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MAYOR RICHARD LOPEZ

Mayor Richard Lopez is a dedicated leader with a personal commitment to the betterment of the city. Lopez graduated from Carlsbad High School and attended the College of the Southwest, where he majored in management and minored in accounting. His educational background is a strong foundation for his leadership role as mayor. Lopez's professional life has always been dedicated to service and leadership. He currently works as a firefighter at WIPP and has previously served as Chief of the Carlsbad Fire Department for ten years. Drawing on this experience, he will continue to steer Carlsbad with a vision for growth and prosperity.



"As your Mayor, my vision is shaped by a commitment to transparent governance, public safety, infrastructure development, and community engagement," he said. "I believe in an open dialogue, empowering our community to actively contribute to Carlsbad's future. My leadership style is rooted in transformation, motivating city employees and decision-makers through collaboration. Together, we are navigating the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead." Lopez's family is the heart of who he is as an individual. Lopez was born to David and Eva Lopez and has two brothers, David Lopez and David Taylor. Lopez married Gloria and was blessed with two sons, Kenneth and Keith, and five wonderful grandchildren - Cincinnati, Analisa, Kendrick, Noah, and Quincy.

Mayor Lopez invites the community to join his city initiatives and share their ideas to collectively shape Carlsbad's future. Lopez feels grateful for the opportunity to serve as Mayor.

DANNY FLETCHER

Danny C Fletcher has been in the Media Industry: Radio, Television, Cable TV, and Print, as well as producing Events for many years. He is an Award-Winning Creator, Producer, and Talent. Recognized by The Radio Advertising Bureau, The National Association of Broadcasters, and The Hollywood Music In Media Awards. His voice over the years has been heard around the World in Radio, Cable TV. Broadcast Television and Music Platforms. He is honored and Excited to be asked to come back and be the Master of Ceremonies once again for the 2026 Mayors Energy Summit. Danny recently moved to Colorado where he is still Creating and Managing Media and Event projects.



MATTHEW WARREN

NATIONAL OIL AND GAS PROGRAM LEAD, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Matthew is a Petroleum Engineer and leader with over two decades of experience in Federal mineral management. Currently serving as the National Oil and Gas Program Lead and oversees strategic budgeting, performance measures, and policy development and implementation for the Fluid Minerals Division. He is recognized for expertise in oil and gas operations, NEPA compliance, and the orphaned wells program.

Previously, Matthew managed multidisciplinary teams as Supervisory Petroleum Engineer in Buffalo, WY, and contributed to technical reviews, compliance, and training across several BLM offices.

Matthew is from Farmington, NM and is a graduate of New Mexico State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is known for collaborative leadership, technical proficiency, and dedication to advancing sustainable mineral resource management.



TYLER GUSTAFSON

Tyler Gustafson is a Texas native and a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, where he earned a degree in Government. Shortly after graduation, he joined ExxonMobil as the Beaumont Area Public & Government Affairs Advisor. In June 2026, he moved to Carlsbad, New Mexico to step into the role of New Mexico Public & Government Affairs Advisor, advancing the company's engagement with local communities, government officials, and key stakeholders throughout the state.



BLAKE HUBBARD

Blake Hubbard joined Carlsbad Medical Center as the Chief Executive Officer in April 2026.

With over 25 years of experience serving in health system and hospital executive leadership roles, Hubbard previously served as CEO of Valley View Medical Center in Fort Mohave, Arizona. During his tenure there he led strategic capital projects, recruited primary care providers and multiple specialists, and partnered with physicians to increase services offered and grow patient volumes.



Hubbard earned his master's degree in business administration from The University of Texas – Pan American in Edinburg, Texas, and bachelor's degree in business administration – finance, from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. He is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and has taken active roles with civic and educational organizations in the communities where he has lived. Hubbard currently serves on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Eddy County, is a participant in Leadership Carlsbad, and is active with the New Mexico Hospital Association.

DR. KEVIN BEARDMORE

Dr. Beardmore became President of Southeast New Mexico College (SENMCM) on January 1, 2023. He was previously the Vice President of Student Affairs at Owensboro Community and Technical College (OCTC), one of sixteen public two-year colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. Originally hired as the Director of Research and Planning, he advanced through the roles of Dean of Enrollment Management and Dean of Institutional Effectiveness before moving into the vice presidency in 2007. Prior to working in higher education, Dr. Beardmore worked in private industry at a rapidly expanding startup internet provider, taught middle school mathematics and science, and coordinated science curriculum efforts at the Indiana Department of Education, where Indiana's science proficiency guide, developed under his leadership, was named the number one state science education standards document in the nation in 1998.



At SENMCM, he oversaw the separation of the college from New Mexico State University, finalizing its independence and accreditation in December 2023. The Trades x Technology Building, designed with his leadership, broke ground in September 2025 with a \$10 million gift for its construction from the Permian Strategic Partnership secured. Dr. Beardmore holds a Doctor of Education in Educational Policy Studies, Measurement, and Evaluation from the University of Kentucky. He received the Distinguished College Administrator Award from the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society in 2015 and the Paragon Award for New Presidents in 2024, one of 23 honored nationally.

DANIEL MORENO

SENIOR MANAGER, S&TB - NM WEST ASSETS

Daniel Moreno is Chevron's Senior Manager for New Mexico West Assets, leading asset development across Eddy County, one of the most active energy-producing regions in the United States. Since 2025, he has been accountable for a diverse portfolio spanning new-well development, greenfield growth and established producing assets. His focus is turning complex technical and commercial choices into clear development strategies, investment priorities and execution-ready plans that strengthen capital efficiency and long-term value.



Since joining Chevron in 2013, Daniel has built broad experience across the energy value chain through leadership and technical roles in asset development, reservoir engineering, strategic planning and business integration in the Permian Basin and California's San Joaquin Valley. He previously led cross-functional teams responsible for New Mexico development programs and helped shape strategies to mature opportunities, manage uncertainty and improve development outcomes.

Before joining Chevron, Daniel built experience in Venezuela across both the oil and gas industry and infrastructure development. His roles included maintenance engineering leadership in the energy sector and project management for the engineering and construction of disaster-prevention structures, including channels, dams and discharge systems. This combination of energy and infrastructure experience shaped the practical, systems-oriented leadership approach he brings to complex development portfolios today.

Daniel holds a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from Universidad Metropolitana in Caracas, Venezuela, and an M.Sc. in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering from West Virginia University.

THOMAS E. ("TOM") CLIFFORD, PHD

Tom earned his PhD in Economics from the University of California at Santa Barbara with specializations in Econometrics, Natural Resource Economics and Public Finance. He spent 10 years working for the U.S. Congress in Washington, the last 7 of these with the Joint Committee on Taxation where he prepared fiscal impact estimates of proposed federal tax legislation affecting the energy, insurance and housing industries.



Tom and his family moved to New Mexico in 1994. He served in several positions related to the State's budget including: Chief Economist for the LFC, DFA and TRD, Tax Policy Director for TRD and Deputy Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for DFA.

As Secretary of Finance and Administration, Tom acted as Governor Susana Martinez's senior advisor for fiscal and economic policy. Under the Martinez Administration, the State made significant progress in the areas of financial oversight, capital outlay reform and tax reform that improved the climate for economic development in New Mexico. Among important tax policy reforms, Tom contributed to reducing the "pyramiding" of the Gross Receipts Tax on business purchases and to reducing the burden of the Corporate Income Tax.

Since leaving government, Tom conducts research on issues related to his expertise in public finance, energy and natural resources and local and regional economic development.

JACOB FABER

Jacob Faber is the Senior Project Manager for the Energy Citizens Field Office in Albuquerque, where he leads efforts to expand grassroots support and mobilize volunteers on behalf of New Mexico's natural gas and oil industry. Jacob joined Energy Citizens in 2022, contributing to field operations in Pennsylvania, Colorado, and New Mexico and began managing the New Mexico team in 2023. Prior to his work with Energy Citizens, he worked on several campaigns in Pennsylvania. Growing up on land with mineral leases, Jacob is passionate about supporting the industry that keeps small towns flourishing.



MISSI CURRIER

Missi Currier serves as the president and CEO of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association. A proven governmental affairs, community development, and strategic communications professional, Missi's understanding of the state's political and regulatory climate has allowed her to champion energy, tax, and economic diversification issues throughout the state. A native of Carlsbad, Missi earned a Doctor of Philosophy in agricultural communications from Texas Tech University.

