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TALL XVI  
Session 3 – Austin  
January 15-20, 2019

State Government: Issues and Policies  
“Leadership, Legislation, Laws”



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**Monday, January 14, 2019**

**(Hotel stay on your own)**

**4:00 p.m. Pecan Grove Farms and Nursery**  
Nursery & Orchard Tour & Cookout

**484 Berdoll Lane, Cedar Creek, TX 78612**

(located on Highway 71, exactly between Austin and Bastrop, about 20 minutes from Downtown Austin, and about 15 minutes from Austin Bergstrom Airport)

***Hosted by Travis Britt***

**Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

**Lodging: DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel**

303 West 15th St., Austin, Texas | (512) 478-7000 | AustinSuites.DoubleTree.com

**Note: Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Hotel will store luggage if unable to check in early.**

**100% valet parking @ \$35 per day, per vehicle**

**Presiding Members.....Liza Parker & Robert Ward**  
**Attire..... Business**  
**Transportation.....Walk**  
**Breakfast/Lunch.....On Your Own**

9:30 a.m. Be in place on the south side of the Capitol to secure a visible location  
(This event will be standing room only, outside)

11:00 a.m. Oath of Office Ceremony of Governor Greg Abbott and Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick

12:30 p.m. Lunch TBD

Walk to room E2.010 in the capitol annex  
**Convene in Texas State Capitol Annex, Room E2.010**

**Room courtesy of The Honorable John Raney, Texas House of Representatives, District 14**

1:00 p.m. “Responsibilities of State Comptroller and the State’s Revenue Projections”  
**Glenn Hegar Jr., Texas Comptroller**

**Presiding..... Matthew Okeson & Steven Hayes**

1:45 p.m. **The Texas Oil & Gas industry and the mission of the Association**  
**The Honorable Todd Staples**  
President, Texas Oil and Gas Association

2:30 p.m. “Responsibilities and History of the Texas Land Office”  
**George P. Bush, Texas Land Commissioner**

**Presiding Members:..... Michael Lawrence & Casey Crabtree**

- 3:15 p.m. **“The Texas Public Policy Foundation”** ..... **Mr. Bill Peacock**, VP Research  
Texas Public Policy Foundation
- 4:00 p.m. **“Upcoming Legislative Session and Working with the Legislature”**  
**Mr. Joe Cox**, Assistant Vice Chancellor for External Relations,  
Texas A&M AgriLife  
**Mrs. Mary Luedeker**, Program Director for External Relations,  
Texas A&M AgriLife
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Homework Presentations
- 8:00 p.m. 2019 Texas Inaugural Ball - OPTIONAL

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

**Presiding Members:.....Rob Hughes & Kristin Lambrecht**  
**Attire: ..... Business**  
**Transportation:.....Walk**  
**Breakfast: .....On your own**

- 7:45 a.m. Meet in the hotel lobby and walk together to Capitol Annex Room E2.010
- 8:00 a.m. **“Immigration & Border Issues”** .....**The Honorable Ryan Guillen**  
Texas House of Representatives, District 31
- 8:45 a.m. **“The Challenges and Opportunities facing Texas Agriculture” ....**  
**Representative Tracy King**  
Chairman, House Agriculture and Livestock Committee
- 9:15a.m. Break

**Presiding Members:..... Travis Britt & James Plyler**

- 9:30a.m. **“The Issues Facing the Texas and US Beef Industry”**  
**Arthur Uhl**, Second Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer  
Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Assn.  
**Kaleb McLaurin**, Government Affairs Policy Coordination  
Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Assn.
- 10:15 a.m. **Walk to Texas Ag Council meeting**  
*Location: First United Methodist Church/Family Life Center*  
*Address: 1300 Lavaca Street (NOTE: Enter door at Lavaca and 13<sup>th</sup> Street)*
- 11:00 a.m. **Texas Ag Council meeting (see attached agenda)**  
**TALL XIV Cohort International Seminar to China.....Ms. Jennifer Blackburn**
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch - *sponsored by Texas Ag Council*
- 1:15 p.m. Walk to Double Tree Guest Suites Hotel
- 1:30 p.m. TALL Alumni Meeting – Houston Room

**2018 election and the impact of rural Texas..... Mr. Eric Opiela, TALL Alumnus IX  
Business Meeting.....Ms. Jennifer Blackburn, TALL-A President**

3:00 p.m. Tall Advisory Board Meeting (***Board Members ONLY***) - Bluebonnet II Room

5:45 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby and depart in your own personal vehicle for Reception

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<b>Dress: .....</b>	<b>Business</b>
<b>Transportation: .....</b>	<b>Personal Vehicles</b>

## ***“A Tribute to Texas Leadership” - TALL Alumni reception***

Austin Club, 110 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, 512/477-9496.

Parking at 823 Congress Garage

Have your parking ticket validated at the reception by The Austin Club

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6:00 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Program

Opening Comments.....Jim Mazurkiewicz, Ph.D.

Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....Susan Ballabina. Ph.D.

Keynote Address..... The Honorable Dan Patrick  
Texas Lieutenant Governor

Introduction of TALL XVI

Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Foundation Sponsor Recognition  
Parr Rosson, Ph.D.

Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Distinguished Alumnus Award  
*Presented by Jennifer Blackburn, TALL Alumni President*

Texas Agricultural Lifetime Achievement Award  
*Presented by Mr. Jim Prewitt, Chairman, TALL Advisory Board  
EO, Landmark Nurseries, Inc.*

***HONOREE: Mr. Dan Taylor***, President, Bayer Museum of Agriculture  
Owner/Farmer – Buster’s Gin, DLT Farms, Ropesville, Texas

Closing

**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

<b>Presiding Members.....</b>	<b>Matt Thomas &amp; Leanne Wiley</b>
<b>Attire. ....</b>	<b>Business</b>
<b>Transportation.....</b>	<b>Walk</b>
<b>Breakfast.....</b>	<b>On your own</b>

7:45a.m. Meet in the hotel lobby and walk together to Capitol Annex Room E2.010

8:00a.m. **“Duties and Responsibilities of the Railroad Commission of Texas”**  
**The Honorable Christi Craddick**, Chair of the Railroad Commission of Texas

8:45a.m. Representative and Senator Visits

<b>Presiding.....</b>	<b>Kassidy Martin &amp; John Van de Pol</b>
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9:30a.m. **“Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Major Initiatives and Agency Responsibilities”**  
**Mr. Clayton Wolf.....**Division Director of Wildlife,  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

10:15a.m. **The Responsibilities and Duties of the Texas Animal Health Commission**  
**Dr. Andy Schwartz**, TAHC Executive Director

11:00a.m. **"The Responsibilities and Duties of the Texas Association of Counties"**  
**Rick Avery**, County relations officer for TAC  
**Garry Merritt**, General Counsel for TAC

11:45 a.m. Lunch at Capitol Cafeteria (*on your own*)  
**Visit House & Senate Galleries**

<b>Presiding.....</b>	<b>James Uhl &amp; Travis Wilson</b>
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1:30 p.m. Meet in Capitol Annex Room E2.010

1:30 p.m. **“Texas Agriculture and the Responsibilities of the Agency” .... Commissioner Sid Miller**  
Texas Department of Agriculture

2:30 p.m. Break

2:40 p.m. **“The Responsibilities of TCEQ and Upcoming Issues” .... Toby Baker**,  
Executive Director, Texas Commission of Environmental Quality

<b>Presiding.....</b>	<b>Sarah Franklin &amp; Jessica Escobar</b>
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3:15 p.m. **“The Responsibilities of TxDOT and the Importance of Infrastructure and the Funding Sources” .....** **Marc Williams**, Deputy Executive Director

4:00 p.m. **“Farm Bureau 101” .....** **Mr. Si Cook**, Executive Director / COO

5:45p.m. Walk to the Lt. Governor’s Reception Room

**Presiding.....Colt Hoffmann & Sara Lemoine Knox**

6:00 p.m. **Reception at the State Capitol, Lt. Governor’s Reception Room**  
Location: Second Floor, Senate Chamber, Room 2E.16  
East end of building and walk upstairs.

*Lt. Governor’s Reception Room courtesy of  
The Honorable Charles Schwertner, Texas State Senator, District 5*

*Refreshments and Hors d’Oeuvres sponsored by:  
Texas Poultry Federation & Independent Cattle Raisers Association*

**“Insight into the Poultry & Beef Industries”**

**Mr. James Grimm - Texas Poultry Federation, Executive Vice President**  
**Mr. Bill Hyman - Independent Cattle Raisers Association, Executive Director**  
**Mr. Bob Turner – TALL Advisory Board Member**

**“My Journey to State Representative”**

**The Honorable Kyle Kacal - State Representative District 12**  
**The Honorable Ernest Bailes IV – State Representative District 18, TALL XII Alumnus**  
**The Honorable Cody Harris - State Representative District 8, TALL XV Alumnus**

**Friday, January 18, 2019:**

*NOTE: Check out of hotel - be ready to leave immediately after Dr. Grant’s presentation!*

**Presiding Members.....Preston Ingram & DeLinda Hicklen**  
**Attire.....Business Casual**  
**Meeting Location.....Doubletree Guest Suites: Houston I Room**  
**Breakfast..... Served in the Houston I Room**

6:45a.m. Breakfast *sponsored by Texas Association of Dairymen*  
**“An Overview of the Texas Dairy Industry” .....Mr. Darren Turley, TALL XII Alumnus**  
TAC Chair, Texas Association of Dairymen

**NOTE TO PRESIDING MEMBERS:**  
Dr. Grant will have a power point presentation. Presiding members, make sure the following equipment is set up:  
(Dr. Jim will have the equipment. Make sure this is put in his vehicle after the presentation.)  
Flip Chart - TALL projector - TALL laptop | (Hotel will provide screen, A/V table, power strip and extension cord)

8:00 a.m. **“Psychological Types: Practical Applications” ..... Dr. Richard Grant, Psychologist**  
10:00 a.m. Break  
10:15 a.m. **“Psychological Types: Practical Applications” Continued**  
11:45 a.m. Conclude

**MAKE SURE YOU HAVE CHECKED OUT OF HOTEL**

# **West Texas Session Agenda**

**Friday, January 18, 2019**

**Presiding..... Seth Sowder & Liza Parker  
Transportation..... Personal Vehicle**

12:00 p.m. Travel to Sonora, TX in personal vehicles

4:00 p.m. Check in hotel, (Comfort Inn) freshen up | *Address: 311 Hwy 277 North, Sonora, TX 76950*

5:30 p.m. Visit Old Sonora Ice House Ranch Museum | *Address: 202 Water Ave, Sonora, TX 76950*

6:00 p.m. Dinner at Sonora's Historic Train Depot | *Address: 450 East Mulberry, Sonora, TX 76950*  
**Keynote speaker .....Mr. Bob Malone, President & CEO, Sonora Bank**

**Saturday, January 22, 2017**

**Presiding Members.....Katy Slough & Rob Hughes  
Transportation..... Bus**

7:00 a.m. Load bus for travel to Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station

7:30 a.m. Chuck wagon Cowboy Breakfast @ Research Station

8:30 a.m. Welcome & History of Sonora Research Station.....**Dr. Doug Tolleson, Associate Professor**

9:00 a.m. TALT- Texas Agriculture Land Trust .....**Mr. James Oliver, TALL VII  
COO -Texas Agricultural Land Trust**

9:30 a.m. Real Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District.....**Joel Pigg**

10:00 a.m. Break

**Presiding Members..... Sara Lemoine Knox & Leanne Wiley  
Transportation..... Bus**

10:15 a.m. Predation in Edwards Plateau and Hill Country

Wildlife Services District Supervisor..... **Alan Armstead**

Preservation of South West Texas Wildlife .....**Stan Cottle, Member of PSWTW**

11:15 a.m. Diversity in Agriculture: High Cross Vineyard.....**Dr. Erika Campbell, Owner  
X Bar Ranch.....Mr. Stan Meador, Owner & TALL VIII**

**Presiding Members..... Preston Ingram & Steven Hayes**  
**Transportation..... Bus**

12:00 p.m. Chuck Wagon Lunch

1:00 p.m. Tour Facilities:

Information on Breeds of Sheep & Goats.....**Dr. Tolleson**

Wool & Mohair..... **Mr. Seco Mayfield**, Warehouse Manager

1:45 p.m. Discussion & Tour of Prescribed Burning

Pre-post burn with livestock | Tour Burn Sites..... **Dr. Doug Tolleson**

2:30 p.m. Travel back to hotel in Sonora to freshen up

3:45 p.m. Load bus to travel to JL Bar Ranch & Resort

**Presiding Members..... Jessica Escobar & James Uhl**  
**Transportation..... Bus**

4:10 p.m. Tour Ranch Facility

5:00 p.m. Shooting activity

6:30 p.m. Meet & Greet

7:00 -10:00 p.m. Dinner and Program

10:00 p.m. Return to hotel

**Sunday, January 23, 2017**  
**Check Out of Hotel**



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**“Tribute to Texas Leadership” Reception:**



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**TUESDAY DINNER**  
TEXAS BEEF COUNCIL

**LT. GOVERNOR RECEPTION ROOM:**  
TEXAS PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION  
&  
TEXAS POULTRY FEDERATION

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