

***Texas Taxpayers and Research Association***  
**Annual Membership Meeting**  
**JW Marriott**  
**110 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**  
**Austin, TX 78701**

**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

- 9:30-10:00 am**    **Registration** (*JW Grand Salon 5, Level 4*)
- 10:00-10:15 am**    **Welcome - The State of Taxes**  
*Jennifer Rabb, President, Texas Taxpayers and Research Association*
- 10:15-11:00 am**    **State Tax Developments**  
*Khrissy Griffin, Archrock [Moderator]*  
*David Gilliland, Duggins Wren Mann & Romero, LLP*  
*James LeBas, Tax and Fiscal Consulting*  
*Renn Neilson, Partner, Baker Botts*
- 11:00 am-12:00 pm**    **Exploring the Elimination of the School Property Tax**  
*Darren Owen, Property Tax Manager, ExxonMobil [Moderator]*  
*John Diamond, Director-Center for Public Finance, Baker Institute for Public Policy*  
*Justin Hyland, Director-Indirect Tax Transaction & Ad Valorem, CenterPoint Energy*  
*Honorable Andrew Murr, Chair, House General Investigating Committee*
- 12:00-1:00 pm**    **Networking Lunch** (*JW Grand Salon 1-4, Level 4*)
- 1:00-1:50 pm**    **Looking Ahead to the 20% “Circuit Breaker”**  
*Carl Walker, Sr. Analyst, Texas Taxpayers and Research Association [Moderator]*  
*Tracey Foster, Hugh L. Landrum & Associates*  
*Lynn Krebs, Texas A&M Real Estate Research Center*  
*Brent South, Hunt County Appraisal District*
- 1:50-2:40 pm**    **Taxation of Digital Products**  
*Cynthia Ohlenforst, K&L Gates [Moderator]*  
*Christie Comanita, Tax Director-Research & State Compliance, Streamlined Sales Tax*  
*Ray Langenberg, Special Counsel for Tax Litigation, Comptroller’s Office*
- 2:40-3:00 pm**    **Break**
- 3:00-4:00 pm**    **Report from the Comptroller’s Office**  
*Lisa Craven, Deputy Comptroller and Chief of Staff [Moderator]*  
*Jennifer Burleson, Director, Tax Policy*  
*Korry Castillo, Associate Deputy Comptroller for Agency Operations*  
*Tom Currah, Associate Deputy Comptroller for Fiscal Matters*
- 4:00-5:00 pm**    **A Freshman Perspective on the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature**  
*Hon. Tommy Williams, Williams Public Affairs [Moderator]*  
*Hon. Josey Garcia, Freshman of the Year, House Democratic Caucus*  
*Hon. Caroline Harris, Freshman of the Year, House Republican Caucus*  
*Hon. Janie Lopez, Member, House Select Comm. on Sustainable Property Tax Relief*  
*Hon. Ellen Troxclair, Member, House Select Comm. on Sustainable Property Tax Relief*
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- 5:00-6:30 pm**    **Chair’s Networking Reception** (*JW Grand Salon 3-4, Level 4*) [*All attendees invited*]

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**8:00-8:30 am**     **Registration** (*JW Grand Salon 5, Level 4*)

**8:30-9:00 am**     **TTARA Membership Meeting** (*All members welcome*)

- *Elections for 2024 Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Officers*
- *Amendment to Articles of Incorporation*

**9:00-9:45 am**     **Why Do Businesses Come to Texas?**

*Jennifer Rabb, President, TTARA [Moderator]*

*Evan Horn, Senior Manager, Ernst & Young LLP*

*Honorable Brandt Rydell, Mayor, City of Taylor*

*Robert Wood, Senior Advisor, McGuireWoods Consulting*

**9:45-10:15 am**     **The State of Public Education**

*Mike Morath, Texas Commissioner of Education*

**10:15-11:00 am**     **Meeting Infrastructure Investment Needs**

*Honorable Corbin Van Arsdale, President, AGC-Texas Building Branch [Moderator]*

*Honorable Kelly Hancock, Vice Chair, Senate Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs  
Committee*

*Ursula Parks, Ursula Parks Consulting LLC*

*Brooke Paup, Chairwoman, Texas Water Development Board*

*Jennifer Woodard, Chief Executive Officer, AGC of Texas*

**11:00 am-12:00 pm**     **Political Insights and Prognostications**

*Matthew Watkins, Managing Editor, Texas Tribune [Moderator]*

*Monica Madden, Capitol Correspondent, KXAN News*

*John Moritz, Texas Capitol Correspondent, USA TODAY Network*

*Patrick Svitek, Political Reporter, Texas Tribune*

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**12:00 -1:00 pm**     **Luncheon** (*JW Grand Salon 1-4, Level 4*)

*Honorable Paul Bettencourt, Chair, Senate Local Government Committee*

*[Del Threadgill Distinguished Tax Professional Award will be presented to Darren Owen, ExxonMobil]*