

CINDY YEILDING

Retired Senior Vice President,
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Past Board Chair, Center for
Houston's Future



Biography

Cindy Yeilding retired as Senior VP of Strategic Initiatives, bp America in 2021; previous roles included Vice President, Gulf of Mexico Exploration & Appraisal, Vice President of Global Basins & New Access and Head of Global Geoscience Technology for bp. Upon retirement, Cindy joined the Board of Directors of Denbury Inc. where she served until their merger with ExxonMobil in 4Q 2023. She is currently the Chair of The Center for Houston's Future, is on the Board and ExCo of the Greater Houston Partnership and serves as a speaker, author, moderator and instructor. Cindy chaired the study team for the 2019 U.S. National Petroleum Council report on Carbon Capture, Use and Storage (CCUS), and is a co-instructor for the U of H CCUS Executive Education program.

Cindy is past Chair of the Offshore Technology Conference and served on the Board of Directors of BPX&P and bp America. She was BP's Executive Sponsor for Princeton University and served on the U.T. Jackson School's Advisory Council. Cindy served as an AAPG Distinguished Lecturer in 2002-2003 and 2022-2023 and was named a "Legend in Exploration" by AAPG. Recently, Cindy co-edited and co-authored the textbook "Deepwater Sedimentary Systems: Science, Discovery and Applications (2022)." Cindy earned her MSc in Geology from UNC- Chapel Hill after receiving a BS in Geology from SMU.

Ms. Yeilding has also received numerous awards for her leadership in the energy business and geosciences, including being named to Hart Energy's "Energy Hall of Fame" in 2023. She also received the "Women in Energy Leadership" award from the Houston Business Journal, and has been recognized as one of Houston's Top 15 Businesswomen by the National Diversity Council, one of Houston's "50 Most Influential Women" by Houston Woman Magazine and one of Hart Energy's "25 Influential Women in Energy." Cindy is active in promoting STEM and women's education.