

Tec's dean of engineering: First Latino to be president of the ASCE



Feniosky Peña-Mora, national dean of the School of Engineering and Sciences and Executive Vice President of Research at the Tec, is to lead the American Society of Civil Engineers.

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The national dean of the **Tec's School of Engineering and Sciences, Feniosky Peña-Mora**, has been designated president of the [American Society of Civil Engineers \(ASCE\)](#).

The **ASCE** is the **oldest civil engineering society** in the U.S. (founded in 1852), which represents more than **160,000 civil engineers in 177 countries**. It is the world's largest civil engineering publisher, and an authoritative source for drafting public plans and regulations.

Peña Mora, who is also **Executive Vice President of Research at Tec de Monterrey**, has been **a member of the ASCE since 1990**; he was **elected**

president for the 2024-2025 period by the organization's members, becoming the **first Latino to hold the role**.

*"Receiving the presidential pin and gavel motivates me to **keep working for our communities** and for the **future of civil engineering**,"* said Peña-Mora on his social media.

"It is something I could have never imagined."

Join us in congratulating the Society's 2025 president and the 1st Latino president of ASCE,
Feniosky A. Peña-Mora: <https://t.co/ntx1mmSvS5>.
[pic.twitter.com/ZZGIQgdTxZ](https://t.co/ntx1mmSvS5)

— ASCE Headquarters (@ASCETweets) [October 7, 2024](#)

Prior to this appointment, the civil engineer **formed part of the ASCE's Board of Direction**, as **director general, from 2019 to 2022**. He also **directed development of the organization's strategic plan** as **Chair of the Board Strategy Advisory Committee**.

Peña Mora says that, **through the ASCE**, he **has worked to project how urban environments will be in the coming decades** and how civil engineering can lead that transformation.

"We need to inspire the next generation of engineers. When you're trying to hire people in this very competitive and difficult world, where you're fighting for talent, do you really want to talk to young people about the possibility of joining your company because you're going to build the next bridge, or do you want to talk about how you're going to build a city of the future?"



Feniosky Peña-Mora has become the first Latino president of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Photo: Udell Jiménez

Civil engineer, educator, and researcher

Feniosky Peña-Mora, who comes from the **Dominican Republic**, holds a Doctorate of Science in Civil Engineering Systems from MIT.

His career spans nearly 30 years of experience. Some of the positions he has held include the following:

- *Executive Director of the Columbia University Center of Buildings, Infrastructure, and Public Space in New York.*
- *Commissioner of the New York City Department of Design and Construction.*
- *Associate Provost and Edward William and Jane Marr Gutgsell Endowed Professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.*
- *Gilbert W. Winslow Career Development Chair at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).*

Feniosky's professional projects include being in charge of the **reconstruction of the Times Square Plaza** and the **New York Police Academy in Queens, New**

York.

He came to **Tec de Monterrey** in July 2023, when he was appointed **Dean of the School of Engineering and Sciences**. As of 2024, he also holds the role of **Executive Vice President of Research at the Tec**.

His research topics are focused on **information technology for the collaborative design of large-scale civil engineering systems**. He is the author or coauthor of over 230 academic publications and holds six patents.

*[*With information from TecScience](#) and Susan Irais.*

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