Melissa R. Cigarroa, Board President

“My husband and I have raised five children in Laredo with the help of family and friends. I hold a BA in Latin American Studies from UT Austin and a Master’s degree in Curriculum & Instruction from Texas A&M International University. As a past director of a local children’s museum, I trained in inquiry-based learning which shaped my belief in the intrinsic connection between real-world experiences and life-long learning. RGISC’s commitment to providing educational experiences to children and their families about the increasing demands of environmental conservation here at home and across the Rio Grande basin is something I believe will help create the problem-solvers our communities need to face the challenges of changing climate, population pressures on our limited water resources, and quality of life issues that make our home towns prosper. This world has been here for over 4 billion years and will exist for another 5 billion or so. Whether we as a species continue to thrive depends entirely on the choices we make to ensure this shared environment continues to sustain our needs. I became a member of the RGISC Board of Directors in 2017, and this year I am honored to serve as President.”