



7TH ANNUAL POLICY ORIENTATION FOR THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

(Draft Schedule: Subject to Change)

9:00 am Kickoff Event: Dreams of a Little Pink House: A Fight for Private Property Rights – Ballroom ABC

Featuring Susette Kelo; Dana Berliner, Institute for Justice; and Jeff Benedict, author *Little Pink House*

10:30am - 11:45 am PANEL SESSION I

Lifting the Veil on Government Spending- San Jacinto West

Moderated by the Honorable Talmadge Heflin, Director, Center for Fiscal Policy

- The Honorable Mark Strama, Vice Chairman, Texas House Civil Practices Committee
- Dr. David Simmons, Superintendent, Richardson ISD
- The Honorable Keith Self, Collin County Judge
- Kristina Rasmussen, Director of Government Affairs, National Taxpayers Union

New Directions for Texas Corrections-San Jacinto East

Moderated by Marc Levin, Director, Center for Effective Justice

- The Honorable John Whitmire, Chairman, Texas Senate Criminal Justice Committee
- The Honorable Jerry Madden, Chairman, Texas House Corrections Committee
- Adam Gelb, Director, Public Safety Performance Project, Pew Charitable Trusts
- Mike Griffiths, Chief Probation Officer, Dallas County

11:30 am - 12:00pm *Little Pink House* Book Signing with author Jeff Benedict

12:00 pm Opening Lunch: Immigration Debate- Ballroom ABCD

Featuring nationally-acclaimed economist Dr. Arthur Laffer and Mark Krikorian, Executive Director of the Center for Immigration Studies.

2:15pm - 3:45pm PANEL SESSION II

Finishing the Job: Completing the move to a File-and-Use Regulatory System- San Jacinto West

Moderated by Bill Peacock, Director, Center for Economic Freedom

- The Honorable Carl Isett, Chairman Texas Sunset Advisory Commission
- The Honorable Ruth Jones McClendon, Chair, Texas House Rules & Resolutions Committee
- Jim Oliver, Director, Texas Windstorm Association
- Steve Pociask, American Consumer Institute

Taking Texas Higher Education to the Next Level -San Jacinto East

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

- The Honorable Dan Branch, Texas House Select Committee on Higher & Public Education Finance
- Scott Caven, Chairman, UT Board of Regents
- Dr. Richard Vedder, Professor of Economics, Ohio University

4:00pm - 5:30pm PANEL SESSION III

Innovation, Educational Excellence, and the Role of Charter Schools- San Jacinto West

Moderated by Brooke Terry, Policy Analyst, Center for Education Policy

- The Honorable Florence Shapiro, Chair, Texas Senate Education Committee
- Tom Torkelson, CEO & Founder, IDEA Charter Schools in Texas
- Linda Bridges, President, American Federation of Teachers
- Paul Vallas, Superintendent, New Orleans Recovery School District

What's the Prescription for Patient-Driven Health Care? -San Jacinto East

Moderated by Justin Keener, Vice President of Policy and Communications

- The Honorable Rob Orr, Texas State Representative
- Dr. Albert Gros, Texas Medical Association
- John Hawkins, Senior Vice President of Government Relations, Texas Hospital Association
- Alison Mitchell, President, Texas Nurse Practitioners

6:00 pm Keynote Dinner with Texas Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst- Ballroom ABCD

Friday, January 23rd

8:00 VIP Breakfast –Speaker to be announced- Ballroom

Exclusive to legislators, sponsors, and their guests.

9:00am - 10:15am PANEL SESSION IV

Margins Tax: Fee or Flee?- San Jacinto West

Moderated by the Honorable Talmadge Heflin, Director, Center for Fiscal Policy

- The Honorable Dan Branch, Chairman, Texas House Select Committee on Higher & Public Education Finance
- The Honorable Ken Paxton, Vice Chairman, Texas House Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform Committee
- James LeBas, Texas Oil and Gas Association
- Kurt Summers, Owner, Austin Generator Services and Chairman, National Federation of Independent Business/Texas Leadership Council

Texas Electricity: Consumer Choice or Regulation? How to Manage Texas' Electricity Market -San Jacinto East

Moderated by Bill Peacock, Director, Center for Economic Freedom

- The Honorable Phil King, Chairman, Texas House Committee on Regulated Industries
- The Honorable Jim Dunnam, Texas State Representative
- Don Ballard, Public Utility Counsel
- Peter Van Doren, CATO Institute

10:30am - 11:45am PANEL SESSION V

Texas Water Markets: Opportunities and Obstacles- San Jacinto West

Moderated by Kathleen Hartnett White, Director, Center for Natural Resources

- The Honorable Kip Averitt, Chairman, Texas Senate Natural Resources Committee
- Bennet Raley, Former Asst Secretary of Water, U.S. Department of Interior and Partner, Trout, Raley, Montano, Freeman & Witwer, P.C.
- Lynn Sherman, Water Policy Expert
- Mary Kelly, Vice President, Environmental Defense Fund

Doing More with Less: The Role of Competition and Privatization in Transportation-San Jacinto East

Moderated by Justin Keener, Vice President of Policy and Communications

- The Honorable Linda Harper Brown, Chair of Budget & Oversight , Texas House Transportation Committee
- The Honorable Deirdre Delisi, Commissioner, Texas Department of Transportation
- Tom Johnson, Executive Vice President, Associated General Contractors of Texas
- Steve Stagner, President, Texas Council of Engineering Companies
- Robert Poole, Director of Transportation Studies, Reason Foundation

12:15 Closing Lunch and Keynote Speech from Texas Governor Rick Perry- Ballroom ABCD

Visionaries Meeting

January 23rd 1:30pm-9:00pm and January 24th 8:00am-9:00am

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