



2023 Board of Director Nominees

Deborah Acosta Conder

Deborah Acosta Conder is a strategic consultant and advisor, and the founder of ConCor Solutions, LLC. Deborah is retired from the federal government Senior Executive Service (SES), with a long and successful career supporting NASA- Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. Conder's extensive skills and experiences include leadership in accounting, finance, budgeting, external and internal communication, community engagement, STEM student programs, acquisition business strategy, human resources and employee morale programs.

Conder is a highly-accomplished executive who is a results-oriented, decisive leader with proven success operating in dynamic environments. She has more than 38+ years of experience in strategic positioning and execution for multi-billion dollar programs and organizations. Career leadership accomplishments include: federal senior executive service rank, financial industry board leadership, non-profit board leadership, strategy consulting and committee volunteering.

With 26+ years of boardroom experience, Conder currently serves as Board Chair for Wellby Financial. As Board Chair, she led the board through a significant transformative period, and also led the CEO search, strategic governance updates, and board succession processes.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from New Mexico State University and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. She also earned an Executive Education Certificate in Public Administration from Syracuse University, and earned the Program for Management Development certificate at the Harvard Business School.

Conder also serves on the Space Center Houston board, and she is a member of the Harvard Business School Club of Houston and the South Shore Harbour Ladies Golf Association.



Carla Kantara

Professional with 17 years of experience in the fields of healthcare innovations, digital health, real-world data, clinical operations, healthcare systems, and business development & strategies. Expertise in developing new business opportunities, partnerships, collaborations, and alliances with pharmaceuticals, life sciences, biotechnologies, diagnostics, industry, and healthcare partners. Experienced in overseeing cross-functional teams, evaluating strategic business opportunities, and expanding business portfolios.

Experience

- CARIS LIFE SCIENCES, INC.
Houston, TX | November 2021 to present
VICE PRESIDENT, GLOBAL BIOPHARMA BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, PRECISION DEVELOPMENT
- TARGET PHARMASOLUTIONS, INC. d/b/a Target RWE HEALTH EVIDENCE SOLUTIONS
Houston, TX | September 2019 - November 2021
VICE PRESIDENT BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & STRATEGIC INITIATIVES
- COLLABORATIVE CLINICAL RESEARCH SOLUTIONS, INC. | HOUSTON, TX | June 2017 - September 2019
VICE PRESIDENT, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONS
UTMB HEALTH | GALVESTON, TX | March 2016 - June 2017
- DIRECTOR OF HEALTH INNOVATIONS AND DIGITAL HEALTH - OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CHRYSALIS BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC | HOUSTON, TX | March 2013 - February 2016
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OPERATIONS AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT
START-UP FROM UTMB HEALTH

Education

- POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP - HEALTH INNOVATIONS
University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX, USA
- DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES - ONCOLOGY
University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX, USA
- MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FOCUS IN LEADERSHIP & TECHNOLOGIES
- University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, TX, USA



Sidney Schmidt

Throughout my 38-year career, I have held numerous positions of increasing responsibility with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). During this time, I have been honored to serve in a variety of leadership roles within the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), where I consistently demonstrated my executive capabilities to lead and motivate diverse teams using collaborative and innovative techniques while optimizing performance for NASA. By serving in a variety of leadership positions, I developed a wide range of expertise and an extensive professional network across NASA. I have a well-rounded professional portfolio that provides a practical foundation for credible and effective relationships with management, peers and employees.

Experience

Served in a variety of leadership roles within the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

- Extensive program planning and control experience including specific contract oversight and independent program assessment
- Chief Financial Officer March 2019 - Present
- Deputy Chief Financial Officer March 2012 - March 2019
- NASA CFO University Dean - January 2016 - May 2020

Education

- University of Houston, Juris Doctorate (1998)
- University of Houston, MBA (1996)
- Texas A&M University, BBA (1986)