

New Nominees for the 2025-2026 Houston Audubon Board of Directors

Emily Todd, Director

- Lifelong Houstonian with deep experience in the arts, culture, and nonprofit sectors
- Extensive board service, including Cullinan Park Conservancy and the Texas Crane Council
- Founding board president of Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston (MATCH)
- Former Deputy Director of The Menil Collection and cultural affairs advisor for the City of Houston
- Held leadership roles at Houston Endowment, DiverseWorks, and The Andy Warhol Foundation
- Passionate about conservation and community engagement, with a strategic approach to nonprofit leadership

Patti Goodman, Director

- Over 30 years of commercial real estate experience; currently manages nearly 1 million sq. ft. at Memorial City Plaza
- Leads sustainability efforts, securing LEED and WELL certifications across MetroNational properties
- Directed Houston's first anti-bird strike window treatment installation on a commercial high-rise
- Champion of Lights Out for Birds, partnering with Houston Audubon to implement bird-friendly practices
- Recognized advocate and speaker on bird conservation within the real estate industry
- Combines industry expertise with a deep personal commitment to protecting birds and their habitats

Rachel Powers, Director

- Over 20 years of experience in environmental planning, nonprofit leadership, and civic engagement in the Houston-Gulf Coast region
- Former Executive Director of Citizens' Environmental Coalition, serving nearly a decade

- Recently contributed to Harris County's equitable flood resilience planning efforts
- Skilled in strategic planning, communications, and community-focused project management
- Certified Texas Master Naturalist and longtime volunteer with Christmas Bird Counts and iNaturalist
- Passionate birder and habitat advocate, with a special love for Piping Plovers, Reddish Egrets, Willets, and Screech-Owls

Mike McGinity, Director

- Retired utility industry consultant and manager with 38 years of professional experience
- Houston resident for over 40 years with a strong commitment to community and conservation
- Lead volunteer at Houston Audubon's High Island Sanctuaries for the past six years, especially active during spring migration
- Passionate birder and advocate for bird conservation
- Brings hands-on sanctuary experience, leadership, and public engagement skills
- Enthusiastic ambassador for Houston Audubon's mission, combining a love of birds, travel, history, and lifelong learning