

Melissa R. Cigarroa, President

Former Director of the Imaginarium of South Texas

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Melissa Cigarroa and her husband have raised five children in Laredo. She graduated with a BA in Latin American Studies from UT Austin and was privileged to serve as the director of *the Imaginarium of South Texas*, a local children's museum and informal science center. At the Imaginarium, she trained in inquiry-based learning as part of the development of the educational programming provided to the public. The informal museum-based education community exposed her to some of the most thoughtful and authentic educators, and the lessons she learned as part of this community influenced her approach to crafting educational experiences. Melissa believes that in today's world we absolutely need problem-solvers to face the increasing demands of environmental conservation and rehabilitation for our own sustainability as a species. Melissa became a member of the RGISC Board of Directors in 2017 and this year is honored to serve as President.