



9th Annual Policy Orientation Agenda

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2011 – DAY ONE

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. OPENING DEBATE

Keynote Speaker: Texas Governor Rick Perry

Drawing a Line in the Sand: Federalism and the 10th Amendment

Moderated by Brooke Rollins, President & CEO, Texas Public Policy Foundation

- The Honorable Ted Cruz, Former Texas Solicitor General, Senior Fellow, Center for Tenth Amendment Studies, Texas Public Policy Foundation
- The Honorable Scott McCown, Executive Director, Center for Public Policy Priorities

9:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. CONCURRENT PANEL SESSIONS I

Getting More for Less in Corrections

Moderated by Marc Levin, Director, Center for Effective Justice

- Representative Jerry Madden, Vice Chairman, Corrections Committee
- Senator John Whitmire, Chairman, Committee on Criminal Justice
- Adam Gelb, Pew Center on the States, Public Safety Performance Project
- Pat Lykos, District Attorney, Harris County

Penny Pension: Saving Money on Retirement Costs

Moderated by The Honorable Talmadge Heflin, Director, Center for Fiscal Policy, Texas Public Policy Foundation

- Donna Arduin, Partner at Arduin, Laffer & Moore Econometrics, LLC
- Gary Anderson, Executive Director, Texas Public Employees Association
- Representative Vicki Truitt, Chairman, Pensions, Investments & Financial Services Committee
- Senator Robert Duncan, Chairman, State Affairs Committee

10:55 a.m. – 12:05 p.m. CONCURRENT PANEL SESSIONS II

Health Insurance Exchanges: Good Deal or Raw Deal?

Moderated by The Honorable Arlene Wohlgemuth, Executive Director and Director, Center for Health Care Policy, Texas Public Policy Foundation

- Representative Larry Taylor, Member, Texas House Insurance Committee
- John Goodman, President and CEO, National Center for Policy Analysis
- Jared Wolfe, Executive Director, Texas Association of Health Plans
- Edmund Haislmaier, Senior Research Fellow, Health Policy Studies, The Heritage Foundation

Water We Waiting For?

Moderated by The Honorable Kathleen Hartnett White, Distinguished Senior Fellow-in-Residence and Director, Armstrong Center for Energy & the Environment

- Carlos Rubinstein, Commissioner, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Senator Glenn Hegar, Member, Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture & Rural Affairs
- Jerry Clark, Executive Vice President and General Manager, Sabine River Authority of Texas
- Marvin W. Jones, Attorney, Sprouse, Shrader, Smith, P.C.

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. OPENING LUNCH

Keynote Speaker: U.S. Senator John Cornyn

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. CONCURRENT PANEL SESSIONS III

Fiscal Transparency: Pulling Back the Curtain on Spending

Moderated by Justin Keener, Vice President of Policy and Communications, Texas Public Policy Foundation

- Trent Seibert, Founder and Editor, Texas Watchdog
- Ross Ramsey, Managing Editor, The Texas Tribune
- Keith Elkins, Executive Director, Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas
- The Honorable Talmadge Heflin, Director, Center for Fiscal Policy, Texas Public Policy Foundation

High Expectations for Higher Education

Moderated by Rick O'Donnell, Senior Fellow, Texas Public Policy Foundation

- John Katzman, CEO, 2tor
- Philip Regier, Executive Dean, W.P. Carey School of Business
- Representative Dan Branch, Chairman, Higher Education Committee
- Matt Gamble, Research Assistant, Baseline & Associates

3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. CONCURRENT PANEL SESSIONS IV

Choice or Regulation? Consumer Protection and Markets

Moderated by Bill Peacock, Director, Center for Economic Freedom

- Senator Glenn Hegar, Chairman, Texas Sunset Advisory Commission
- Representative Burt Solomons, Chairman, State Affairs Committee
- Joseph Bast, President and CEO, The Heartland Institute
- Mike Geeslin, Commissioner, Texas Department of Insurance
- The Honorable Michael Murphy, Former Indiana State Representative

The 2011 Balancing Act

Moderated by The Honorable Talmadge Heflin, Director, Center for Fiscal Policy, Texas Public Policy Foundation

- Senator Tommy Williams, Chairman, Transportation & Homeland Security Committee
- Representative Jim Pitts, Chairman, Appropriations Committee
- Representative Craig Eiland, Chairman, Appropriations Sub Committee, Hurricane
- Senator Kirk Watson, Member, Business and Commerce Committee

5:00 p.m. RECEPTION

Keynote Speaker: Texas Lieutenant Governor, The Honorable David Dewhurst



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FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2011 - DAY TWO

8:15 a.m. VIP BREAKFAST*

Keynote Speaker: Arthur Brooks, President, American Enterprise Institute

**This event is exclusive to legislators, sponsors, and their guests*

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. CONCURRENT PANEL SESSIONS V

Making the Textbook Case for More Cost-Effective Schools

Moderated by James Golsan, Education Policy Analyst, Texas Public Policy Foundation

- Senator Dan Patrick, Vice Chairman, Education and Higher Education Committees
- Adam B. Schaeffer, Policy Analyst, Center for Educational Freedom, CATO Institute
- Doug Rogers, Executive Director, Association of Texas Professional Educators
- Representative Scott Hochberg, Chairman, Appropriations-Sub Committee on Education, Vice Chairman, Public Education Committee

Energy Policy at a Crossroads: Mandate or Markets?

Moderated by The Honorable Kathleen Hartnett White, Distinguished Senior Fellow-in-Residence and Director, Armstrong Center for Energy & the Environment, Texas Public Policy Foundation

- Senator Troy Fraser, Chairman, Senate Committee on Natural Resources
- Dale Klein, Commissioner, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Stephen Hayward, F. K. Weyerhaeuser Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
- Paul L. Sadler, Executive Director, The Wind Coalition

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. CONCURRENT PANEL SESSIONS VI

A Healthy Debate: Should Texas Opt to Opt-Out of Medicaid?

Moderated by The Honorable Arlene Wohlgemuth, Executive Director and Director, Center for Health Care Policy

- Tom Suehs, Executive Commissioner, Texas Health and Human Services
- Representative John Zerwas M.D., Chairman, Appropriations-Sub Committee on Health & Human Services
- Dr. Jagadeesh Gokhale, CATO Institute, Senior Fellow
- Anne Dunkelberg, Associate Director, Center for Public Policy Priorities

Border Violence and the Texas Economy

Moderated by Justin Keener, Vice President of Policy and Communications, Texas Public Policy Foundation

- Representative Aaron Pena, Texas House of Representatives
- Steven McCraw, Director, Texas Department of Public Safety
- The Honorable Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff
- The Honorable Raul G. Salinas, Mayor of Laredo

12:15 p.m. CLOSING LUNCH

Opening Remarks: Steven Hayward

Keynote Speaker: Steve Moore

Editor and Senior Economics Writer, The Wall Street Journal