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*
Justin Hyland, *Director, Indirect Taxes, CenterPoint Energy; Vice-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)***
Josh Guinn, *President, Midland ISD Board of Trustees*
Hon. José Menéndez, *Texas Senate*
Ursula Parks, *Principal, Ursula Parks Consulting*

11:00-11:50 am **A Report from the Office of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts**
Conner McGinley, *Attorney for the Tax Counsel Division* ***[Moderator]***
Tetyana Melnyk*, Ph.D.*, *Chief Revenue Estimator*
Jeffrey Mullins, *Senior Counsel*
Shannon Murphy, *Director of the Property Tax Assistance Division*

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, Ph.D., *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]***
Hon. Stan Gerdes, *Texas House of Representatives*
Jennifer Rabb, *President, TTARA*
Patrick J. Reynolds, *President & Executive Director, Council on State Taxation*
Corbin Van Arsdale, *President & General Counsel, AGC-Texas Building Branch*

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*
John W. Diamond, Ph.D., *Director, Center for Tax and Budget Policy, Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy.*
Brian Pannell, *Director – US/Canada Tax, Dell Technologies*
Kristen Scherer, *Principal, Ryan LLC*

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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 Taxes, CenterPoint Energy*
Celine Kim, Ph.D., *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 **Annual Meeting Networking Event** ***(Speakeasy)*** *Advance registration required*
Speakeasy Address: 412 Congress Ave D, Austin, TX 78701

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 **Political Panel**

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. Drew Darby, *Texas House of Representatives*
Katie Glanz, Ph.D., *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.

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