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Dear Attendees, Guests and Vendor Partners,

Welcome to the Texas State Agency Business Administrators' Association (TSABAA) 50th Annual Summer Conference at the Marriott Town Square in Sugar Land, Texas. We are so excited that you could join us for what we anticipate will be an awesome experience. This year will be extra special as we use the occasion of our organization's anniversary to celebrate successes core to TSABAA's purpose — the effective and efficient administration of business operations within state of Texas government.

This year's theme is "One Voice, One Mission. 50 Years of Excellence... Empowered to Lead, Equipped to Succeed." As we explore this theme, we should reminisce on TSABAA's rich history, which has been about more than just annual conferences and quarterly meetings. TSABAA is the embodiment of institutional wisdom passed along through a platform of teaching, mentoring, and networking amongst talented and successful professionals. This occasion marks 50 years of: promoting the highest standards of ethics for the fiduciary oversight of state affairs; providing forums for the exchange of ideas, concerns and information; and, identifying and analyzing statewide concerns. Whether you are in search of principles on leadership, digitizing learning, or industry best practices for management and productivity, this 50th Annual Summer Conference has topics relevant to your organization's success.

I would like to thank this year's Annual Conference Chair, Steve Tamez of the Department of Public Safety, for helping to organize our conference. Steve and our many subcommittee volunteers have invested a lot of their personal time into making this conference simply the "BEST." Also, a special thanks to our vendor partners for their generosity and continued support of TSABAA. Without the contributions of TSABAA volunteers, vendors and sponsors – past and present – this conference would not be what it is today.

As my term as president comes to an end, words cannot begin to express what a huge honor and privilege it has been to serve this wonderful association. I reflect fondly on my tenure with TSABAA as both volunteer and president. The experience has been enriching — personally and professionally. My journey within TSABAA has exceeded my every expectation and will remain a cherished highlight of my career.

My experience with TSABAA isn't unique — nor should it be. I invite you to review our website, attend our events and get more involved; join in the discussions, exchange ideas, and leave informed, refreshed and enlightened. The future of this organization belongs to each of us. Together we can sustain TSABAA by remaining engaged in the perpetual defense and promotion of its values — just as those who preceded us did for the first 50 years.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, thank you for attending. We hope this conference will strengthen your knowledge and equip you with tools and information to take back to your organizations.

Sincerely,

Yolanda Hall
2019 TSABAA President



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Purpose

The Texas State Agency Business Administrators' Association (TSABAA) was founded in 1969 when its organizers recognized the need for people to get together and discuss mutual goals and objectives for more effectively carrying out the state's business administrative functions. TSABAA was created to provide a center for discussion and focus on issues affecting the business operations of Texas state government.

Objectives

TSABAA:

- Promotes the highest standards of ethics and efficiency in the conduct of state business affairs.
- Provides forums for the exchange of ideas, concerns and information.
- Identifies and analyzes statewide concerns on fiscal issues.
- Encourages and fosters professional working relationships and camaraderie with counterparts of other agencies.





Program Agenda

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Check-in & Registration** (*Ballroom Foyer*)
- 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. **First Timers' Reception** (*Monarch Room*)
- 1:15 – 1:45 p.m. **Welcome & Opening Remarks** (*Ballrooms I-V*)
Yolanda Hall, TSABAA President and Zachary Chandonnet, Emcee
- 1:45 – 3:00 p.m. **Lead from the Front – Leadership Lessons Learned from the Special Operations Community** (*Ballrooms I-V*)
Mark Lennon, Gartner (Keynote Speaker)
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. **Break — Vendor Exhibits** (*Ballrooms VII-X*)
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **Master Lease Purchase Program** (*Ballrooms I-V*)
Bon Wier, Texas Public Finance Authority
- 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. **Government Transformation of the Future: Industry Best Practices in the Digital Era** (*Ballrooms I-V*)
Liza Willmore and Jennifer Holmes, Accenture
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception** (*Ballroom Foyer & Courtyard*)

Thursday, July 11, 2019

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Check-In, Registration & Full Breakfast Buffet**
(*Ballroom Foyer & Ballroom VI*)
- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Procurement – the Next Stage** (*Ballrooms I-V*)
Robert Wood, Comptroller of Public Accounts
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. **Hotel Engine** (*Ballrooms I-V*)
Stephanie Schneider and Steve Holtkamp, Hotel Engine
- 9:45 – 10:15 a.m. **STMP Contract for Hotel & Lodging Services (971-M1 — Hotel Engine)**
(*Ballrooms I-V*)
Gerard MacCrossan and Nicklaus Watson, Comptroller of Public Accounts
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Vendor Introductions & Break** (*Ballrooms VII-X*)
- 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. **86th Legislative Update – Impacts on Public Employees and Retirees** (*Ballrooms I-V*)
Lisa Kaufman, Texas Public Employees Association
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **86th Legislative Recap** (*Ballrooms I-V*)
Ross Ramsey, The Texas Tribune





Program Agenda

- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Awards Luncheon — Tribute to Past Presidents, the Administrator of the Year Award, & TSABAA Awards** *(Ballroom VI)*
Yolanda Hall, TSABAA President
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **A Chief Financial Officer’s Role** *(Ballrooms I-V)*
Michele Price, Office of the Attorney General
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. **LBB Contracting Presentation** *(Ballrooms I-V)*
Liz Prado, Legislative Budget Board
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. **Break – Vendor Exhibits** *(Ballrooms VII-X)*
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Past Presidents’ Meeting** *(Suite 920)*
- 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. **Resolving Conflict Through Effective Communication**
(Ballrooms I-V)
Sonia Garcia, Department of Public Safety
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) — The Future of Data Analysis and Visualization** *(Ballrooms I-V)*
Robert Grabowski, Deloitte
- 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. **Evening Event – 50th Celebration & Networking** *(Ballroom VI)*

Friday, July 12, 2019

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Full Breakfast Buffet** *(Ballroom VI)*
- 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. **Everything You Wanted to Know About Human Resources but Weren’t Brave Enough to Ask** *(Ballrooms I-V)*
Raette Hearne, Health and Human Services Commission
- 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. **ERS in the Next Biennium: Benefits and Service to Support Excellence at Your Agency** *(Ballrooms I-V)*
Robin Hardaway, Machel Pharr and Chuck Turner, Employee Retirement System
- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. **The Cloud Won – Now, Let’s Maximize It!** *(Ballrooms I-V)*
Jennifer Cumpian, iBridge Group
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Break – Vendor Exhibits** *(Ballrooms VII-X)*
- 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. **2019 Legislative Session, 2020 Election – Is the Sea Change Real or Imagined?** *(Ballrooms I-V)*
Harvey Kronberg, Quorum Report
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Business Meeting, Passing of the Gavel, Closing Remarks** *(Ballrooms I-V)*





About Your Speakers

Jennifer M. Cumpian

Jennifer is the founder and CEO at iBridge Group. After a career in government on the state and national level, Jennifer started iBridge Group in 2006 to provide public and private-sector clients with customized solutions that digitize paper-intensive business processes.

As a Texas HUB Corporation with DIR contract vehicles, iBridge Group provides services in eight states. The company has been honored with multiple national level innovation awards, and in 2018, Jennifer was recognized by CIO Review magazine as a Top Technology Solution provider.

Jennifer earned her Accounting degree from Texas State University. Her technical career started during her service in the U.S. Air Force. She worked with the Veterans Affairs Finance Center, the Texas Youth Commission, EDS, and Adjacent Technologies before forming iBridge.



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Sonia Garcia

Sonia Garcia is the Chief of the Texas Department of Public Safety's Education, Training, and Research (ETR) Division. She has faithfully served the citizens of Texas for over 29 years. She quickly rose up the ranks and pioneered paths for others to follow, being the first female to be promoted to captain and major in the Criminal Investigations Division. She is the second commissioned female to be appointed to the positions of assistant chief and chief in the history of DPS.

Due to her ability to promote collaboration, inspire others and create a healthy work environment, Sonia was hand-picked to manage the Dispute Resolution Office (DRO) as the assistant chief in 2014. Her time spent in the DRO enabled her to gain expert knowledge in conflict resolution practices and share them throughout the agency, resolving disputes through a variety of strategies such as conflict coaching, mediation, group facilitation and team building exercises.

In 2017, Sonia earned an appointment to the position of chief with oversight of the ETR Division. The competencies, wisdom and abilities she gained throughout her career and personal experiences are now contributing to the success of one of the best law enforcement academies and training programs in Texas.

Sonia is a proud member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Texas Association of Mediators, FBI LEEDA, NAWLEE and the Executive Women in Texas Government. She is currently enrolled at Tarleton State University expecting to graduate in 2020 with a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science in Criminal Justice Administration.

Robert Grabowski

Robert Grabowski is a senior manager with Deloitte Consulting's Enterprise Operations, specializing in digital transformations for CFOs and finance executives. He has over 18 years of experience applying financial management capabilities across the public sector, including the development, deployment, and operation of finance models and technologies. He supports a wide range of transformative efforts for finance executives, including enterprise resource planning (ERP) system implementations, analytics, reporting/dashboard solutions, and most recently, process automation and cognitive capabilities.

He has extensive robotic process automation and cognitive experience, delivering bots and automations across multiple federal government departments and agencies. Most notably, he was the lead for Deloitte in supporting the National Aeronautics and Space Administration with the deployment of process robotics – the first Federal Agency to deploy a bot in production. He was also the Deloitte lead for the first server-based production automation at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.





About Your Speakers

Robin Hardaway

Robin Hardaway is the Director of Customer Benefits for ERS. Robin leads a team of over 100 staff members, and is responsible for the administration, processing, communication and education of the group benefits program for more than 500,000 participants, as well as retirement benefits from the four ERS retirement funds where she oversees \$2 billion annuity payments annually.

Robin began her career with the Texas Department of Human Services before joining ERS in 2001 as a retirement counselor. She became the director of the division in 2014. During her career at ERS, Robin has led multiple departments, contributed to numerous projects, system implementations and legislative processes. Robin received a Bachelor of Healthcare Administration from Southwest Texas State University and is a graduate of the Governor's Executive Development Program from the LBJ School of Public Affairs.

Raette Smith Hearne

Raette Smith Hearne joined Texas Health and Human Services Commission in August 2016 as Human Resources Director. A graduate of the University of North Texas with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing, she attained her Master of Business Administration in Management at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. With over 26 years of senior-level and executive management experience in state government, her experience began in the private sector in the banking, city government and non-profit industries. Her state government affiliations include the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Texas Department of Agriculture, and the Office of the Attorney General.

Jennifer Holmes

Jennifer Holmes is an Austin-based account and project manager with Accenture's Public Service consulting practice. She has nearly 20 years of consulting experience, spending the last 14 years working with public service clients developing strategic roadmaps, executing implementation plans, and leading and executing change management strategies. Jennifer is a certified project management professional (PMP) who focuses on achieving business outcomes for Texas state and local government, higher education, and non-profit organizations. Jennifer earned her bachelor's degree from James Madison University, and her Master of Business Administration from The George Washington University.





About Your Speakers

Steven Holtkamp

Steven Holtkamp is the chief strategy officer of Hotel Engine. During his time at Hotel Engine, Steven has held executive roles across sales and operations and led the company's efforts to expand into public-sector travel. Prior to Hotel Engine, Steven worked in the financial sector for Morgan Stanley, where he managed relationships for some of the firm's top and emerging clients. Steven holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Marquette University, and a Master of Business Administration from Columbia Business School.

Lisa Odle Kaufman

Lisa Kaufman brings more than 25 years of legislative experience to the legal and lobby practice. Before founding Davis Kaufman PLLC with Denise Davis in 2012, Ms. Kaufman served as the director of budget and policy and special counsel to Texas Speaker Joe R. Straus, where she distinguished herself as a consensus builder on the state budget and other major policy issues during the 2009 and 2011 legislative sessions.

Prior to her service to Speaker Straus, Ms. Kaufman served as executive director and general counsel of the Texas Civil Justice League, and as general counsel to Texas Senator Robert Duncan, as well as committee director for the Senate Jurisprudence and State Affairs committees. Ms. Kaufman garnered the respect of her colleagues and of lawmakers for her ability to quickly master complex legal issues and negotiate critical state policy and budget matters.

Ms. Kaufman is a Texas-certified mediator. She is also a 2012 Fellow at The Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution at the University of Texas School of Law. Ms. Kaufman has been consistently ranked as a Texas top lobbyist by Mike Hailey's "Capitol Inside." Ms. Kaufman is a founding board member of Dress for Success Austin, and also serves on the boards of the Anti-Defamation League and Greene Family Camp.

Ms. Kaufman received her Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science, cum laude, from Washington University in St. Louis, and her law degree from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.





About Your Speakers

Harvey Kronberg

Harvey Kronberg owns and publishes the *Quorum Report*, the newsletter of political Texas, as well as the *Texas Energy Report*. Published since 1989, *Quorum Report* is a non-partisan online publication covering state politics and government from an insider's perspective. Originally a contract writer for *Quorum Report*, Kronberg bought the publication in 1998 and converted it to the first exclusively online, subscriber-based publication covering Texas politics and government for political professionals. *Campaigns & Elections* magazine declared *Quorum Report* to be the "#1 online political newsletter in the country." Kronberg is also a political analyst for Spectrum Cable News and a regular on their nightly program, *Capitol Tonight*. Kronberg has also been a contributing columnist to the *Austin American-Statesman*. In 2005 *Texas Monthly* declared him one of the 25 most powerful individuals in Texas politics.

Harvey Kronberg graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1972, with an Honors in Plan II, Special Honors in History, and completed the Junior Year Abroad Program at Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1971. He serves on the board of the Wine and Food Foundation of Texas as well as the Headliners Foundation.

Mark A. Lennon

Mark Lennon is a senior managing partner with Gartner Consulting and is the leader of southwestern U.S. public sector and higher education consulting. He also leads Gartner's smart cities/communities domain in north America.

Starting his career as an intelligence officer and Japanese linguist for the U.S. Navy, Mark has 21 years of naval service and is a commander in the Navy Reserve. He has completed four tours with SEAL teams, including a 14-month combat deployment to Iraq. He is currently assigned to the Defense Innovation Unit in Silicon Valley, where he supports the rapid adoption of innovative commercial technology for defense purposes.

In addition to his work at Gartner, Mark served Governor Jerry Brown as Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and subsequently was invited to Washington, D.C. to serve as senior advisor in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He has a master's degree from the London School of Economics and bachelor's degree from The University of California San Diego.



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Gerard MacCrossan

Gerard MacCrossan, CTCD, CTCM, is the Data Management, Analytics & Technology manager in the Texas Comptroller's Statewide Procurement Division. He oversees the teams operating the Texas SmartBuy e-commerce platform, data analytics team and projects to enhance the state's procurement functions. He previously managed the statewide contract development teams establishing statewide term and co-operative contracts for non-IT commodities and services. He serves on the NASPO ValuePoint national purchasing cooperative's Board of Management representing the southern region. He earned his Bachelor of Arts at the Queen's University of Belfast and worked as newspaper reporter and editor prior to joining the Comptroller's office.



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Machelle Pharr

Machelle Pharr is the chief financial officer for ERS. Machelle leads a team of professionals dedicated to providing high quality, effective and efficient financial services in support of ERS' mission and goals. Machelle has also served as CFO for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (now the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality), the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Department of State Health Services, and as deputy assistant director of Homeland Security of the Texas Department of Public Safety. She began her service with the state as the first internal auditor of the General Land Office before transitioning to the Comptroller's office, where she assisted in the development of the first State Annual Financial Report issued in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and implementation of a then-new state accounting system (USAS).

Machelle received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from the University of Texas, and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant and Certified Government Financial Manager.

Liz Prado

Liz Prado is currently the manager of the Contracts Oversight Team at the Legislative Budget Board (LBB), which monitors state agency contract reporting, high risk contracts, and major information technology projects to identify and mitigate risks. Liz joined the LBB as an analyst, and served as manager of the General Government Team and then the Health and Human Services budget team. The budget teams develop and present budget recommendations to the Legislature.

Liz holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi.





About Your Speakers

L. Michele Price

L. Michele Price is the Controller for the Office of the Attorney General (OAG). Michele directs operational management, monitors implementation and development of financial activities, and leads strategic financial decisions. She is responsible for both the Accounting and Budget divisions, guiding the compilation of the Legislative Appropriations Request and Annual Financial Report as well as creating a bridge between the agency's business and funding.

Prior to the OAG, Michele was with the Teacher Retirement System where she oversaw the preparation of the Legislative Appropriations Request, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and appropriations control.

Michele obtained a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting with honors from the University of Oklahoma. Michele is a certified public accountant as well as a TFOA graduate.



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Ross Ramsey

Ross Ramsey is executive editor and co-founder of *The Texas Tribune*. Before joining *The Tribune*, Ross was editor and co-owner of *Texas Weekly* for 15 years. He did a 28-month stint in government as associate deputy comptroller for policy and director of communications with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Before that, he reported for the *Houston Chronicle* from its Austin bureau and for the *Dallas Times Herald*, first on the business desk in Dallas, and later as its Austin bureau chief, and worked as a Dallas-based freelance business writer, writing for regional and national magazines and newspapers. Ross got his start in journalism in broadcasting, covering news for radio stations in Denton and Dallas.

Stephanie Schneider

Stephanie Schneider is the dedicated account manager at Hotel Engine for all Texas accounts. Prior to Stephanie's account manager role, she worked as a territory manager with Hotel Engine's sister company, Travelers Haven. Stephanie first joined the company as a member experience representative for Hotel Engine. Stephanie holds a Bachelor of Science from Bucknell University and a Master of Science from Montana State University.

Charles Turner

Charles "Chuck" Turner is the chief information officer for ERS. As CIO, Chuck is responsible for leading technology strategy in alignment with the agency's business strategies, as well as managing overall IT operations and ensuring sound IT infrastructure. Chuck has also been a senior consultant with Dell's Global Information Systems team on Enterprise Data Warehouse projects. He worked with several closely related companies in multimedia publishing of financial and regulatory products in the banking industry. With more than 20 years of experience in information technology strategy and product development, he has led teams responsible for design, implementation, and enforcement of policy, security, integrity, support and internal control systems, including multiple systems subject to SOX. Chuck received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Texas A&M University.





About Your Speakers

Nicklaus Watson, CTCM, CTCD

Nicklaus Watson, CTCM, CTCD, is the Statewide Travel, Fleet and Mail Operations Manager in the Comptroller's Statewide Procurement Division. He oversees the Statewide Travel Management Program that provides contract travel services to state agencies, institutions of higher education, and travel-eligible Texas SmartBuy members, including local governments, public school districts, charter schools and community colleges. These contracts help the state manage travel expenditures, monitor travel activity, and provide discounted travel services resulting in a more efficient use of taxpayer dollars. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from American Military University.



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Bon Wier

With 25 years of public finance experience, Bon Wier spent most of his career in the private sector with firms like Dell and Oracle, delivering custom financial solutions for public sector technology clients. Leveraging a deep understanding of government needs and requirements, he established a considerable legacy of successful projects. Bon made the transition to state government in 2012, taking a position with the Texas Economic Development Bank in the governor's office. Bon currently serves as a project specialist at the Texas Public Finance Authority focusing on client agency equipment and project financing needs.

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Liza C. Willmore

Liza C. Willmore is a manager with Accenture's Public Service practice, focused on providing government agencies solutions around people, process, and technology. Before joining Accenture, Ms. Willmore dedicated 17 years to Texas agencies in developing improvement strategies for operations, talent development, and technology. She served as the chair of the State Agency Council Executive Board and on various boards across Texas in the roles of president, public relations director, and development officer. In 2006, Ms. Willmore was awarded the Outstanding Woman in Texas Government award by the Governor's Commission for Women for her service in improving the lives of Texas women. She holds a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Texas at Austin, and returned for a Master of Science in Technology Commercialization from the McCombs School of Business.

Robert Wood

Robert Wood has served in a number of senior and executive level positions in Texas state government over the past 20 years. He currently serves as associate deputy comptroller for Operations and Support for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and has responsibility for seven divisions of the agency and over 500 employees. His responsibilities encompass a wide range of areas, including public outreach, economic development, statewide procurement, energy conservation and endangered species research, as well as administration and information technology for the agency's 2800 employees. He has also served as director of Economic Development and Analysis for the Comptroller, and oversaw the agency's economic development initiatives and the State Energy Conservation Office. He is actively involved in the agency's legislative functions, and regularly represents the agency before the Texas Legislature.

Prior to joining the Comptroller, he worked for the Texas Department of Agriculture, where he served as the assistant commissioner of Rural Economic Development. Before joining state government, Robert spent 12 years in the commercial banking industry and two years as a manager in a diversified farm and ranch operation. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University.





2019 Officers

Yolanda Hall, President

Yolanda Hall is the Deputy Budget Director for the Attorney General's Office. She is a graduate from the University of Texas and received her MBA from St. Edward's University. She has 22 years of state experience in the areas of Finance, Payroll, Contract Management and Budgeting. She is also a graduate from the Texas Fiscal Officer's Academy (TFOA) and a member of State Agency Council (SAC). Yolanda enjoys traveling, shopping and running. She loves entertaining and party planning and one day hopes to open her own event planning business.

Steven O'Shields, Vice President

Steven O'Shields is currently a Director with the Department of Savings and Mortgage Lending. Prior to joining the Department he worked at the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner also as a Director. He is a graduate from the Texas Fiscal Officer's Academy. Steven received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Finance from Corpus Christi State University.

Elizabeth Sifuentes Koch, Treasurer

Elizabeth Sifuentes Koch serves as the Director of the Budget and Planning Division for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). In this capacity, she is responsible for the development, implementation and oversight of a sound budget to meet the functional goals of the agency as well as providing guidance to leadership concerning the budget operations. She has seventeen years of experience with state government. Elizabeth earned her undergraduate degree from Texas State University in Business Administration and her graduate degree from the University of Texas LBJ School in Public Leadership.



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Brandy Corrales, Secretary

Brandy Corrales is the Director of Financial Services for the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). Prior to going to TDLR, Brandy was the Chief Fiscal Officer at Texas Medical Board and has over eleven years of state experience in the areas of finance, budgeting, purchasing, payroll, and risk management. She also served as the Accounting Manager and Payroll Officer at the board. Brandy has a degree in Business Administration and holds certifications as a Certified Texas Procurement Manager and a Certified Texas Contract Manager. She is also a graduate of the 2014 Texas Fiscal Officers' Academy. Brandy enjoys family, friends, sports and shopping.

Rebecca Trevino, Past President

Rebecca Trevino is the Chief Financial Officer for the Texas Water Development Board. She is a graduate of the University of Texas and a Certified Public Accountant. She has 23 years of state experience in the areas of financial operations, contract management and policy development. She enjoys working with others and strives to improve operations while maintaining or improving quality, consistency and accuracy. Rebecca and her husband John have two children and live in southwest Austin.



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1st:	1970	San Antonio	Jack Kyle, Texas Department of Corrections
2nd:	1971	San Antonio	Ed Nichols, Department of Agriculture
3rd:	1972	San Antonio	Hans Neumann, State Auditor's Office
4th:	1973	Corpus Christi	Rex Stallings, Office of the Governor
5th:	1974	Houston	Gary Rodgers, Securities Board
6th:	1975	McAllen	Art Rankin, Texas Building and Procurement Commission
7th:	1976	McAllen	James Sessions, Employees Retirement System
8th:	1977	Brownsville	Jim Lynaugh, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
9th:	1978	El Paso	Wayne Fickel, Teacher Retirement System
10th:	1979	Corpus Christi	Henry Johnson, Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
11th:	1980	South Padre Island	Jim Watson, General Land Office
12th:	1981	McAllen	Gerry Sunday, Texas Department of Corrections
13th:	1982	Fort Worth	Bob Owens, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
14th:	1983	El Paso	Carroll Fuchs, Board of Insurance
15th:	1984	Corpus Christi	Jim Beck, Secretary of State
16th:	1985	Galveston	Priscilla Jarvis, Department of Agriculture
17th:	1986	Austin	Frank Smith, Department of Transportation
18th:	1987	Austin	David Joost, State Property Tax Board
19th:	1988	South Padre Island	Lavonne Garland, Board of Architectural Examiners
20th:	1989	El Paso	T.C. Mallett, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
21st:	1990	Corpus Christi	Mike Regan, Office of the Governor
22nd:	1991	Austin	Dan Mitchell, Department of Human Services
23rd:	1992	South Padre Island	Jerry Tucker, Office of the Governor
24th:	1993	Austin	Barbara Johnson, State Auditor's Office
25th:	1994	Arlington	Larry Janecek, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts





Conferences & Past Presidents

#	Year	Location	Past President, Agency
26th:	1995	San Antonio	Larry Zatopek, Department of Transportation
27th:	1996	Galveston	Randi Warrington, Board of Professional Engineers
28th:	1997	Corpus Christi	Barney Schulz, School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
29th:	1998	Austin	Bo Overstreet, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
30th:	1999	Galveston	Cheryl MacBride, General Land Office
31st:	2000	South Padre Island	Marie Moore, Bond Review Board
32nd:	2001	Fort Worth	Jim Smith, Texas School for the Deaf
33rd:	2002	San Antonio	Larry Lazicki, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
34th:	2003	Austin	Don Raschke, Securities Board
35th:	2004	Galveston	Cindy Coats, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
36th:	2005	Corpus Christi	Ronnie Jung, Teacher Retirement System
37th:	2006	Lake Conroe	Pamela Scivicque, Texas Public Finance Authority
38th:	2007	San Antonio	Ken Welch, Teacher Retirement System
39th:	2008	Arlington	Suzanne Tolley, Health and Human Services Commission
40th:	2009	Corpus Christi	Greg Herbert, Office of the Attorney General
41st:	2010	Austin	Michael Doerr, Department of Aging and Disability Services
42nd:	2011	Austin	Cecilia Whitley, Department of Family and Protective Services
43rd:	2012	San Marcos	Sandra Woodruff, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
44th:	2013	Austin	Daniel Benjamin, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
45th:	2014	San Marcos	Carla James, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
46th:	2015	San Antonio	Lori Trank, Health and Human Services Commission
47th:	2016	Corpus Christi	Paul Campbell, Texas Department of Transportation
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49th:	2018	San Antonio	Rebecca Trevino, Texas Water Development Board





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1986	James L. Jackson , Texas Rehabilitation Commission
1987	Jack Roberts , Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
1988	James A. Lynaugh , Texas Department of Corrections
1989	Richard R. Robertson , Office of the State Auditor
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1991	T. C. Mallett , Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
1992	Barney L. Schulz , Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
1993	Billy Hamilton , Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
1994	Dale K. Craymer , Office of the Governor
1995	James R. Hine , Texas Employment Commission
1996	Frank Smith , Texas Department of Transportation
1997	Ed White , Texas Youth Commission
1998	Albert Hawkins , Office of the Governor
1999	Andrew "Drew" Thigpen , Department of Protective and Regulatory Services
2000	Mike Regan , Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
2001	Jim Beck , Secretary of State
2002	Ronnie Jung , Teacher Retirement System
2003	Marie Moore , Bond Review Board
2004	Ken Welch , Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
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