

Priscilla Alaniz Cantu has dedicated the majority of her professional life to public service, with nearly 31 years of experience in Kleberg County Government. She began her career in October 1994 with the Kleberg County Sheriff's Department, before being appointed as County Treasurer in October 2006. Priscilla assumed this role after winning an election to complete the unexpired term of Rachel S. Alaniz, her late mother, who passed away on December 20, 2004, following a courageous four-year battle with cancer.

Priscilla officially began her first full term as County Treasurer in January 2007. Over the years, she has been re-elected unopposed in 2010, 2014, 2018, and 2022, and is currently serving her fifth term in office. In her early years as Treasurer, Priscilla focused on reinvigorating the county's finances by strategically investing county funds to ensure the county maintained the necessary resources to meet its financial obligations. She has successfully guided the county's growth, increasing investments from approximately 7 million to a remarkable 30 million. In addition to her primary duties as County Treasurer, Priscilla manages all human resources responsibilities for Kleberg County and has played a crucial role in modernizing the Treasurer's Office through the implementation of several technological upgrades. She maintains an open-door policy to ensure transparency and accessibility in her office, all while diligently fulfilling her core responsibilities.

Her involvement extends beyond the county office. Priscilla has been an active member of the County Treasurer's Association of Texas (CTAT), where she has held various leadership positions. She served as region 8 Director for two separate four-year terms, served as Vice President for her region, and also served on the CTAT Executive Board as Treasurer. She has also been involved in several committees within CTAT, including the Legislative and Scholarship committees, and currently serves on the Directory and Fundraising Committees. Additionally, Priscilla is the Sector 4 (At Large) Director for CTAT.

A lifelong resident of Kleberg County, Priscilla has consistently volunteered her time and talents to support local causes. She began working on local County, City, and School elections at the age of 18 alongside her mother, continuing this tradition for 18 years until she herself ran for office in 2006. Priscilla is an active member of St. Gertrude Catholic Church, where she has contributed to church festivals and supported St. Gertrude Catholic School during her daughters' time there. The Cantu family earned first place in the school's annual Fall Fundraiser for eight consecutive years, raising over \$1,000 each year. Additionally, Priscilla has generously volunteered for various other organizations, including Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, where she grew up, coached T-ball, supported Girl Scout activities, and was an active member of the H. M. King High School Cheer Booster Club, Middle School Cheer, and Student Council activities. She also played a key role in the Kleberg/Bishop Relay for Life, honoring her mother's memory.

Priscilla holds an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement from Del Mar College (2000) and a Bachelor of Science in Criminology, with a minor in Sociology, from Texas A&M University-Kingsville (2004). Both of her daughters, Aleida Rose Cantu and Andrea Raquel Cantu, are graduates of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, with one currently pursuing a Master's degree. Priscilla is also a proud grandmother.