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### **Research group names chairman**

The Texas Public Policy Foundation, a research institute that became prominent last year when Republicans took control of the Legislature, has a new chairman.

Houston businessman William McMinn replaces Wendy Gramm, an economist and wife of retired U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm. She will continue to serve on the board.

Started in 1989 by San Antonio businessman James Leininger, the foundation held seminars for state officials during the 2003 legislative session. The group favors free-market responses to issues ranging from education and transportation to taxes, health care and natural resources.

McMinn had a long career in the chemical industry in Texas.

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