

Texas Taxpayers and Research Association TTARA Research Foundation

2026 Annual Meeting

November 19-20, 2026

Hyatt Regency Austin

Thursday, November 19, 2026

- 9:00-10:00 am** **Registration / Welcome Breakfast** *(Texas Ballroom, Level 2)*
- 9:55-10:15 am** **Opening Remarks / Membership Meeting & Elections**
Jennifer Rabb, *President, TTARA*
Leslie Ward, *President, AT&T - Texas; Chair, TTARA*
- 10:15-11:00 am** **The Midland Case Study: Is Texas School Finance in Jeopardy?**
Jim Grace, Jr., *Managing Shareholder, Grey Havens Strategies [Moderator]*
Hon. Diego Bernal, *Texas House of Representatives (invited)*
Hon. Brad Buckley *Texas House of Representatives (invited)*
Josh Guinn, *President, Midland ISD Board of Trustees*
Ursula Parks, *Principal, Ursula Parks Consulting*
- 11:00-11:50 am** **The Latest from the LBJ Building: A Report from the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts**
- 12:00-12:50 pm** **Awards Luncheon** *(Texas Ballroom, Level 2)*
Presentation of the Del Threadgill Distinguished Tax Professional Award
- 1:00-1:55 pm** **Base Maneuvers: The Effects of Appraisal Caps, Appraisal Cycles, and Property Tax Exemptions**
Marty Loeber, *Senior Vice President Ad Valorem Tax, Valero Energy Corporation [Moderator]*
Ryan Chismark, *Principal, Ryan LLC*
Celine Kim, *Policy Analyst, TTARA*
Lynn Krebs, Ph.D., *Research Economist, Texas Real Estate Center, Texas A&M University*
- 2:00-3:00 pm** **Notice Anything? Rights of Property Owners in the Tax Rate Process**
G. Brint Ryan, *Chairman and CEO, Ryan LLC [Moderator]*
Alex Fairly, *Executive CEO, Fairly Group*
Hon. Stan Gerdes, *Texas House of Representatives*
Jennifer Rabb, *President, TTARA*
Patrick J. Reynolds, *President & Executive Director, Council on State Taxation*
- 3:00-3:15 pm** **Break**
- 3:15-4:15 pm** **Can the Data Center Hold? Assessing Data Centers' Impact on Tax Revenue and the Economy**
Eric Padilla, *Director, Public Policy, Vistra Corp. [Moderator]*
Glenn Davis, *Founder, Davis Energy & Infrastructure Strategy Group*
Alan Decker, *Principal and Vice Practice Leader, Ryan LLC*
John W. Diamond, *Director, Center for Tax and Budget Policy, Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy.*
Brian Pannell, *Director – US/Canada Tax, Dell Technologies*

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- 4:15-5:00 pm** **Checking the Math: Inside the Property Value Study**
Carl Walker, *Tax Director, Advantous Consulting* **[Moderator]**
Hon. Trey Martinez Fischer, *Texas House of Representatives*
Justin Hyland, *Director, Indirect Tax Transaction & Ad Valorem, CenterPoint Energy*
Celine Kim, *Policy Analyst, TTARA*
Lindsay Mullins, *Executive Director, State Government Affairs, BNSF Railway Company*
- 5:00-7:00 pm** **Chair's Reception (Foothills II, Level 17)** *All attendees invited*
- 7:00-9:00 pm** **TTARA Networking Event (Speakeasy)** *Advance registration required*
Speakeasy Address: 412 Congress Ave D, Austin, TX 78701
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Friday, November 20, 2026

- 8:00-9:00 am** **Registration / Networking Breakfast (Texas Ballroom, Level 2)**
- 9:00-9:45 am** **The Relief Map: Charting Tax Policy in the 90th Legislature**
Jennifer Rabb, *President, TTARA* **[Moderator]**
Hon. Paul Bettencourt, *Texas Senate*
Hon. Cody Vasut, *Texas House of Representatives*
- 9:50-10:40 am** **A One-on-One Conversation with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick**
G. Brint Ryan, *Chairman and CEO, Ryan LLC* **[Moderator]**
Hon. Dan Patrick, *Lieutenant Governor of Texas (invited)*
- 10:45-11:35 am** **The Bottom Line: Tax, Economic & Infrastructure Benefits of 765-kV Transmission**
Tom Oney, *Vice President, Special Development Projects & Chief Regulatory Counsel, Oncor Electric Delivery Co.* **[Moderator]**
Hon. Rafael Anchía, *Texas House of Representatives (invited)*
Hon. Drew Darby, *Texas House of Representatives*
Katie Glanz, *Policy Analyst, TTARA*
Warren Lasher, *President, Lasher Energy Consulting, LLC*
- 11:40 am -12:00 pm** **Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Keynote Address**

Boxed lunches will be available starting at 12:00 pm.

