



Houston Parks Board appoints Ali Flanders Dodson as Chief Advancement Officer
Flanders Dodson to lead nonprofit's fundraising, communications and community engagement efforts

HOUSTON, July 20, 2026 — Effective today, Houston Parks Board (HPB) is proud to announce Ali Flanders Dodson as its next chief advancement officer. As a seasoned nonprofit fundraiser and donor strategist, she joins HPB with more than two decades of experience growing philanthropic programs across Houston.

Flanders Dodson will lead sustainable and innovative philanthropic growth while advancing communications and community engagement strategies to meet HPB's short- and long-term strategic goals. Her work will strengthen collaboration with public and private partners and deepen connections with the communities HPB serves to support the organization's ongoing and future projects, in partnership with the leadership team and the HPB Board of Directors.

"Ali brings an extraordinary depth of experience in fundraising and donor stewardship to the organization," said Justin Schultz, president and CEO, HPB. "She has a remarkable track record of growing individual and corporate giving, and her leadership in impactful communications and storytelling will advance our organization further. As we celebrate our organization's 50th anniversary this year, there is no better time to welcome Ali to our team."

Flanders Dodson joins HPB from Kids' Meals, a Houston-based nonprofit dedicated to ending childhood hunger, where she served as chief advancement officer since 2024. In that role, she partnered with the CEO and Board to design and execute strategic development plans, led a comprehensive donor giving program and expanded individual and institutional giving. Prior to Kids' Meals, Flanders Dodson served as advancement director at Coastal Prairie Conservancy, where the organization realized a 500% increase in individual giving over the span of seven years.

"I am both honored and thrilled to join Houston Parks Board and contribute to an organization whose impact can be seen and experienced throughout our city," said Flanders Dodson. "I look forward to partnering with HPB leadership, our donors and stakeholders to build on HPB's momentum executing expansive public-private partnerships that have increased the region's trail and greenspace network."

Earlier in her career, Flanders Dodson served as director of special events at the Downtown YMCA and as senior development associate at Texas Children's Hospital, contributing to the multi-million dollar *Building for Children* capital campaign. She also provided pro bono consulting to St. Mark's Episcopal School, where she supported a major increase in annual giving and parent participation.

Flanders Dodson holds a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science & Policy from Duke University and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Colorado Denver. She is a certified fundraising executive, a co-chair of the Duke Women's Forum, a founding member of

Impact 100 and a past member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Houston Finance Committee. She also serves as an advisory board member of Bo's Place.

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About Houston Parks Board

Houston Parks Board expands, improves, and protects parks and greenspace throughout the Houston region. Since 1976, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization has utilized public-private partnerships and its extensive philanthropic, government, and community relationships to provide equitable access to over 15,000 acres of parks and greenspace. In addition to leading the transformational Bayou Greenways initiative, Houston Parks Board maintains more than 3,400 acres of the region's greenspace and has supported over 250 park projects large and small. For more information, visit houstonparksboard.org.

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