

## **Dustin J. Hilliary**

### **Bio**

Dustin J. Hilliary, from Lawton, Oklahoma, was appointed as an Oklahoma State Regent by Governor Kevin Stitt in 2022, serving a nine-year term ending in May 2031. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education is the constitutional coordinating board for Oklahoma colleges and universities, responsible for allocating state funds, setting admission standards, and academic policies.

Regent Hilliary serves as Co-CEO of Hilliary Communications, which provides telephone and broadband service to more than 15,000 customers in Oklahoma, Texas and Iowa and has 135 full-time employees.

He has been a leader for the growth and financial planning of all Hilliary-owned companies and a major part of the transition from a traditional telecommunications company to a multi-faceted provider of telephone, broadband and video services.

Under Regent Hilliary's leadership, Hilliary Communications has been awarded more than \$110 million in federal broadband loans and grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Federal Communications Commission.

He also serves as Co-Publisher of the Hilliary Media Group, a media holding company that operates two newspapers, the Oklahoma Farm Report and other radio and website outlets.

In addition to his roles in family owned companies, Regent Hilliary operates a real estate development company that develops commercial and residential properties across Oklahoma, Texas and Florida.

He is involved in many civic and professional organizations, including the Lawton-Ft. Sill Chamber of Commerce, Oklahoma State Chamber and Comanche County Memorial Hospital Foundation. He attended Cameron University.