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Scott Houston serves the TML Risk Pool as Intergovernmental Relations Manager and host of the award-winning “Local Officials: *Stronger, Together*” Podcast Series. Prior to joining the Pool, he served as general counsel for the Texas Municipal League, as an adjunct professor of political science at Texas State University’s M.P.A. program, and on the faculty of the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center. His work on open meetings law and municipal annexation has been published in the Texas Tech Administrative Law Journal. Scott is a recipient of the Texas Bar Government Lawyers Section “Outstanding Government Lawyer of the Year Award.” He is a graduate of Texas A&M University and St. Mary’s University School of Law.

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Johnny Vera serves as a Safety and Loss Control Consultant for South Texas. Before joining the Risk Pool in September 2019, Johnny spent 24 years in business management/loss prevention focusing in leadership and talent development roles in the private sector. After working in the private sector, Johnny took a position as the Risk Manager for the City of Edinburg. Johnny led and was responsible for many loss prevention initiatives that enhanced the overall risk management programs at the City. He was also responsible for all regulatory compliance programs that mitigated the City’s risk exposures. During his time at the City, Johnny worked closely with University of Texas Rio Grande Valley to develop the City’s professional development program that would enhance leadership skills for all City employees.