

## William P. Hobby

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### Personal

Born: January 19, 1932, Houston, Texas  
Wife: Diana Poteat Stallings  
Children: Laura (Mrs. John) Beckworth, Paul Hobby,  
Andrew Hobby, Kate (Mrs. Steve) Gibson

### Education

St. Albans School, Washington, D.C., 1949  
Rice University, BA in American History, 1953

### Military Service

U.S. Navy, 1953-1957, served to Lieutenant (jg), USNR.

### Business History

Chairman, Hobby Communications, 1983-present  
President, Executive Editor, *The Houston Post*, 1965-1983

### Public Service

Lieutenant Governor, Texas, 1973-1991  
Commissioner, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, 1993-1995  
Commissioner, Education Commission of the States, 1991-1994

### Higher Education Service

#### Current:

Radoslav Tsanoff Professor, Rice University, 1989-present

#### Past:

Chancellor, University of Houston System, 1995-1997  
Sid Richardson Professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas, 1990-1997  
Trustee, St. Edward's University, 1990-1995  
Governor, Rice University, 1989-1993  
Regent, University of Houston, 1965-1969  
Chairman, Texas Commission on a Representative Student Body, 1998.  
Member, Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 2000  
Member, Visiting Committee, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard  
University, 1995-2001

### Honorary Degrees

Doctor of Laws, University of Houston, 1997  
Doctor of Laws, Austin College, 1989  
Doctor of Humanities in Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, 1986  
Doctor of Humane Letters, St. Edward's University, 1986

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**Awards**

President Emeritus, Texas Senate  
Santa Rita Award, University of Texas System Board of Regents, 1985  
Distinguished Alumnus, Rice University, 1985

**Professional Associations**

Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration, 1991-present  
President, Philosophical Society of Texas, 1986  
Member, American Newspaper Publishers Association, 1960-1983  
Member, American Society of Newspaper Editors, 1960-1972  
President, Texas Daily Newspaper Association, 1971  
Chair, National Conference of Lieutenant Governors, 1976-1977

**Directorships**

The Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, 1998-present  
Center for Public Policy Priorities, 2003-present  
Southwest Airlines, 1990-2007  
Columbine-JDS, 1995-1997