Since July 2016, Tom McCasland has led the City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department in its mission to ensure that every Houstonian has a safe, affordable home to live, in a neighborhood where they can thrive. Over the last decade, as housing costs have started to outpace local incomes, Director McCasland has implemented policy to ensure transparency and public accountability in affordable housing programs in Houston and Harris County. These programs serve the region by ensuring that Houston remains a high-opportunity city and creating solutions to keep housing costs affordable for Houston’s workers. With responsibility for managing more than $1 billion in federal housing disaster recovery assistance, Tom is leading a team of more than 180 employees to build a more resilient and equitable city in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Director McCasland received his bachelor’s degree from Hobe Sound Bible College, a master’s degree from Baylor University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Yale Law School. He is an avid cyclist, runner, and public transit rider.