

PMI Houston Board of Directors Candidates 2025



MELINDA BOYKIN

CANDIDATE FOR VP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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SHORT BIOGRAPHY

- PMI# is 3551568
- I am Melinda M. Boykin, currently serving as the Senior Director of Budget and Procurement Serviced at South Texas College of Law, where I lead a variety of procurement functions, including accounts payable, vendor management, contract management, mail/distribution services, travel services, and fiscal budgeting. In this role, I focus on increasing cross-functional alignment and improving workflow transparency college-wide operations. With two decades of experience working in higher education across both public and private sectors, I consider myself a life learner. Additionally, I am pursuing my Doctorate in Organizational Development and Leadership, which allows me to further refine my skills in leadership and strategic planning.
- I am passionate about continuous learning and leadership development. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, master's in communication management, project management professional (PMP) certification, certified profession in supply management (CPSM), certified professional in supplier diversity management (CPSM), and a certified yoga instructor. I consider myself a lifelong learner and contributor to adult learning. Outside of my professional life, I find great joy in exploring new places and engaging in sports, particularly soccer, as my son is a professional indoor soccer player. I'm also in the process of launching a yoga and winery business, which combines my love for wellness with entrepreneurship. I'm always seeking new ways to grow personally and professionally.

I WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE IN 2026– 2027

Expand Strategic Fundraising Initiatives: Lead the development and execution of a multi-year fundraising.

Strengthen Stakeholder and Member Engagement: Develop a comprehensive engagement plan that builds stronger relationships with PMI members, chapters, and volunteers.

Build and Lead a High-Performing Development Team: Mentor and empower a results-driven development team with clear performance metrics, professional development opportunities, and a strong culture of accountability.

Implement Data-Driven Development Operations: Enhance the development infrastructure by adopting or optimizing a CRM and analytics platform.

Elevate PMI's Brand Among Philanthropic Partners: Position PMI as a leader in project management education, workforce development, and social impact by building strategic alliances with philanthropic foundations, educational institutions, and global impact networks.

CATHY PETER

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PMI# is **10238649**

- Ms. Cathy is an architectural professional and project leader with over four years of experience delivering K–12, healthcare, and institutional projects across India and the U.S. Currently pursuing a Master’s in Project Management, Cathy brings deep experience in stakeholder coordination, team leadership, and construction administration.
- She is a dedicated lifelong learner and mentor who believes that strategic education fuels professional growth. She holds a Master’s in Architecture and is completing a Master’s in Project Management, with an eye toward PMP certification and licensure.
- Her work spans school bond programs, biotech labs, and large-scale educational facilities, where she plays an integral role in client coordination, design development, and construction phase support. She brings this same project delivery mindset to professional development—prioritizing quality programming, collaborative partnerships, and member-focused outcomes that align with PMI’s Talent Triangle and PMI Houston’s evolving needs.
- She is a passionate advocate for inclusive leadership and professional growth. With roots in India and a growing career in Houston’s built environment, Cathy’s experience includes public healthcare, community clinics, and educational infrastructure. She has served as a mentor, design educator, and volunteer in both academic and professional spaces.

I WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE IN 2026– 2027

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- Expand access to certification prep courses (PMP, CAPM, Agile).- Create a digital "Professional Development Passport" where members earn stamps (badges) for attending events across different learning tracks (Ways of Working, Power Skills, Business Acumen). Completing a "full passport" could unlock free event access or recognition at the annual conference.
 - **Strengthen ties with academic and training institutions** to bring industry-relevant education to members.
 - **Learning Sprints "Microlearning Series"** -Offer monthly 30-minute "learning sprints" during lunch breaks on focused, high-demand topics (e.g., AI in Project Management, Conflict Resolution, Earned Value Basics). Low effort, high value.
 - **Enable dual-format sessions** so members can choose how they attend.
 - **Career Accelerator Clinics** – Resume reviews, LinkedIn tips, and job prep.
 - **Cross-Chapter Collaboration Events** -Co-host virtual workshops or panel sessions with other PMI chapters (e.g., PMI Austin, PMI New York) to diversify speakers, expand networks, and share resources.

JAMIE SANNUM MARZONIE

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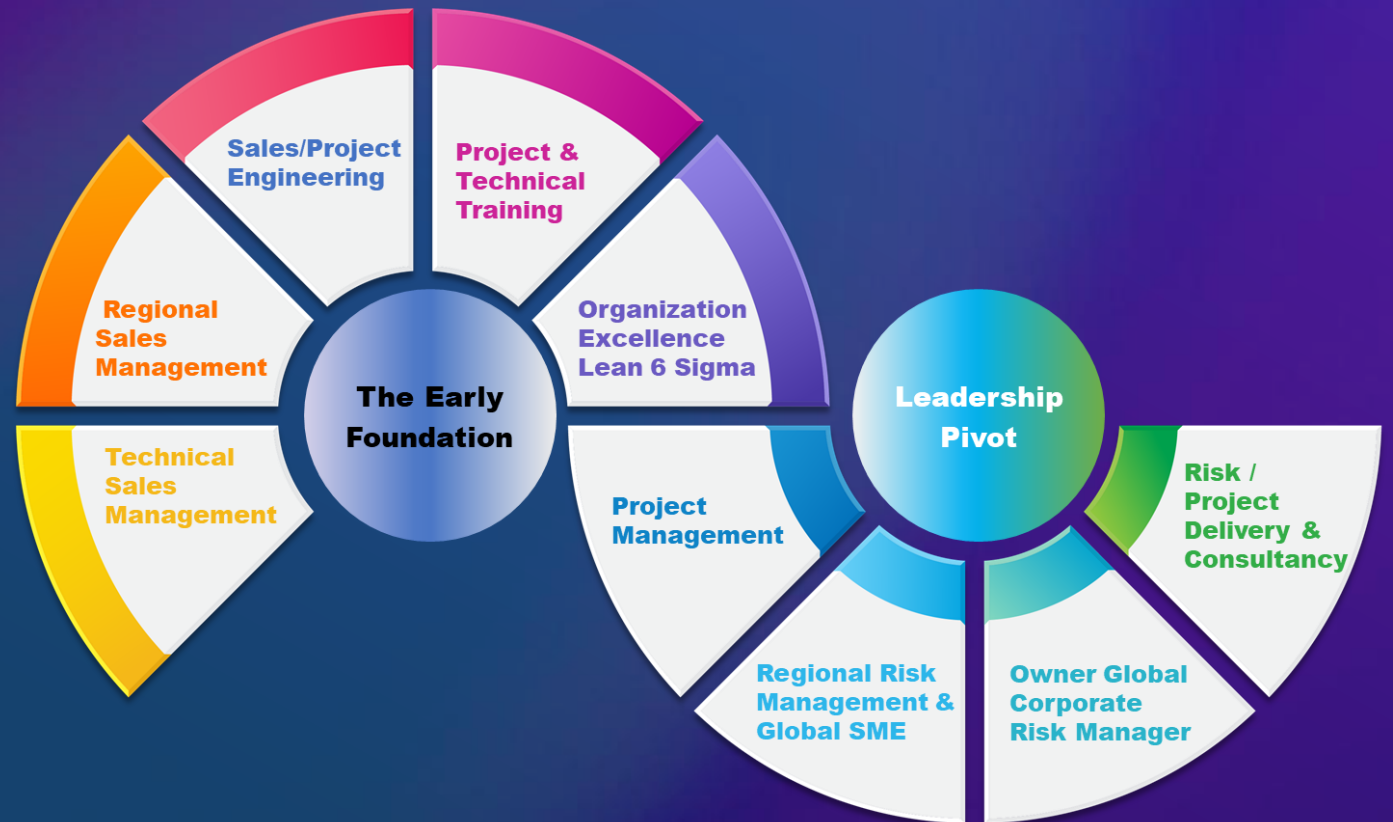


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- PMI# 1215378 member since 2009, PMP 2012
- Jamie Marzonie's vision is to "Deliver Value from Uncertainty". He brings practical experience and strategic insights from project management, project controls, risk management, decision management, & learning / development across multiple industries including energy, semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, food manufacturing, and telecommunications. With a global experience and outlook, he has delivered excellence to both technical and commercial values.
- His career includes positions with IPS / Linesight (Berkshire Hathaway), Albemarle, Enbridge, Subsea 7, Technip, Cameron Subsea, Heat & Control, and Rabbit Semiconductor, where he has been consistently focused on achieving critical success factors in complex, high-value projects, with a high focus on continuous improvement
- Jamie is married with 2 children, enjoys sailing, watching Formula 1, and the occasional ½ marathon with the wife. He has volunteered for 5 years chairing the SPE-GCS MIT/CAN Committee, and serves as Vice-Chair for a School Council. He keep informed with additional memberships to AACE and SDP (Society of Decision Professionals).

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- The Journey > 25 years of Experience
- Graduated from UC Davis, MBA in '26 w/ LSU
- Worked in IoT before we it an acronym!
- Managed, Developed, and Facilitated Technical and Project Management Training Programs
- PM for Offshore Oil & Gas Manufacturing
- Risk for Oil & Gas, Lithium, Specialty Chemicals, Semiconductor FAB, & Pharmaceutical CAPEX



I WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE IN 2026– 2027

- Build on the success with current team to keep momentum and successfully execute existing plans.
- Assess program effectiveness from all stakeholders & generate options for value enhancement while keeping current team and agenda in place.
- Leverage Partnerships with local like-minded organizations to bring member, organizational, value to our communities.
- Promote PMI Development opportunities for new certifications
- Ensure members in transition or looking for another opportunity have opportunities in PMI to advance their technical skills and their abilities to secure their next success story.

RAGHAVI MERUGUREDDY

CANDIDATE FOR VP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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- PMI# is 3124157
- Biography statement# 1: With 14 years in Oil & Gas Industry Experience, I have had the opportunity to work in many roles having started my career in cost control to leading PMO to eventually becoming a Digital Project Manager – PMO.
- My passion is scrum & agile and how best to leverage these principles in a world that is realistically falling into a hybrid style of Waterfall & Agile.
- I have trained & mentored Product Owners and Scrum Masters in an organization which was beginning the journey into agile digital development.
- With this passion for Agile Project Management & Volunteering, I would like to nominate myself for the role of VP Professional Development where I can see myself supporting & mentoring the journey of potential PMs.
- This is a very new role for me but I am looking forward to challenging myself and being adaptable to this learning curve in order to support the PMI Houston Board and members.

I WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE IN 2026– 2027

- Determine the pulse of current PMI Houston members through market survey on pain points, from PD, and long-term projects.
- Workshopping to align to survey results with the existing micro-projects.
- Set up a short & long term objectives with micro-projects in line with it's initial vision.
- Set up key KPIs for measuring the yearly short term objectives and dashboarding into a PBI report.
- Set-up sentiment survey for every PD event to better understand how we are trending in terms of meeting the overall PMIH member's needs and checking in on their journey one year later.

LEWIS FREY

CANDIDATE FOR VP FINANCE

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- PMI# is 5244608
- Volunteering for PMIH since 2018 where I joined Professional Development and helped with conference speaker selections and helping to drive our PMP courses. I later joined as Vice President of Finance with the goal of understanding how I can help the chapter sustain long term success while ensuring members get the most value from their investment.
- I have nearly two decades in the professional services world, building and leading teams that drive revenue, improve customer retention and value, while focusing on operational excellence. Launching a Project Management team in 2012 was a great honor and then seeing our hard work officially pay off in 2019 as we transformed into a PMO was very rewarding.
- I am very passionate about this profession and believe that we have extremely versatile and transferable skillsets. I love being able to give back to an amazing community and appreciate the trust our members have in my ability to bring leadership to our chapter.

I WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE IN 2026– 2027

- Help the chapter improve the value we bring to our members to impact their professional growth.
- Support networking events so our members can meet like minded professionals in the Houston area for career opportunities, knowledge sharing, and promoting the project management profession.
- Help ensure the chapter is financially responsible through maximizing the revenue from membership dues and programs.
- Help build a strong board of directors to drive PMI Houston forward into a new era of AI, and global strategies set forth by PMI.

ROLI KULKARNI

CANDIDATE FOR VP VOLUNTEERS
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- PMI# is 6125244
- Volunteering for PMIH since (year) 2021
- Dedicated PMIH volunteer since 2021, currently completing my first term as VP Volunteers. With a strong commitment to building community, I led initiatives to enhance volunteer engagement and recognition while supporting chapter growth through structured onboarding and retention program.
- Led efforts in creating rewarding volunteer experience through strategic coordination, inclusive leadership, and effective collaboration working with board members.
- My efforts will continue to strength volunteer experience through innovation, empathy, effective leadership.

I WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE IN 2026– 2027

- To strengthen volunteer onboarding & mentorship by a structured buddy system for new volunteers.
- To launch a quarterly “volunteer connect” networking series to foster collaboration, retention, & community spirit.
- To create a centralized volunteer resource hub with role descriptions, FAQ’s, and success stories.
- To collaborate with board members to align volunteer roles with chapter goals, ensuring meaningful engagement and impact.
- To establish measurable volunteer satisfaction and impact matrix through periodic surveys and reporting dashboards.
- To enhance volunteer recognition by introducing themed spotlight campaigns, milestone awards, and leadership pathway programs.

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CANDIDATE FOR VP MEMBERSHIP

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General Info:

- **PMI# is:** 6153920.
- Volunteering for PMIH since (year): 2020

Short Biography:

- Senior Technology Program/Project Manager with an IT background, adept at leading multimillion-dollar initiatives and mentoring teams to drive enterprise efficiency and development.
- Began career in the US Air Force, leveraging business analysis and project management to transform workflow efficiency and inter-office operations.
- Holds a B.A. in Information Systems from the University of Cincinnati and has built a diverse career in Houston across multiple roles.
- Active PMI Houston Chapter volunteer and member, who also enjoys ministry work at RCCG-Dominion Chapel and golfing in his leisure time.

I WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE IN 2026– 2027

- **Recruit:** *Partnerships with local programs/ schools, Partnerships with PMOs, etc.*
- **Reclaim:** *Target former PMIH Members via a review data to determine trends in decline of membership.*
- **Retain:** *Retain current members to PMI Houston by facilitating programs that share in the benefits of this great organization.*
- **Welcome:** *Make New Professionals Feel Welcome: First Impression, Socializing Member Benefits, etc.*

ZAHRA RASHIDBAYLI

CANDIDATE FOR VP OUTREACH

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- PMI# is 7782766
- Volunteering for PMIH since 2022 year
- **Biography Statement #1** Zahra Rashidbayli is the Vice President of Outreach at PMI Houston, where she leads strategic initiatives that connect academia, military communities, and industry partners. With over a decade of global project leadership experience, Zahra brings a results-driven approach to expanding PMI's impact across sectors.
- **Biography Statement #2** A seasoned project leader with 13+ years in oil & gas, technology, and digital transformation, Zahra currently serves as VP of Outreach at PMI Houston. She champions high-impact programs that drive professional growth, sponsorship engagement, and military transition support.
- **Biography Statement #3** Zahra is a dynamic advocate for the next generation of project leaders. As VP of Outreach at PMIH, she spearheads initiatives that empower students, support veterans, and build lasting corporate partnerships. Her leadership is rooted in global experience and a passion for community impact.
- **Biography Statement #4** A certified PMP, UH alum, and Project Manager at Hexagon ALI, Zahra brings international project execution expertise to her role as VP of Outreach at PMI Houston. She leads innovative outreach programs that align with PMI's mission and foster inclusive engagement across the Greater Houston area.

I WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE IN 2026– 2027

- **Collaborate with North America PMI Chapters:** Partner on joint events and initiatives under the Military Outreach Program to expand outreach and support to veterans and transitioning service members.
- **Maintain Collaboration with Student Club:** Launch another Student Club at a local university as part of the Academic Outreach Program to strengthen engagement with the next generation of project professionals.
- **Enhance Sponsor Retention Strategy:** Develop and implement a new engagement strategy to maintain strong relationships with existing sponsors under the Sponsorship Program.
- **Expand Sponsorship Portfolio:** Secure new sponsors and diversify our sponsorship base to build meaningful partnerships with corporate America.
- **Build a Sponsorship Volunteer Team:** Recruit and onboard new volunteers to support the Sponsorship Program and help scale outreach activities.
- **Maintain and Strengthen Collaboration with Student Club:** Expand engagement through increased academic outreach activities, mentorship opportunities, and career development events.

JASON WINTERS

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT / PRESIDENT
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- PMI# is 2029133
- Volunteering for PMIH since (year) 2024; volunteered for PMI Rio de Janeiro from 2019-2021
- A career project management expat in the Energy Sector, I have had the opportunity to work with very diverse teams in large multinational firms across the globe, culminating in my transition to a PMO leader. A certified PMP since 2011 and holder of several other micro-credentials as well as the new PMIPMO-CP certification, I highly cherish and align with the PMI standards and innovative ways in which PMI remains THE “Gold Standard” in our profession. Since 2018, I have been contributing professional content to several platforms while also speaking at in-person and on-line events as a career expat and subject matter expert in project management.
- My journey as a volunteer started in Health Care in my college days, progressing to many other organizations and finally to PMI in 2019 where I had the pleasure of serving in the Rio de Janeiro Chapter. When I moved back to Houston in 2022, I knew it was just a matter of time before I would find myself volunteering with the Houston Chapter. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Houston Chapter as the VP of Marketing and have learned so much along the way. I would be extremely honored to leverage my expertise and commitment to giving back to the community as the Chapter President where I feel like I could contribute greatly to its continued success!

I WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE IN 2026– 2027

- As President-Elect, I would like to work closely with the President and Past President to take lessons learned from their experience to help me be a more effective Chapter President once I hit the ground running on Day 1! This includes taking an active role in preparing our Members for the New Membership Model which will take effect when I become President in 2027. You can trust I will bring a high level of commitment and enthusiasm to this role!
- I would also like to work with the Board of Directors to re-purpose the PMIH website to provide a more interactive and engaging user experience focused on benefits of Chapter Membership from a targeted Committee and membership value perspective. This will and needs to be supported with the new PMI Branding for which our Chapter has been an early adopter during my tenure as the VP of Marketing.
- Ensuring the ever-evolving suite of certifications and e-learnings are promoted along with an increased focus on PMOs are priorities. I would also like to keep our fingers on the pulse of our community by conducting periodic deep dive sessions to evaluate our Chapter's performance, using surveys, Lessons Learned and Risk-Opportunity assessments.
- As President, I would like to work with the VP of Volunteers and other Board Members to increase the number of volunteers across committees while creating opportunities for volunteers to grow and assume leadership roles within the Chapter. Elevating the recognition of volunteer contributions through targeted actions and KPIs will also be a key focus for long-term sustainability. In addition to this, I see great value in establishing a permanent Special Council of Past Presidents and Board Members to help as trusted, experienced advisors for the Board of Directors.