



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Great Minds in STEM™ Announces New Board Officers

Montebello, CA, May 10, 2019 – The founder of Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS), Mr. Ray Mellado, is pleased to announce newly elected Officers for the GMiS Board of Directors. GMiS is a national leader in keeping America technologically strong by promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math careers in underserved communities. Mr. Mellado will continue his association with GMiS as Chairman Emeritus and Founder.

Election of Juan Rivera, Ph.D. as Chairman of the Board

Dr. Rivera recently retired from his position as Director of Mission 1 Advanced Technologies and Applications at Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems Sector. He closes a 40-year career in the Aerospace industry to help achieve the Vision for Great Minds in STEM. Dr. Rivera graduated from The University of Texas at El Paso with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and both a master's and Ph.D. in electrical engineering from The University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Rivera was honored with a Professional Achievement Award during the 2003 HENAAC Conference, and joined the GMiS Board of Directors in 2009, and has previously served as Board Treasurer and Vice Chairman.

Election of Rudolf Montiel, P.E. as Vice Chairman

Mr. Montiel is President of Metropolitan Capital Partners, LLC an infrastructure and real estate development firm. As a construction and development executive, he previously served as President and CEO of the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA). He also served as the President and CEO for the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso (HACEP). In 1994, while working at General Motors as a Senior Manufacturing Project Engineer, he was honored with the Most Promising Engineer Award at the HENAAC Conference. Mr. Montiel earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso. He joined the GMiS Board of Directors in 1999 and previously served as GMiS Chair of the Audit Committee and as Treasurer.

Election of Robin Evitts as Treasurer

Robin Evitts is Partner & Chief Operating Officer of Reach Partners LLC. In this role, Ms. Evitts works with companies to transform their business strategy, deliver results and elevate the teams that will sustain the transformation. Previously, Ms. Evitts was a Managing Director at Alvarez & Marsal, where she worked with companies to improve the impact of their IT investments. Ms. Evitts also was an executive with The Clorox Company for 7 years, serving as the Chief Audit Executive responsible for the Company's internal audit function and as Chief Information Officer responsible for overseeing the Company's information technology function. In her role as CIO, she significantly transformed the IT operating model and improved delivery efficiency. Prior to Clorox, Ms. Evitts was a partner with Deloitte & Touche. Ms. Evitts earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. Ms. Evitts serves as the Board President for Girls Inc. of Alameda County and as the Audit Committee Chairman and Treasurer of the Board of Fair Trade USA. She joined the GMiS Board of Directors in 2014 after having been the Board President of MentorNet.

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Election of Geraldine McGrath as Board Secretary

Geraldine McGrath, Esq. is an attorney for International Business Machines Corporation. Dedicated to education and professional diversity, Ms. McGrath devotes time to San Francisco Law School at Alliant International University as an adjunct professor and served as a Director to MentorNet prior to its acquisition by Great Minds in STEM. She is a former president of the Board of Directors of the Community School for Creative Education, a Waldorf-inspired charter school serving the diverse needs of the students of Oakland, California. She joined the GMiS Board of Directors in 2014.

Additional Great Minds in STEM Board of Directors

The additional members of the Great Minds in STEM Board of Directors are as follows:

Leo A. Brooks Jr.

Vice President
Defense, Space & Security
Boeing Government
Operations
The Boeing Company

Alex Lopez

Vice President
Global Sales & Marketing
Network
Space Systems (Ret.)
The Boeing Company

Anthony Ortega

Assistant Superintendent
(Retired)
El Monte Union High School
District

Patt Romero Cronin

IBM General Manager
Global Transformation Leader
Site Location Executive -
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Anna M. Park, J.D.

CEO
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LSCW, LLC

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Director of FOS Training &
Safety Communications
Walt Disney Parks & Resorts

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Global Diversity & Inclusion
Lockheed Martin Corporation

About Great Minds in STEM™

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County with a 31-year history of keeping America technologically strong through the delivery of national STEM awareness programs for students, parents and teachers in underserved communities. Through the GMiS network, academic and career development opportunities are offered to underrepresented students in STEM fields. The organization is focused on working to build a diverse 21st Century STEM workforce in which all citizens contribute to innovation and experience prosperity.

For more information please visit www.greatmindsinstem.org.