

## **Mike Arismendez**

### **1. How have you served FSMTB in the last few years?**

While relatively new to my position as Executive Director, assuming the role on February 1 of this year, I previously served as the Deputy Executive Director for 3 years and as a Chairman/Commissioner for 14 years before. I have not been involved with FSMTB previously, but I recognize the importance of this organization as we begin to establish the relationship between Texas and FSMTB.

### **2. What skill set or strength do you bring to the FSMTB?**

My previous positions in municipal government and now state government, have been in a leadership capacity. I believe I have the ability to start, participate, and reach a resolution on issues that faces the organization. As a result of various personal assessment tools, I have been identified as someone who enjoys solving problems and inviting opposite positions in a discussion.

### **3. What do you see as the important issues facing FSMTB?**

I believe one of the most daunting issues is the Illegal Massage Businesses (IMB) that is prevalent throughout the nation. Taking a stand to combat human trafficking is one of the major initiatives in the State of Texas, and I am proud to have the TDLR in the forefront of that fight. Another issue would be the prospect of developing a license that would be portable to accommodate the different participating jurisdictions.