

## **Commissioner Catarina Gonzales**

Commissioner Gonzales was appointed to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality by Governor Greg Abbott on February 8, 2024. Prior to her appointment, she served as a budget and policy advisor for the Office of the Governor. Before working in the Office of the Governor, she was in private practice at law firms in Austin and Houston. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas and on the executive committee of its Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section and a member of the General Land Office Pooling Committee. She is a former board member of the Cossaboom YMCA Board of Directors and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, a former volunteer for Dachshund Rescue of Houston, and a former member of the Easter Seals Greater Houston Young Professionals Advisory Board.

She has been recognized for her leadership in the environmental and government fields by the Houston Business Journal as a recipient of their "40 under 40" award and as a League of Women Voter's "Rising Star" award honoree. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Trinity College, a Juris Doctor from St. John's University School of Law, and a Master of Laws in Energy and Environmental Law from the University of Houston School of Law. She was also a visiting student at The University of Texas School of Law, where she was on the board of the American Journal of Criminal Law.