

Julian Alvarez III

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Awards

2021 Texas Public Policy Foundation
“An Uncommon Way: Achieving Economic Independence in the Black Community”

2020 Fellow

Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution at the University of Texas School of Law

2019 CTE Champion Award

from the Career and Technical Association of Texas

2018 Appointed Official of the Year

by the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children

Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education

from Texas A&I University in Kingsville.

Background

Julian Alvarez III is the Commissioner Representing Labor of the Texas Workforce Commission. Gov. Greg Abbott reappointed him to the three-member Commission on March 7, 2017. His Commission appointment expires February 1, 2023.

As Labor Commissioner, Julian Alvarez represents the interests of more than 14 million Texas workers with respect to TWC services and ensures that their concerns are considered in all Commission actions.

Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Alvarez served as President and CEO of the Rio Grande Valley Partnership fostering relationships and coordinating programs to advance regional economic development and employment opportunities. He also served as the Texas Regional Director for U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson advising on legislative and policy issues related to South Texas. Prior to that, Alvarez served on the South Texas Drug Task Force as a State Trooper for the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS). After his service with DPS, Alvarez inspired stewardship and leadership as the Director of College Information for Texas State Technical College in Harlingen.

Recognition:

- 2021 Op-Ed article for Work Shift: *To expand opportunity, rethink what counts as a “successful” career path.*
- 2021 SXSW EDU (South by Southwest Education Conference) panel presenter “Getting Back to Work: Upskilling and Retooling”
- 2020 SXSW EDU (South by Southwest Education Conference) panel presenter “Workforce Counselors Guiding Pathways for Seniors”
- 2019 Texas Tribune Festival panel presenter “The Future of Jobs” Austin, Texas
- Appointed by the Texas Secretary of State to the Border Transportation Advisory Committee, serving from 2018 to 2020.
- Retired Collegiate Football Referee, Southland Conference