

Texas Taxpayers and Research Association
Annual Membership Meeting
Sheraton Austin at the Capitol
701 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONALS IN TAXATION

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

9:30-10:00 am **Registration** (*Capitol Ballroom A-D*)

10:00-12:00 n **On the Tax Front: A Review of Legislative, Administrative and Judicial Issues by the Comptroller's Office**
Mike Reissig, Dep. Comptroller, Moderator *Don Neal, Dep. General Counsel*
Teresa Bostick, Manager, Tax Policy *Nancy Prosser, Tax Administration*
Mike Esparza, Director, Property Tax *Denise Stewart, Mgr., Audit Division*
John Heleman, Chief Revenue Estimator

12:00-1:00 pm **Lunch** (*Capitol Ballroom E-H*)

1:00-2:00 pm **The Outlook for the Texas Economy**
Keith Phillips, Sr. Economist and Policy Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

2:00-3:00 pm **School Finance: Here Comes Da Judge.....Again**
Sheryl Pace, TTARA, Moderator
Honorable Kent Grusendorf, Texans for Real Efficiency and Equity in Education
Honorable Donna Howard, Member, House Appropriations Committee
Joe Wisnoski, Moak, Casey & Associates

3:00-4:00 pm **Property Tax: Dollars and Common Sense**
John Kennedy, TTARA, Moderator
Debbie Cartwright, Olson & Olson, LLC
Kenneth Graeber, Marvin F. Poer and Company
Kenneth Nolan, Chief Appraiser, Dallas Central Appraisal District

4:00-5:00 pm **Franchise Tax: Buyer's Remorse?**
Dale Craymer, TTARA, Moderator
James LeBas, Tax & Fiscal Consulting
Ryan Murphy, Cox School of Business, Southern Methodist University

5:00-6:00 pm **Board of Directors Meeting** (*Capitol View Terrace*)
[Board members only]

6:00-7:30 pm **Chairman's Reception** (*Creekside*)
[All attendees invited]

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- 8:00-8:30 am** **Registration** (*Capitol Ballroom A-D*)
- 8:30-9:00 am** **Business Meeting**
- 9:00 -9:20 am** **Fiscal Issues for the 84th Legislature – A Fresh Approach**
Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Finance Committee
- 9:20 – 9:40 am** **Perspectives on the Comptroller’s Office**
Mike Collier, Democratic Candidate for State Comptroller
- 9:40 -10:20 am** **Tackling the Tough Issues: Triaging the 84th**
Honorable Jim Keffer, Chair, House Energy Resources Committee
Honorable John Otto, Vice Chair, House Ways and Means Committee
- 10:20-10:40 am** **Texas Transportation: Funding the Fast Lane**
Honorable Joe Pickett, Chair, House Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures & Finance
- 10:40 – 11:00 am** **Perspectives on the Comptroller’s Office**
Honorable Glenn Hegar, State Senator, Republican Candidate for State Comptroller
- 11:00-11:20 am** **Rethinking Economic Development Incentives**
Honorable Angie Chen Button, Chair, House Select Committee on Economic Development Incentives
- 11:20-12:00 pm** **Political Prognostications**
George Christian, TTARA, Moderator
Eric Barse, Barse & Company, LLC
Scott Braddock, Quorum Report
Ken Herman, Austin American Statesman
Harvey Kronberg, Quorum Report
Jason Stanford, Stanford Caskey
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- 12:00-1:00 pm** **Luncheon *** (*Capitol Ballroom E-H*)
Honorable Joe Straus, Texas Speaker of the House

* *Del Threadgill Distinguished Tax Professional Award will be presented to Sam Gregson, Manager of U.S. Property Tax for BP America*