



Rolando Fernandez Jr. serves as the Capital Contracting Officer providing leadership and management to 46 team members, a \$5.6 budget, and the procurement and contracts for all Austin capital improvement projects in accordance with City and State statute and policies. Prior to his current position, Rolando served as the Assist Director for the Capital Contracting Office for over six years. Rolando worked in the City Manager's Office as the Assistant to the City Manager and prior to that as an assistant to two Assistant City Managers. Rolando places a high value in making consistent and comprehensive decisions in a timely manner, providing clear and upfront communication, exemplifying and expecting a can-do-attitude, and developing and sustaining a team approach to getting things done.

Prior to his career with the City of Austin, Rolando was an Aerospace Physiologist in the United States Air Force serving as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of Operations within the School of Aerospace Physiology. He provided leadership to numerous airmen and was deployed in support of reconnaissance missions in the Korean Peninsula, Southwest Asia and Mediterranean theaters of operation.

Rolando earned a Master of Public Administration earning Distinguished Graduate Honors for maintaining a 3.9 GPA. from St. Mary's University, San Antonio Texas, while serving full-time in the Air Force. He received a double major in criminal justice and psychological studies from Wayland Baptist University, San Antonio Texas.

Rolando enjoys spending time with his wife Helen and his daughters Natalie (14 years), Olivia (4 years), and Rose (21 months). Rolando serves as a Youth Leader at his Church, Treasurer for the Seedling Foundation, and has been a school mentor for 10 years.