

David J Beard, TX
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A native and life-long resident of Texas, David Beard was born in Del Rio, Texas on August 5, 1939. Prior to entering the first grade, his family lived at various locations in southwest Texas. David entered public school at Uvalde, Texas, where he graduated high school in 1957. He then attended the community's Southwest Texas Junior College. In 1960 he enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education.

Beard joined the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (DPRS) as a Child Protective Service Worker in 1964 and worked in that capacity at Abilene, Texas for two years. He then spent two years studying in the Graduate School of Social Work at The University of Texas. Following various field assignments within DPRS, David transferred to the agency's state headquarters in Austin, where he held a variety of positions until 1973, when he began a 20-year career as the DPRS Director of Day Care Licensing.

During his years in the field of day care regulation, David became a frequent speaker and/or trainer at various conferences, institutes and association conventions and has made television appearances. He was a member of numerous commissions regarding children and child care and also served as an expert witness in a number of court cases involving regulatory issues and served as a consultant to a number of law firms regarding Administrative Law.

Beard played an instrumental role in the development of human care licensing policies and regulations and assisted Norris Class and Edna Hughes in teaching the courses at the Tulane University Licensing Institutes. He also was directly involved in the movement that culminated in the creation of the agency that later became known as the National Association for Regulatory Administration

(NARA) and served as a charter member and third President of NARA and later as an At-Large Member of the NARA governing board.

Beard retired from the DPRS in 1993 and lives in Austin. After retirement, he volunteered at a local hospital for eight years and in 2003 became the first chairman of the first alumni association of his high school.

David is the father of two sons, Jeffrey Wade and James Travis, and grandfather of four.