

TCSA Board Member

Lori Fey has been pursuing her passion for data-driven excellence in public and nonprofit organizations for more than 25 years. She has been a champion and driving force for data and technology as key improvement tools from her early days as director of the Early Warning System for the Texas Department of Insurance to her long tenure in results-oriented philanthropy with the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation.

Lori was instrumental in launching several significant initiatives for the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, including the formation of Texas Charter Schools Association in 2008. She served as the founding secretary for the board of directors and led the search for the founding executive director, David Dunn. Her consistent focus on quality supported the funding and development of TCSA's breakthrough Quality Framework.

Her work at the foundation culminated in the development and launch of the Ed-Fi Alliance, an organization providing backbone education technology tools to improve instruction and advocacy for data standards and system interoperability. Under her leadership, the Alliance drove adoption of the Ed-Fi Data Standard to include 26 states representing 50+% of the nation's 49.5 million public education students and 3.5 million teachers.

Currently, Lori's work focuses on assisting organizations with improvement and expansion efforts through her consulting practice, Outside Insight. She continues to serve on the selection committee for Dell Scholars - a college completion and scholarship program for low income, high potential students - and to mentor and support the next generation of Texans – her grandchildren.

Lori lives in Austin with her husband of 35 years, Francis, and can often be found on the Butler Trail at Lady Bird Lake or in the airport, departing for or returning from adventures to far-flung places like Antarctica and Uganda. She holds a bachelor's degree in Finance from McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin.