

Texas Taxpayers and Research Association
Annual Membership Meeting
Hyatt Regency
208 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78704

Thursday, November 21, 2024

- 9:00-10:00 am** **Registration / Welcome Breakfast** (*Texas Ballroom 1-3, Level 2*)
- 10:00-10:15 am** **Opening Remarks**
Jennifer Rabb, President, Texas Taxpayers and Research Association
- 10:15-11:00 am** **Tax Developments Across the States**
Khrissy Griffin, Vice President, Archrock Services, L.P. [Moderator]
Miguel Legarreta, President, Associated Taxpayers of Idaho
Kevin McCarthy, President, Arizona Tax Research Association
Patrick J. Reynolds, President and Executive Director, Council on State Taxation
- 11:00 am-12:00 pm** **Report from the Comptroller's Office**
Lisa Craven, Deputy Comptroller and Chief of Staff [Moderator]
Jennifer Bursleson, Director of Tax Policy Division
Korry Castillo, Associate Deputy Comptroller for Agency Operations and Support
Tetyana Melnyk, Director of Revenue Estimating Division
- 12:00-1:00 pm** **Networking Lunch / TTARA Business Meeting & Elections** (*Texas Ballroom 4-7, Level 2*)
- 1:00-2:00 pm** **Reinvigorating R&D Incentives in Texas**
Ben Geslison, Special Counsel, Baker Botts [Moderator]
John Diamond, Director, Center for Public Finance, Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy
Stephen Long, Partner, Baker & McKenzie LLP
Becky Redman, Manager, Government Relations, Lockheed Martin
- 2:00-2:55 pm** **Report on the Appraisal Cap Study**
Eric Padilla, Senior Manager, Public Policy, Vistra Corp [Moderator]
Joyce Beebe, Fellow in Public Finance, Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy
Jim Popp, Partner, Popp Hutcheson PLCC
Brent South, Chief Appraiser, Hunt County Appraisal District
- 2:55-3:15 pm** **Break**
- 3:15-4:15 pm** **To Tax or Not to Tax the Digital Economy**
Kevin Oldham, Partner, Duggins Wren Mann & Romero, LLP [Moderator]
John Farris, SVP Tax, RealPage
William Lasher, Founder, Lasher Tax Consulting
Robin Robinson, Tax Specialist Executive, Deloitte Tax LLP
- 4:15-5:00 pm** **Amicus Briefs in the Texas Judiciary**
Renn Neilson, Partner, Baker Botts [Moderator]
Hon. Amy Clark Meachum, 201st Civil District Court Judge
Hon. Thomas R. Phillips, Retired Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
*Eva Guzman, Partner, Wright Close & Barger (*invited)*
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- 5:00-6:30 pm** **Chair's Networking Reception** (*Foothills II, Level 17*) [*All attendees invited*]
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Friday, November 22, 2024

- 8:30-9:15 am** **Registration / Breakfast** (*Texas Ballroom 1-3, Level 2*)
- 9:15-10:00 am** **Engaging Local Governments: The Long Game**
Darren Owen, Property Tax Manager, ExxonMobil Corporation [Moderator]
Tony Bennett, President, Texas Association of Manufacturers
Bob Adair, CMI, Senior Advisor, Advantous Consulting L.L.C.
John Valenta, Retiree, Anadarko Petroleum
- 10:00-10:30 am** **Break**
- 10:30-11:00 am** **Tax Burden Shift**
Jared Walczak, Vice President of State Projects, Tax Foundation
- 11:00 am-12:00 pm** **Political Panel**
Matthew Watkins, Editor, Texas Tribune [Moderator]
Mark Jones, Fellow in Political Science, Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy
Karen Brooks Harper, Senior Politics Writer, Dallas Morning News
James Henson, Executive Director, Texas Politics Project
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- 12:00 -1:00 pm** **Keynote Luncheon** (*Texas Ballroom 4-7, Level 2*)
*The Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas (*invited)*
- [Del Threadgill Distinguished Tax Professional Award will be presented]*