

Texas Taxpayers and Research Association
Annual Membership Meeting
Online Conference, December 8-9, 2020

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

- 9:50-10:00 am Welcoming Remarks by TTARA Chairman**
- 10:00-12:00 pm Review of Legislative, Administrative and Judicial Issues by the Comptroller's Office**
Lisa Craven, Deputy Comptroller and Chief of Staff (Moderator)
Phillip Ashley, Associate Deputy Comptroller for Fiscal Matters
Karey Barton, Associate Deputy Comptroller for Tax
Korry Castillo, Director, Property Tax Assistance Division
Nikki Cobb, Director, Legislative Affairs
Tom Currah, Chief Revenue Estimator
Ray Langenberg, Special Counsel for Tax Litigation
Robert Wood, Associate Deputy Comptroller for Operations and Support
- 12:00-12:30 pm Gaming as a Revenue Source?**
Dale Craymer, President, TTARA [Moderator]
Robert G. Goldstein, President & Chief Operating Officer, Las Vegas Sands Corp.
- 12:30-1:00 pm Lunch Break – Sponsor Showcase/Gamification**
- 1:00-2:00 pm Current Tax Developments Across the States**
Dale Craymer, President, TTARA [Moderator]
Doug Lindholm, President & Executive Director, Council on State Taxation (COST)
Jared Walczak, Vice President of State Projects, Tax Foundation
- 2:00-3:00 pm The Outlook for the Texas Economy**
Dr. Keith Phillips, Assistant VP and Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
- 3:00-4:00 pm Attracting New Investment to Texas**
Tony Bennett, President & CEO, Texas Association of Manufacturers [Moderator]
Honorable Rafael Anchia, Chair, House International Relations & Economic Development Committee
Honorable Brian Birdwell, Chair, Senate Natural Resources and Economic Development Committee (invited)
Honorable Jim Murphy, Chair, House Pensions, Investments & Financial Services Committee
Honorable Royce West, Vice Chair, Senate Higher Education Committee
- 4:00-5:00 pm Networking/Gamification**

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Wednesday, December 9, 2020

- 9:50-10:00 am Business Meeting**
- 10:00-10:10 am Presentation of Del Threadgill Award**
- 10:10-10:30 am Revenue Outlook for the 87th Legislative Session**
Honorable Glenn Hegar, Comptroller of Public Accounts
- 10:30-11:00 am The Growing Federal Deficit**
Marc Goldwein, Sr. VP, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget
- 11:00-11:30 am How Will the 87th Legislature Operate in a Pandemic?**
Dale Craymer, President, TTARA [Moderator]
Honorable Charlie Geren, Chair, House Administration Committee
Honorable Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Administration Committee (invited)
- 11:30-12:00 pm Legalization of Cannabis as a Revenue Source?**
Dale Craymer, President, TTARA [Moderator]
Bruce Nassau, Owner, Lit Dispensaries
- 12:00-1:00 pm Lunch Break – Sponsor Showcase/Gamification**
- 1:00-2:00 pm Budget Considerations for the 87th Legislative Session**
Dale Craymer, President, TTARA [Moderator]
Honorable Giovanni Capriglione, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Business and Commerce Committee
Honorable Chuy Hinojosa, Vice Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Honorable Donna Howard, Vice Chair, House Administration Committee
- 2:00-3:00 pm Senate Bill 2, the Ongoing and the Aftermath**
Dale Craymer, President, TTARA [Moderator]
Honorable Paul Bettencourt, Chair, Senate Committee on Property Tax
Honorable Dustin Burrows, Chair, House Ways and Means Committee
- 3:00-4:00 pm Repercussions of the 2020 Elections**
Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor, Texas Tribune [moderator]
Honorable Joe Straus, Former Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives
Honorable Kirk Watson, Dean, University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs
- 4:00-5:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting**