat to serve on another board, commission, committee or corporation?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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## Demographics

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**Code of Ethics - Rules of Conduct/Conflicts of Interest**

Do you represent any person or organization in any claim or lawsuit or proceeding involving the City?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you, your spouse, your business or your spouse's business have a City contract?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you involved with any activities or employment that would conflict with the official duties on the City boards for which you are applying?

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions above, please explain or ask to speak with the City's Legal Department.

NA

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**Board-specific questions (if applicable)**

Question applies to CORPUS CHRISTI COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

The Commission on Children & Youth must include representatives from certain categories. Do you qualify for any of the following categories? \*

☒ Education

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**Verification****City Code Requirement - Residency**

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☒ I Agree

**City Code Requirement - Attendance**

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☒ I Agree

### Consent for Release of Information

I understand that if any member of the public makes a request for information included in this application or in any attachment (e.g. resume or supporting documentation) for appointment it is subject to and must be disclosed under the Texas Public Information Act. I understand that under the Texas Public Information Act, my home address and home telephone number is subject to public disclosure unless I am elected or appointed to the position which I seek. I hereby consent to the release of my home address and home telephone number should it be requested under the Texas Public Information Act prior to my possible appointment or election. I hereby release the City of Corpus Christi, and its agents, employees and officers, from any and all liability whatsoever if the information must be released pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act.

☒ I Agree

### Oath

I swear that all of the statements included in my application and attached documents, if any, are true and correct.

☒ I Agree

# Jacob Dryden, Ph.D.

2830 Denver Avenue, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404 | 952.529.6777 | [jake.dryden@live.com](mailto:jake.dryden@live.com)

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## Education

Ph.D. Political Science, The University of Mississippi, 2014

- Focus: International Relations and Comparative Politics
- GPA: 3.87
- Dissertation: "On Mass Media, State Capacity, and Civil Conflict"
- Dissertation Committee: Timothy Nordstrom, Benjamin Jones, and Michael Henderson

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), The University of Michigan, 2012

- Program Scholar in Game Theory and Rational Choice Modeling

M.A. Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University, 2003

- Focus: Middle Eastern Politics, East Asian Politics, and International Political Economy
- GPA: 4.0

B.A. International Studies, Hanover College, 2001

- Major: International Studies
- Minor: History, Spanish

## Teaching and Academic Employment

Veterans Memorial High School, CCISD, 2017 – Present

- AP Human Geography · AP US History · Government · Economics · World Geography
- Gifted & Talented Certified

Undergraduate Instructor, The University of Mississippi, 2012 – 2014

- Introduction to International Relations
- Research Methods

Teaching and Research Assistant, The University of Mississippi, 2010 – 2011

Graduate Assistant, Seton Hall University, 2002 – 2003

- Assistant Editor and Reviewer, *Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations*

Political Consultant, MSNBC, 2002

## Professional Service

Veterans Memorial High School

- Campus Advisory Team (Faculty Senate) Chair
- Social Studies Department Co-Chair
- Campus Grading Guidelines Committee Chair
- National Honor Society Faculty Selection Committee Member
- Mission Statement and Vision Committee Member
- Saturday School Leader and Supervisor
- Nominated Teacher of the Year, 2017-2018

Corpus Christi Independent School District

- Social Studies Curriculum Writer for all CCISD
- Social Studies Textbook Review Committee
- Advanced Academics Pilot Program Leader

## Corporate Experience

Account Executive, Travelers Insurance, 2014 – 2016

Various commercial insurance underwriting positions, 2003 – 2010

## References

Robert Arredondo, Principal, DES, 361.878.0140, [robert.arredondo@ccisd.us](mailto:robert.arredondo@ccisd.us)

Kimberley James, Principal, VMHS, 361.878.7900, [kimberley.james@ccisd.us](mailto:kimberley.james@ccisd.us)

Dr. Salvatore Russo, Assistant Professor, California State University, 310.243.3490, [srusso@csudh.edu](mailto:srusso@csudh.edu)



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**Profile**

Angelica

First Name

Vela

Last Name

  
Email Address

5430 Whitemarsh Drive

Street Address

Corpus Christi

City

TX

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78413

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Years, how many years?

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Do you currently serve on any other City board, commission or committee at this time? If so, please list:

No

**Education, Professional and/or Community Activity (Present)**

THE VELA LAW FIRM/MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR 2008 – 2018 My primary role is developing and marketing community events in the South Texas community. In addition, managing the budget for internal & external marketing and purchasing of promotional items. BLANCO TALENT AGENCY/MODEL & ACTRESS 2015 – 2018 On-air Bilingual Spokesmodel for Alice Chevrolet EDUCATION-BACHELOR'S DEGREE University of the Incarnate Word San Antonio, Texas 78209 Major: Psychology, Minor: Sociology & Biology National Society of Leadership and Success VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP 2013-2015 Corpus Christi Literacy Council Board Member 2013-2016 Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas Mentor 2016 40 under 40 recipient 2017 Voted Best Commercial Talent in Coastal Bend 2017-2018 Executive Board PTA member at Windsor Park 2010-2018 The Junior League of Corpus Christi 2018 The Bend Magazine's 7 Most Beautiful Women: Inside & Out

If you applied for multiple boards, which boards are you most interested in serving on, in order of preference? (Limit to top three)

N/A

Why are you interested in serving on a City board, commission or committee?

I'm always open to improving my community, I am submitting my information to connect with and work with like-minded individuals to set goals for the betterment of the youth in our community. In order to have a great city we need great citizens and working with our youth is an excellent way to produce productive adults. I have many ideas on early childhood education, mental health initiatives an domestic violence awareness.

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Gender

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