

GULF COAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

QUARTERLY MEETING PACKET

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Presenter Bios



Ryan Guerra, Founder & CEO, Skylark Wireless
PhD. Electrical Engineering, Rice University
Former Lead Engineer & Founder, Volo Wireless
Skylark Wireless builds turnkey 5G wireless systems for Internet Service Providers serving the rural broadband market. Our patented Massive MIMO beamforming systems provide Point-to-MultiPoint, Non-Line-of-Sight connectivity over tens of miles in difficult terrain.



Danielle Scheiner, Executive Director, Conroe Economic Development Council

As Executive Director of Conroe EDC, Danielle is responsible for marketing Conroe to new and expanding businesses. She has been with the City of Conroe for five years after serving in Entergy Texas' economic development organization for five years. She received a B.S. from Texas A&M University and is a certified Professional Community and Economic Developer (PCED). Danielle is a graduate of both Community Development Institute (CDI) and will sit for the Certified Economic and Community Developer (CEcD) exam this year.

Her professional memberships include the International Economic Development Council, the Texas Economic Development Council, the Texas Economic Development Corporation and Team Texas, where she serves on the Board of Directors. She was also recently appointed to the Houston-Galveston Area Council Gulf Coast Workforce Board and to the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce Board. Locally, she serves on the Board of Trustees for Conroe Regional Medical Center and is the Board Representative to the HCA Gulf Coast Advisory Board. As the parent of a special needs child, Danielle is also especially proud of her current involvement on the Board of Directors for New Danville, serving special needs adults. She recently joined the Board of Directors for Montgomery County Food Bank and is looking forward to serving the food insecure in the community.

She has previously served as a Chairman of the Board for the Conroe/Lake Conroe Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery County United Way, Executive Women's Alliance and Leadership Montgomery County.



Larry McManus, Director, Business & Community Development, Economic Development & Tourism, Office of the Governor

Larry McManus began is the Director for Business and Community Development in the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism Division. He is responsible for the management of the Office's Small Business Initiatives, Research, International, Marketing, Community Relations, Industry and Business Recruitment Activities.

McManus returns to the office after serving as Senior Director for Rural Economic Development at the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) where he was responsible for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the State Office of Rural Health, and TDA's economic development activities.

McManus previous tenure with the Office of the Governor had him managing Community Relations and Domestic Expansion and Recruitment (DER) activities. These teams assisted in the announcement of more than 140,000 jobs and a capital investment in excess of approximately \$63 billion between January 2005 and August 2015.

McManus has more than 26 years of economic development experience with the State of Texas. Prior to joining the State of Texas, he spent nearly five years with NationsBank (now Bank of America).

McManus holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Texas at El Paso and is a graduate of the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma.