

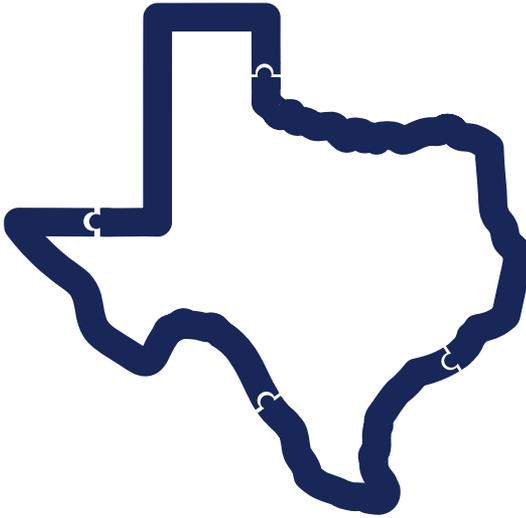


**2025 Annual  
Summer Conference**

**July 14-16  
Addison, Texas**

# CONNECTIONS





## **TSABAA Purpose**

The Texas State Agency Business Administrators' Association (TSABAA) was founded in 1969 to collaborate on mutual goals and objectives for more effectively carrying out the state's business administrative functions. TSABAA provides a platform for issues affecting the business operations of the Texas state government.

## **Objectives**

- Promote the highest standards of ethics and efficiency in the conduct of state business affairs.
- Provide forums for the exchange of ideas, concerns and information.
- Identify and analyze statewide concerns on fiscal issues.
- Encourage and foster professional working relationships and camaraderie with counterparts of other agencies.

## **Learning**

TSABAA fosters learning and continuing education by providing professional training, bimonthly meetings and midwinter and summer conferences. Meeting and conference attendees earn valuable continuing professional education (CPE) credit, and networking opportunities with peers.



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July 14th, 2025

Dear Attendees, Guests, and Vendor Partners,

Welcome to the Texas State Agency Business Administrators' Association (TSABAA) 54th Annual Summer Conference at The Renaissance Hotel in Addison, Texas. We are excited you could join us for what we anticipate being a great conference.

Our conference theme is "Connections" which is not just about networking or knowing the right people but creating relationships that are genuine, supportive and meaningful. By connecting with others, you're opening doors that you might never have imagined could lead to personal growth or the potential to take you somewhere new. With the speakers we have over the next few days we hope to give you some tools and encouragement to make new connections. As you listen to our speakers, try and relate their messages to how you connect with others and build relationships in life and your career.

I want to extend a very special welcome to all the first-time attendees! If this is not your first conference, thank you for joining us again and spreading the word about our association. I want to thank our Conference Chair, Stella Lopez of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and our Program Chair, LaTosha Goard of the Department of Public Safety, for putting together this conference and an amazing agenda. Stella and all the committee volunteers have invested a lot of their personal time to help give you the best experience this week. I also want to thank our vendor sponsors for their generosity and continued support of TSABAA. Without everyone's contributions this conference would not be what it is today. If you would like to volunteer to help, please scan the QR code below or visit [tsabaa.com/volunteer](http://tsabaa.com/volunteer).

TSABAA is a member driven organization, so your voice matters. I encourage you to provide feedback, ideas and speaker recommendations in the survey that will be available after the conference.

On behalf of the TSABAA Executive Committee, thank you for attending our Annual Summer Conference! We hope to see you at the Mid-Winter Conference coming this December in San Marcos.

Sincerely,

April Weiss  
2025 TSABAA President



# Program Agenda

## Monday, July 14

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- 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. **Check-In & Registration** *(Crystal Ballroom Foyer)*
- 1:00 - 1:15 p.m. **Welcome & Opening Remarks** *(Crystal Ballroom)*
- 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. **Connecting Finance to the Agency Mission** *(Crystal Ballroom)*  
*David Repp, GLO*
- 2:15 - 3:45 p.m. **Why Connection Drives Success: The Human Side of Professional Growth** *(Crystal Ballroom)*  
*Leyna Nguyen, VanMay Financial*
- 3:45 - 4:00 p.m. **Break – Vendor Exhibits** *(Crystal Ballroom Foyer)*
- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Magic of Communication** *(Crystal Ballroom)*  
*Rudy Rey Jr.*
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception** *(Crystal Ballroom Foyer)*

## Tuesday, July 15

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- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. **Check-In, Conference Registration, & Breakfast**  
*(Crystal Ballroom Foyer & ballroom next to Crystal Ballroom)*
- 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. **CAPPS Update with CPA** *(Crystal Ballroom)*  
*Chelsa Vinklerek and Clarisse Roquemore, CPA*
- 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. **TxAwards: For Tenure and Retirement** *(Crystal Ballroom)*  
*Richard Eisenhower, State of Texas Service Awards*
- 10:15 - 10:30 a.m. **Vendor Introductions** *(Crystal Ballroom)*
- 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. **Break – Vendor Exhibits** *(Crystal Ballroom Foyer)*
- 10:45 - 11:15 a.m. **Benefits Update for Plan Year 2026** *(Crystal Ballroom)*  
*Kathryn Tesar, ERS*
- 11:15 - 12:15 p.m. **The Power of Connections** *(Crystal Ballroom)*  
*Susan Oballe and Vanessa Mayo, DPS*
- 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch** *(ballroom next to Crystal Ballroom)*
- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. **Everything Else Requires Leadership** *(Crystal Ballroom)*  
*Shawn Cossin, DPS*
- 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. **Break – Vendor Exhibits** *(Crystal Ballroom Foyer)*

- 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.     **Using Program Integrity to Safeguard State Resources: Where are you on the Journey?** *(Crystal Ballroom)*  
*Lauren Allen, Deloitte Consulting*
- 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.     **A Word from the LBB** *(Crystal Ballroom)*  
*Jerry McGinty, LBB*
- 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.    **Networking Event** *(Crystal Ballroom Foyer)*

## Wednesday, July 16

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- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.     **Breakfast** *(ballroom next to Crystal Ballroom)*
- 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.     **Leading by Connection: People, Process, and Purpose**  
*(Crystal Ballroom) Patrick Fortner, Podcast: Red Mike Messages*
- 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.    **Audit Ready** *(Crystal Ballroom)*  
*Tammara West and Niko Alexander, DPS*
- 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.   **Break – Vendor Exhibits** *(Crystal Ballroom Foyer)*
- 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.   **Legislation Update** *(Crystal Ballroom)*  
*Matthew Watkins, The Texas Tribune*
- 11:45 - 12:15 p.m.   **Business Meeting, Passing of the Gavel, Closing Remarks**  
*(Crystal Ballroom)*

(Presentation details subject to change.)



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# 2025 Officers



## APRIL WEISS, PRESIDENT

April serves as the **Revenue Team Lead** for the **Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)**. April has sixteen years of state experience in Accounting and Financial Reporting. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management from Texas State University and a Bachelor of Science in Management/Accounting from Park University. April enjoys spending time with family, friends and traveling.



## CHRISTOPHER PIÑA, VICE-PRESIDENT

Christopher is a **Team Lead** in the IT Business Operations Budget Management & Forecasting department of **Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)**. He has over 14 years of state experience working extensively as a financial analyst. He earned his Bachelors of Business Administration in Finance from Texas State University. Christopher enjoys playing with his pup, watching sports, and spending time with his family. He has recently gotten married and is enjoying new adventures with his wife.



## LISA HARALSON, TREASURER

Lisa is the **Special Assistant to Financial Operations** for the **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality**. She has over 25 years of experience under the accounting umbrella and 18 of those years have proudly been as a state of Texas employee. Lisa has worked in areas such as: payroll, human resources, receivables, general ledger, state policy, systems analyst, training, and project management. She enjoys being a leader, helping others, outdoor activities, spontaneous spur of the moment get-a-ways and goofing off with her family.



## MEGAN SANCHEZ, SECRETARY

Megan is the **Assistant Chief of Budget** for the **Texas Department of Public Safety**, bringing over 22 years of state experience. Throughout her career, she has held various accounting and budget positions across several state agencies. Megan has a bachelor's in business administration and is a graduate of 2018 Texas Fiscal Officers' Academy. She enjoys traveling and spending quality time with my family.



## BRANDY MYERS, PAST PRESIDENT

Brandy is the **Deputy Executive Director** for the **Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR)**. She has fifteen years of state experience in the areas of finance, budgeting, purchasing, payroll and risk management. Brandy has a degree in Business Administration and holds certifications as a Certified Texas Contract Developer and a Certified Texas Contract Manager. She is also a graduate of the 2014 Texas Fiscal Officers' Academy, the 2020 class of Leadership Texas and 2022 class of the Governor's Executive

Development Program. Brandy enjoys family, friends, sports, and shopping.

# 2025

# About Your Speakers



## NIKO ALEXANDER

Niko Alexander is a **Senior Process Improvement Analyst** for the **Chief Auditor's Office** at the **Department of Public Safety**. With over 20 years of experience, including six years focused on enhancing processes for the citizens of Texas, Niko brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his role. He is Lean Six Sigma certified and holds a Bachelor of Administration in Marketing from Texas A&M Corpus Christi. Originally from Corpus Christi, Niko enjoys spending time outdoors and making memories with his family.



## LAUREN ALLEN

Lauren is a **Principal** with over 25 years experience in legal and risk consulting. Lauren's expertise is in delivering litigation and discovery services as well as fraud, waste, and abuse expertise within the Government and Public Services sector. Lauren advises her clients on prevention, detection, and response to fraud, waste, abuse, and improper payments. Lauren leads Deloitte's Program Integrity State, Local, and Higher Education practice. She leads teams across

assessment, detection, response, and prevention. Deloitte's innovative solutions aim to detect and prevent through the Pallium tool and advanced fraud analytics. Deloitte has a deep library of fraud mitigation models which are continually evolving to help our clients stay on top of new fraud schemas. Lauren lives outside Washington, D.C. with her husband and two children, and competes in horseback riding. She also serves on the board of Cloverleaf Equine Therapeutic Riding.



## SHAWN COSSIN

Shawn was born & raised in Pennsylvania; but now lives in Austin, Texas with his wife, Beth. He earned his B.A. from Wheaton College (IL), and upon graduation, he served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army (Military Police). After his military service, Shawn served as a State Trooper with the PA State Police where he worked in patrol, investigations, and training. He then worked in senior leadership roles in the non-profit world where he earned his M.A. in

Organizational Leadership. Shawn has completed the Texas DPS Leadership Development School, the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA) leadership trilogy and is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff & Command. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Liberty University, and he leads the **Leadership Development Unit** for the **Texas Department of Public Safety** (DPS) with the responsibility of equipping and developing the 11,000 civilian and law enforcement personnel who serve within the agency. He and Beth have two grown sons and one lovely daughter-in-law.



## RICHARD EISENHOUR

Richard is in his third year as the **Texas Service Award Facilitator** for the **TxAwards Program**, a project of the State Preservation Board's Capitol Gift Shop. A born-and-raised Galvestonian, Richard earned an M. A. from George Washington University and a B. A. from the University of Texas at Austin. He excels in people skills and enjoys working with agencies and awardees to navigate the service awards system.



## PATRICK FORTNER

Patrick Fortner is a veteran of Texas government and the voice behind **Red Mike Messages**, a series of leadership and life lessons drawn from 25 years as a public servant, 16 years as a youth football coach and Scouting volunteer, and 10 years as a mediocre athlete with far more heart than actual physical ability. Two generations removed from his grandmother's work in the cotton fields and shaped by his veteran grandfathers' service, Patrick carries

a legacy of grit, service, and common sense into every role. From directing communications for a Texas Senator to launching successful advocacy efforts across real estate, healthcare, and veterans' affairs, he blends strategic vision with hands-on execution. As Executive Director of the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners, he steered the agency through two major lawsuits and created the first-ever state-level Chiropractic Director role. At this year's TSABAA conference, Patrick will present "Leading by Connection: People, Process, and Purpose," sharing practical lessons on building trust, bridging gaps, and driving real outcomes through servant leadership.



## VANESSA MAYO

Vanessa Mayo started her career in state service with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) in 2005 as an auditor in the Austin area. Two years later she promoted to a quality assurance position at TABC HQ and in 2009, Vanessa accepted the position of regional compliance supervisor for the Coastal Bend Region in Houston. She later served as deputy chief financial officer beginning in November 2012 until her promotion

to chief financial officer in September 2015. As CFO, she led critical financial operations including budget, accounting, revenue, purchasing, grants, mailroom operations, asset management, time and leave administration, payroll, and performance measure reporting. During her tenure at TABC she completed four Legislative Appropriation Requests, one Strategic Fiscal Review, two agency-wide IT initiatives, implemented CAPPs-Financials and

# About Your Speakers

served on the Sunset Review workgroup. In May 2022, Vanessa joined the **Department of Public Safety** as an assistant chief position in Finance overseeing the accounting functions of the division. In 2024, she transferred to the Regulatory Services Division as **Assistant Chief**. Vanessa holds a bachelor's degree in business management and a master's degree in international business from the University of Texas at El Paso. She has been a Certified Fraud Examiner for 13 years, graduated from the Texas Fiscal Officers' Academy in 2014 and completed the Governor's Executive Development Program (Class XXXVII).



## JERRY MCGINTY

Jerry McGinty was appointed as the **Director of the Legislative Budget Board** in March 2020, by the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker. The staff of the Legislative Budget Board develops budget and policy recommendations for legislative appropriations with a biennial state budget of approximately \$321 billion, analyzes and monitors state agency spending and operations, completes fiscal analyses for all proposed legislation, and conducts evaluations

and reviews to improve the efficiency and performance of state agencies, local operations, and school districts. Previously, Mr. McGinty worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for over 28 years where he held several positions, including Chief Financial Officer from 2008 to 2020. He is currently a member of the National Association of Legislative Fiscal Officers. Jerry holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Sam Houston State University and has been active with the SHSU alumni, with prior service on the SHSU Alumni Board of Directors and the Friends of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum Board. Jerry has been married to his wife Tammy for 31 years, and they have three sons, Joshua, Jacob, and Jonah.



## LEYNA NGUYEN

Leyna Nguyen is a five-time Emmy Award-winning journalist and former CBS News anchor, recognized as a trailblazer for Vietnamese-Americans in mainstream media. Today, she continues to break new ground as the **CEO of VanMay Financial**, where she is transforming lives through financial education. Honored as the "2025 Woman of the Year" by Assemblymember Diane Dixon of District 72, Leyna is celebrated for her dedication to educating and empowering her community. Driven by a deep

passion for financial literacy, Leyna helps Vietnamese families gain confidence in navigating complex financial concepts. Through workshops, one-on-one consultations, and community outreach, she equips individuals with the tools to make informed decisions, build long-term security, and achieve financial stability. Her mission is clear: to turn financial confusion into clarity—so that every family, regardless of background, can take control of their financial future. Beyond her work in finance, Leyna is the founder of Love Across the Ocean (LATO),

a nonprofit organization committed to building schools in rural Vietnam and sponsoring underprivileged children's education. For over 30 years, LATO has also delivered critical humanitarian aid to communities in crisis, bridging cultural divides and expanding access to education and essential resources. Expanding her commitment to well-being, Leyna is also the CEO of Junsei Japan, a wellness brand focused on providing high-quality, effective supplements. Through this new venture, she continues her mission to improve lives—this time by supporting health and vitality in the communities she serves.



## SUSAN OBALLE

Susan Oballe is the **Assistant Chief Auditor** for the **Texas Department of Public Safety**. She has over 25 years of internal audit experience within state government and private sector, where she has managed and conducted performance audits and facilitated process improvement workshops. Susan has focused her career on internal audit—assisting Texas state agencies in achieving their

goals and objectives by partnering with agency leadership and incorporating process improvement methodologies in the audits she oversees. She holds the designations of a licensed Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Government Financial Manager and Certified Government Auditing Professional. She is a trained Lean Six Sigma Black Belt and is also a graduate of the Texas Fiscal Officer's Academy.



## DAVID REPP

David Repp is the **Chief Financial Officer** and **Senior Deputy Director** for the **Texas General Land Office** and **Veterans Land Board**. He holds a Masters of Public Affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. David has been married to a public school teacher for 21 years and has 3 very active kids, 2 boxers, and a chihuahua. David has worked in multiple state agencies including DSHS, the LBB, and HHSC,

where he worked as the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Inspector General prior to his current position, which he started in 2017. He is a graduate of several state training programs including the HHS Executive Leadership Program, TFOA, and the Governor's Executive Development Program. Prior to state service, David served in the United States Army and Army Reserve. David has served around the US and the world, including service in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005 and 2006. David served as a military video journalist, with over 100 combat missions. David earned the Keith L Ware Army Journalism Awards (1st and 2nd place) and was an honorable mention in the Thomas Jefferson journalism awards. He also received multiple awards including the Joint Services Commendation Medal and Combat Action Badge.

# About Your Speakers



## RUDY REY JR.

Rudy Rey Jr. is an award winning **keynote speaker** and **magician** that has dazzled Fortune 500 companies for more than 15 years. His unique blend of teaching and performance empowers industry professionals with actionable steps to become better communicators. Based in Austin, TX, Rudy continues his mission to help others become better speakers in a magical way!



## CLARISSE ROQUEMORE

Clarisse Roquemore's fourteen years with the state includes working in budget and policy with Speaker Craddick, serving as a committee clerk on the House Corrections Committee, acting as a senior research associate on fiscal matters at the Texas Legislative Council, and most recently as the **Assistant Director of Fiscal Management** at the **Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts**.

Clarisse holds dual bachelor's degrees in mathematics and political science, and a master's in accounting from the University of Texas at Austin. Clarisse is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Government Financial Manager. Clarisse currently has the pleasure of serving as a member of the State Agency Council—where she previously served on the board as Treasurer—and supporting the Governor's Commission for Women. She was also a 2020 fellow in the Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution and a 2021 cohort in the Governor's Executive Development Program. Outside of work, Clarisse enjoys her running club, cycling, and other outdoor adventures with her two energetic kids.



## KATHRYN TESAR

Kathryn Tesar joined **ERS** in 2012, bringing more than 20 years of experience in corporate communications. In her current role, she oversees the agency's myriad communications to ERS members and stakeholders. The Benefits Communications team works closely with other ERS divisions and often external groups to ensure key audiences receive accurate, relevant and timely information about the benefits provided through ERS. Before joining

ERS, Kathryn spent almost nine years at Edelman, one of the world's largest communications consulting firms. Working in Edelman's New York and Austin offices, she guided communications efforts for a number of health care organizations and brands, including MD Anderson Cancer Center; LIVESTRONG; Texas Children's Hospital; AstraZeneca's Crestor; and TogetherRx, an unprecedented collaboration between major pharmaceutical companies to provide lower-cost

medications to uninsured and underinsured Americans. The highlight of her work with Edelman was helping to launch Merck's Gardasil, the first-ever cancer prevention vaccine, and raising awareness about the causes of cervical cancer on behalf of the brand. Most of Kathryn's career has focused on health communications, with positions at Hill & Knowlton and a New York-based specialty communications firm. Her experience in the health industry started at The Methodist Hospital System in Houston, where she held a variety of communications-related positions over almost six years. Kathryn received a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Arts in Public Administration from the University of Houston.



## CHELSA VINKLAREK

Chelsa Vinklarek works as the **State of Texas PeopleSoft Product Manager**, branded as **CAPPS**, overseeing product strategy decisions, as well as user experience and the long-term roadmap of the ERP systems. She also serves as the CAPPS HR/ Payroll and Financials User Group Chair and is a member of the Oracle PeopleSoft Customer Advisory Board for their Human Capital Management system. Chelsa has worked for the State

since 2008, serving in a number of capacities, including the original project team that took CAPPS live for HR/Payroll in 2012. Chelsa participates in several division level focus groups to help drive strategy and roadmap decisions for both the legacy and ERP systems at the Comptroller's office. Chelsa is an ITIL Practice Manager and is seeking ITIL Master Certification this June. Chelsa lives in Smithville with her husband, son, and two dachshunds. On weekends you can usually find her at a ballpark watching her son play baseball. She volunteers for several service organizations in her community and is currently running unopposed for a seat on the local school board. Chelsa attended St. Edward's University, majoring in Criminal Justice.

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# About Your Speakers



## MATTHEW WATKINS

Matthew Watkins began serving as **Editor-in-Chief** of the **Tribune** in September 2024. Matthew is a Texas native, born in Houston and raised in Austin. He attended public schools and graduated from Texas A&M University. He's spent nearly two decades in Texas journalism, and previously worked at *The Eagle* in Bryan-College Station and *The Dallas Morning News*. Matthew joined the *Tribune* in 2015 has held various roles, including

higher education reporter, breaking news editor and politics editor. As a managing editor, Matthew has guided the *Tribune's* award-winning journalism and other reporting of statewide significance, including coverage of elections and legislative sessions to major breaking news and ambitious storytelling about the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, the Texas-Mexico border, the tragic school shooting in Uvalde, the impeachment of Texas attorney general and battles over public education. He lives in Austin with his wife, Susan, and their two children.



## TAMMARA WEST

With over 17 years of dedicated service in state auditing, Tammara has honed her expertise across various agencies including the Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Department of Insurance, and the Department of Aging and Disability Services. In her current role as a **Senior Audit Manager** at **DPS**, Tammara is committed to providing excellence in progressive internal auditing through quality-focused innovation and partnership. Tammara holds a

Bachelor of Business Administration from Angelo State University and a Master of Business Administration from Texas State University. She is a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certified Information Systems Professional, and Certified Government Auditing Professional. Tammara contributes to the auditing community as a CIA Item Writer, creating examination content for the Institute of Internal Auditor's (IIA) only globally recognized certification for internal auditors.



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Gayla	Archie	Accountant III	ERS
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Jaurana	Armstrong	Grants Team Lead	DPS
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Valerie	Arnold	Purchaser	TWDB
Perry	Ball	Director of Budget	TWDB
Tyler	Barton	Data Specialist	TDI
Crystal	Bearley	Deputy Director	DFPS
Mary	Beck	Director	PUCT
Megan	Beck	Accountant V	TFC
Ebone'	Bennett	Senior Payroll Accountant	TxDMV
Scott	Bingaman	Executive Director	TFSC
Glenna	Bowman	Chief Financial Officer	TxDMV
Debbie	Brewer	Financial Analyst VI	TFC
Bill	Briggs	Retiree	
Adam	Brown	Assistant Deputy Director	TCEQ
Beth	Bryars	IT Cable Support Specialist	DPS
Katelyn	Burch	Financial Analyst IV	RRC
Katrina	Burch	Director of Financial Reporting	DPS
Melissa	Burkhart	Deputy Commissioner for Administrative Operations	TDI
Jackie	Busch	Financial Analyst III	RRC
Tatiana	Calliham	Accounting Director	DSHS
Anna	Calzada	Expenditure Auditor	CPA
Paul	Campbell	Employee Payments/Accounts Receivable Director	TxDOT
Milagros	Cardenas	Loan Specialist	TWDB
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Ning	Chen	Lead Financial Reporting Accountant	TxDOT
Dinorah	Chiu	Chief Financial Officer	TXRC
Salem	Chuah	Senior Advisor	TMB
Christopher	Churchill	Chief Accountant	SML
Cheryl	Courtney	System Analyst V	DSHS
Tony	Couvillon	Policy Research & Budget Analyst	TDLR
Erin	Crow	Budget Analyst	TWDB
Lawrence	Cruz	Deputy Chief Financial Officer	TVC
Candace	Cutler	Accounts Payable Manager	DPS
Kimberly	Dally	Grants Specialist	RRC
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Evangeland	Dickson	Budget Analyst V	DSHS
Christine	Dixon	Travel Assistant Manager	DPS
Sandra	Dodd	Senior Accountant	OCA
Janisse	Duarte	Leave Accountant	TDI
Analicia	Estrada	Accountant	CPA
Joey	Estrada	Deputy Executive Director	TMB
Eldrisha	Eubanks	Financial Operations Director	TWDB
Samaia	Farag	Expenditure Audit Manager	CPA
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Ashley	Fields	Warehouse Coordinator	TxDMV
Suzanna	Fleegal	Accountant	GLO
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Chantell	Franks	Financial Reporting Manager	GLO
Darryl	Gaona	Contract Administrator	TDLR

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Claudia	Garcia	HR Business Partner	OCA
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Jennifer	Gonzales	Business & Finance Division Director	TDCJ
Courtney	Gore	Budget Analyst V	DSHS
Staci	Gorubec	Human Resources Manager	OCA
Connie	Green	Special Assistant	TCEQ
Mary	Haas	Manager III	DSHS
Valencia	Hadnot	Payroll Officer	OCA
Amanda	Hafer	Accounting Director	RRC
Jeff	Hall	HR Specialist	TDI
Regina	Hall	Accountant	TCEQ
Yolanda	Hall	Deputy Executive Director	TABC
Stephanie	Halliday	CAPPS Financial Trainer	DPS
Olivia	Han	Special Assistant, HR Policy and Lege Analyst	TCEQ
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Greg	Harris	Team Leader	TCEQ
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Chris	Lea	Budget Manager	RRC
Trisha	Linebarger	Director of Business Operations	SAC
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Monica	Lopez	Accountant Supervisor	TVC
Stella	Lopez	Administrative Services Manager	TDLR
Drey	Lord	Appropriation Control Officer	CPA
Megan	Lowary	Accounting Section Director	TxDOT
Ngoc "Alexis"	Luong	Financial Reports Account	TxDOT
Hoa	Ly	Revenue Manager	TDLR
Gina	Marelli	Financial Analyst II	RRC
Beverly	Marquez	Expenditures Lead	TABC
Vanessa	Mayo	Assistant Chief, RSD	DPS
Dylan	McCoy	Budget Director	THC
Melissa	McEntire	Financial Analyst	RRC
Matt	McGray	Budget Analyst	PUCT
Michelle	McInnis	Financial Reporting Manager	DPS
Erica	McNair	Accountant- AP/Payroll/HR	TPFA
Allison	McNeeley	GL Accountant V	DPS
Tetyana	Melnyk	Director, Revenue Estimating	CPA
Yvette	Merritt	Budget Analyst	GLO
Inna	Miller	Budget Analyst	OAG
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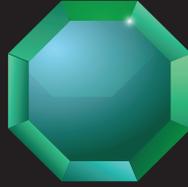
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- DPS -----Department of Public Safety
- DSHS ----Department of State Health Services
- DSML ----Department of Savings and Mortgage Lending
- ERS -----Employees Retirement System
- GLO -----General Land Office
- GOV -----Office of the Governor
- HHSC ----Health and Human Services Commission
- LBB-----Legislative Budget Board
- TAG -----Office of the Adjutant General
- OAG -----Office of the Attorney General
- OCA -----Office of Court Administration
- PUC -----Public Utility Commission
- RRC -----Railroad Commission
- SOS -----Secretary of State
- SWCB ----Soil and Water Conservation Board
- SAO-----State Auditor's Office
- SORM ----State Office of Risk Management
- TSHA -----State Property Tax Board
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- TRS-----Teacher Retirement System
- BHEC-----Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council
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- TDI -----Texas Department of Insurance
- TDLR ----Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
- TxDOT ---Texas Department of Transportation
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- MHMR----Texas Health & Human Services
- THECB ---Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- THC -----Texas Historical Commission
- TMB -----Texas Medical Board
- TMD ----Texas Military Department
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- TPFA ----Texas Public Finance Authority
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- TRC-----Texas Rehabilitation Commission
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- TVC -----Texas Veterans Commission
- TWC ----Texas Workforce Commission
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1990	<b>Byron C. Blaschke</b> , TxDOT	2010	<b>Gordon Taylor</b> , TDADS
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1992	<b>Barney L. Schulz</b> , TSBVI	2012	<b>Melanie Callahan</b> , TWDB
1993	<b>Billy Hamilton</b> , CPA	2013	<b>John Keel</b> , SAO
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1997	<b>Ed White</b> , TYC	2017	<b>Richard Hyde</b> , TCEQ
1998	<b>Albert Hawkins</b> , GOV	2018	<b>Wayne Roberts</b> , CPRIT
1999	<b>Andrew "Drew" Thigpen</b> , TDPRS	2019	<b>Sandra Woodruff</b> , CPA
2000	<b>Mike Regan</b> , CPA	2022	<b>Jeff Walker</b> , TWDB
2001	<b>Jim Beck</b> , SOS	2023	<b>Porter Wilson</b> , ERS
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7th	1976	McAllen	James Sessions, ERS
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25th	1994	Arlington	Larry Janecek, CPA
26th	1995	San Antonio	Larry Zatopek, TxDOT
27th	1996	Galveston	Randi Warrington, TBPE
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29th	1998	Austin	Bo Overstreet, CPA
30th	1999	Galveston	Cheryl MacBride, GLO
31st	2000	South Padre Island	Marie Moore, BRB
32nd	2001	Fort Worth	Jim Smith, TSD
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36th	2005	Corpus Christi	Ronnie Jung, TRS



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43rd	2012	San Marcos	<b>Sanda Woodruff</b> , CPA
44th	2013	Austin	<b>Daniel Benjamin</b> , CPA
45th	2014	San Marcos	<b>Carla James</b> , CPA
46th	2015	San Antonio	<b>Lori Trank</b> , HHSC
47th	2016	Corpus Christi	<b>Paul Campbell</b> , TxDOT
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