



**JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER** 





New Year's Day Closed Wednesday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Closed Monday, January 20

Presidents' Day Closed Monday, February 17

# Know Your Worth

### 2025 Annual Meeting

The FTWCCU Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. A short business meeting will be conducted and the results of the Board of Directors election will be announced.

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# Your Credit Union Membership Matters

# Nominees for Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following Credit Union members for election to the Board. Please take a moment to review the brief biographical sketch for each candidate. Fort Worth Community Credit Union's Board of Directors is made up of fellow members who volunteer to serve and represent all members.



### Jude Kiah (Incumbent, Nominated by

Nominating Committee) Dr. Kiah joined Fort Worth Community Credit Union in 2020. He served on the FTWCCU Audit Committee during 2023

and has served on the Board of Directors since being elected in 2024, assigned to the Delinquent loan committee. He regularly attended Board of Director meetings. He has attended numerous credit union training courses and has an MBA in Finance from Western Illinois University and a Ph.D. in Business Administration/ Management from Northcentral University. Professionally, Dr. Kiah is an Associate Vice Chancellor & Chief Financial Officer for a local university where he is responsible for leading all financial, business, and operations for the student affairs division. He enjoys officiating basketball and volunteering in the community.



Sherrie Johnson (Associate Board Member, Nominated by Nominating Committee)

Mrs. Johnson joined Fort Worth Community Credit Union in 1991. She is currently Chair of the FTWCCU Audit Committee.

Professionally, Mrs. Johnson is a Director at a Federal Government agency where she is responsible for providing facilities related solutions and services to Federal tenants located in over 1,500 owned and leased workspaces across a 5-state area. Mrs. Johnson leads a team of 120+ employees who seek to ensure safe, reliable, productive and sustainable workplace environments that support the business of the Federal agencies in their areas of responsibility at best value to the American taxpayer. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Prairie View A&M University. Additionally, she holds certifications in both Federal Acquisition Certification-Contracting Officer's Representative (FAC-COR) and Federal Acquisition Certification-Projects and Program Management (FAC P/PM). She enjoys spending time with her husband of 28 years, children and other family as well as reading and cycling.

Low Rate Auto Loans



Tom Tijerina (Incumbent, Nominated by Nominating Committee) In 2002, Mr. Tijerina joined Fort Worth Community Credit

Union. Shortly afterwards he was appointed as a member of the Audit Committee, where he served several

terms as Chairperson and regularly attended Board of Directors meetings. In September 2013, he was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors. He has attended numerous accredited credit union training courses and has a BA in Economics from the University of Texas at Austin. Mr. Tijerina has been employed by the federal government since 1991, where he has held various management and staff positions that have supported local, area, regional, and national operations. Tom enjoys spending time with his wife, Robin, and three sons, Trey, Tyler and Tate. When time allows, Tom also enjoys running.

#### **Board of Directors Petitions**

Members of the Credit Union may petition for an opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors. Interested individuals should request an official petition from Lisa Hogan, Executive Secretary, located at 1905 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, TX 76021 (FTWCCU headquarters) or call (817) 835-5202. Petitions must contain the printed name, signature and member account number of 500 FTWCCU members. Members must request an official petition no later than January 24, 2025 and completed petitions must be received by the Executive Secretary no later than February 28, 2025.

Each petition must be accompanied by a statement signed by the petitioner indicating the willingness to serve, if elected, and a statement of qualifications and biographical data. Petitioners must be at least 18 years of age and a current member in good standing with FTWCCU.

#### **Board of Directors Election**

If one or more official petitions are received, an election will be conducted online by electronic means. If no official petitions are received by the required date, those nominated by the nominating committee will be considered to be elected by general consent. There will be no election or nominations at the Annual Meeting to be held Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

### **Retirement Seen Through Your Eyes**

Kostas Luecker – Fort Worth Community Investments



How do you picture your future? Some see retirement as a time to start a new career. Others see it as a time to travel. Still others plan to spend more time with family and friends. With that in mind, here are some things to consider.

What do you absolutely need to accomplish? If you could only get four or five things done in retirement, what would they be? Answering this question might lead you to compile a "short list" of life goals, and while they may have nothing to do with money, the financial decisions you make may be integral to pursuing them.

#### What would revitalize you?

Some people retire with no particular goals at all. After weeks or months of respite, ambition may return. They start to think about what pursuits or adventures they could embark on to make these years special. Others have known for decades what dreams they will follow ... and yet, when the time to follow them arrives, those dreams may unfold differently than anticipated and may even be supplanted by new ones.

In retirement, time is really your most valuable asset. With more free time and opportunity for reflection, you might find your old dreams giving way to new ones.

#### How much do you anticipate spending?

We can't control all retirement expenses, but we can manage some of them. The thought of downsizing your home may have crossed your mind. One benefit of downsizing is that it can potentially lead to no mortgage or a more manageable mortgage payment.

#### Could you leave a legacy?

Many of us would like to give our kids or grandkids a good start in life, but leaving an inheritance can be trickier than many realize. Tax laws are constantly changing\*, and the strategies that worked years ago may have more limited benefits today.

#### How are you preparing for retirement?

This is the most important question of all. If you feel you need to prepare more for the future or reexamine your existing strategy in light of recent changes in your life, conferring with a financial professional experienced in retirement approaches may offer some guidance.

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Upon request, members of FTWCCU may review: balance sheet, income statement, summary of annual audit, form 990, articles of incorporation, bylaws,

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