

OPAL MAULDIN-JONES

City Manager of Lancaster, Texas



Opal Mauldin-Jones is the first African American woman to be appointed to the role of City Manager for the City of Lancaster, Texas. As the only female ever named City Manager in the City of Lancaster, she is currently the longest-serving City Manager since the establishment of the Council/Manager form of government. Opal has been serving the residents of Lancaster in various roles since 2003. Prior to being named City Manager, she served the City of Lancaster as Community Relations Coordinator, Assistant to the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Interim City Manager.

Opal is a lifelong learner, continuously committing herself to the advancement of education not only for the profession but for her community. Opal is an ICMA Credentialed Manager, a graduate of the

Texas Certified Public Manager Program, and a 2014 graduate of Leadership North Texas. She has completed numerous certification and training programs including, in March 2021, becoming a certified John C. Maxwell Coach, Teacher, Trainer, and Speaker. Currently, she is pursuing a Masters in Theology towards a Ph.D. in Theology at Dallas Theological Seminary.

Opal currently serves on the TCMA Board of Directors as Director-at-Large and as Vice President-Elect, ICMA RC (becoming MissionSquare Retirement) Board of Directors, Best Southwest Partnership Board of Directors, and the North Texas Commission Board of Directors. Opal has received various awards and recognition throughout her career. In 2020, Opal was the only American to receive the Woman of Influence in Local Government award through the Municipal World magazine; a distinguished honor that recognizes the top influential women in local government. Opal is also an active member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).