Fred W. Heldenfels IV - Vice-Chair Term Expires August 31, 2013

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Fred W. Heldenfels IV, of Austin, Texas was first appointed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by Governor Rick Perry in July 2006 to fill a remaining term, and reappointed in August 2007 to a six-year term. In November 2008, Mr. Heldenfels was appointed Vice-Chair of the Board. He also serves as Chair of the Board's Committee on Strategic Planning and Policy and Vice-Chair for the Committee on Agency Operations.

Mr. Heldenfels is the President and CEO of Heldenfels Enterprises, Inc., a manufacturer of precast/prestressed concrete structures for the highway, industrial, commercial and sports construction markets with plants located in San Marcos and Corpus Christi. His firm has won numerous industry Design Awards and other recognitions.

He recently served on the San Marcos Economic Development Board and as Board Chairman of Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse of Central Texas. In addition, Mr. Heldenfels is Past Chairman of the Texas A&M Twelfth Man Foundation (2001), Past President of the Texas Good Roads/Transportation Association (2001-2003), and Past Chairman of the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (2004). In addition, he is Past Chairman of both the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Foundation (1997) and the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce (1993), where he helped initiate support for tort reform in the Coastal Bend, as well as the creation of a four-year university within the Texas A&M University System.

In 1993, in recognition of his leadership and entrepreneurship, Mr. Heldenfels received the Small Business Achievement Award presented by the NFIB and Senator Phil Gramm. He is also a proud recipient of the Aggie 100 Award in 2005 and 2006, as well as a recipient of the Outstanding Leadership Alumni from Leadership Corpus Christi. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1979 with a Bachelor's in Business Administration.