



Governor Dolph Briscoe Jr.,
Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership
(TALL) Program

TALL XVIII
Session 3 – Austin / Sonora
January 16 – 21, 2023

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



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Monday, January 16, 2022

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

Attire..... Business Casual
Transportation.....Personal Vehicles

4:00 p.m. **Pecan Grove Farms and Nursery**
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)

Nursery & Orchard Tour
Cookout & Presentation

Hosted & Sponsored by:
Travis Britt, TALL XVI - Pecan Grove Farms and Nursery
Blair Krebs, TALL XVII – Texas Pecan Growers Association

9:00 p.m. Depart in personal vehicles for Hotel

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Attire..... Business
Transportation.....Walk
Breakfast.....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

12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
2023 Texas Inaugural: A Taste of Texas

1:15 p.m. Walk to room E2.016 in the capitol annex
Convene in Texas State Capitol Annex, Room E2.016

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

Presiding Members:..... Jake Troutt & Courtney Schmidt

1:30 p.m. **“Responsibilities of State Comptroller and the State’s Revenue Projections”**
Lisa Craven, Deputy Comptroller/Chief of Staff
Comptroller of Public Accounts

2:15 p.m. **“Responsibilities and History of the Texas Land Office”**
Dawn Buckingham, Texas Land Commissioner

3:00 p.m. Break

Presiding Members:..... Jon Cluck & Trent Tyson

- 3:30 p.m. **“How to get your voice heard and how to move the bubble forward”**
Mr. Bill Peacock, Policy Director
Huffines Liberty Foundation & the Energy Alliance, TALL V Alumnus
- 5:30 p.m. Depart for Hotel
- 8:00 p.m. 2023 Texas Inaugural Ball - OPTIONAL

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Presiding Members:..... Jennifer Bremer & Rhett Rabenaldt
Attire: Business
Transportation:.....Walk

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Houston Room
- 7:45 a.m. Meet in the hotel lobby and walk together to Capitol Annex Room E2.016
- 8:00 a.m. **“Responsibilities and duties of the Texas Attorney General and the issues facing Texas.”**
Aaron Reitz, Deputy Attorney General for Legal Strategy
- 8:45 a.m. **“The Challenges and Opportunities facing Texas Agriculture.”**
The Honorable Mary González, Ph.D.
Texas House of Representatives, District 75 & TALL XVII Alumnae
- 9:15a.m. **"Committee Memberships, Responsibilities as a State Senator and issues facing Texas.”****The Honorable Lois Kolkhorst**, Texas State Senator, District 18
- 10:00 a.m. **Walk to Texas Ag Council meeting**
Location: Texas Association of Counties building
Address: 1210 San Antonio St, Austin, TX 78701
- 11:00 a.m. **Texas Ag Council meeting**
TALL XVII Cohort International Seminar to Australia
Blair Krebs, Executive Director - Texas Pecan Growers Association
Joe Patranella, Assistant Vice President Attorney – Capital Farm Credit
- 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
Speaker- Mr. Eric Opiela, Attorney, Fifth Generation Texas Rancher, TALL IX Alumnus
Business Meeting.....Mr. Eric Turpen, TALL-A President
- 3:00 p.m. Tall Advisory Board Meeting (***Board Members ONLY***) – Longhorn Room
- 5:45 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby and depart in personal vehicles for Reception.

Dress: Business
Transportation: Personal Vehicles

“A Tribute to Texas Leadership” - TALL Alumni Reception

Austin Club, 110 East 9th Street, Austin, 512/477-9496.
Parking at 823 Congress Garage

6:00 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Program

Opening Comments.....Jim Mazurkiewicz, Ph.D.
Professor & Leadership Program Director
Governor Dolph Briscoe Jr., TALL Program

Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....Chancellor John Sharp
Texas A&M System

Keynote Address..... The Honorable Dade Phelan
Texas Speaker of the House

**The Governor Dolph Briscoe Jr., Texas Agricultural Lifetime
Leadership (TALL) Foundation 2022 Sponsor Recognition**

Jeffrey Savell, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor & Dean - Texas A&M AgriLife
Rick Avery, Ph.D., Director - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

TALL Distinguished Alumnus Award Recipient

Mr. Terry Hlavinka, TALL X
President & General Manager, Hlavinka Equipment Company

Presented by **Eric Turpen**, TALL Alumni President
Broker at Clift Land Brokers & Mayor-Littlefield, Texas

Texas Agricultural Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

Dr. Charles W. “Doc” Graham
*Owner & Operator Southwest Stallion Station, Graham Land & Cattle
Company, Sunset Livestock Carrier's Inc., &
Wills Prairie Livestock Auction*

Presented by **Marcus Hill**, Chairman, TALL Advisory Board
Chairman & President at AgWorkers

Introduction of TALL XVIII

Closing

Thursday, January 19, 2023

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| Presiding Members..... | Lance Barnett & Zane Thornton |
| Attire..... | Business |
| Transportation..... | Walk |

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Houston Room
- 7:45a.m. Meet in the hotel lobby and walk together to Capitol Annex Room E2.016
- 8:00a.m. **The responsibilities of the Natural Resources Committee and the importance of water to Texas moving forward** **The Honorable Cody Harris**
Texas House of Representatives, District 8, TALL XV Alumnus
- 8:45a.m. **The responsibilities and duties of the Railroad Commission of Texas**
Chairman Christi Craddick - Railroad Commission of Texas

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| Presiding..... | Daniel Alders & Mauricio Garcia |
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- 9:30 a.m. **The responsibilities of the House Ag Committee and Ag Legislation to be discussed this session** **The Honorable DeWayne Burns-** Texas House of Representatives, District 58
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. **Farm Bureau 101** **Mr. Si Cook,** Executive Director & COO- Texas Farm Bureau
- 11:15a.m. **Visit your Representatives.**
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch at Capitol Cafeteria (*on your own*)

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| Presiding..... | Darrell White & Andrew Sprague |
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- 12:50 p.m. Meet in Capitol Annex Room E2.016
- 1:00 p.m. **The Texas Animal Health Commission and potential threats to Texas Animal Agriculture** **Dr. Andy Schwartz, DVM,** Executive Director - TAHC
- 1:45 p.m. **The Texas Oil & Gas Industry, Mission/responsibilities of Texas Oil & Gas Association and the future of energy in Texas**
Neal Carlton, President of TXOGA Insurance Agency, Inc.
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. **Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Duties & Responsibilities**
Craig Bonds, Inland Fisheries Division Director- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

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| Presiding..... | Mark Limon & Jessup Yeaman |
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- 3:45 p.m. **The responsibilities and duties of the Lt Governor, the issues facing our great state and the budget process** **Mr. Mike Morrissey,** Budget Director
- 4:30 p.m. Homework Presentations
- 5:45p.m. Walk to the Lt. Governor's Reception Room

Presiding..... Tillery Simms & Robyn Lemon

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*

6:30 p.m. **Program**
Toby Baker, Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Abbott
“Insight into the Poultry & Beef Industries”
Mr. JC Essler - Texas Poultry Federation, Executive Vice President
Mr. Cooper Little- Independent Cattle Raisers Association, Executive Director

Friday, January 20, 2023:
NOTE: Check out of hotel - be ready to leave immediately after TDA!

Presiding Members..... Kodie Sageser & Addie Stone
Attire..... Business Casual

7:10 a.m. Depart the Double Tree Hotel and walk to the Texas Department of Agriculture
1700 Congress Ave. # 11, Austin, TX 78701
Head west on W 12th St | Slight right | Turn left toward Colorado St |
Turn left toward Colorado St | Turn right onto Colorado St | Turn right onto W 18th St | Destination will be on the right
The main entrance to the building is located on the East side of the Stephen F. Austin Building

7:30 a.m. Breakfast at TDA sponsored by the Texas Association of Dairymen
Darren Turley, Executive Director – Texas Association of Dairymen

8:30 a.m. Texas Department of Agriculture program:
The Honorable Sid Miller, Texas Ag Commissioner
Jason Fearneyhough, Deputy Texas Ag Commissioner
Dan Hunter, Assistant Commissioner for Water and Rural Affairs
Tim Kleinschmidt, General Counsel
Addie Stone, Legislative Affairs and External Relations
Patrick Dudley, Director for Agriculture Commodity Boards and Producer Relations

9:00 a.m. Photo with Texas Ag Commissioner Sid Miller

9:10 a.m. Continue TDA Program

10:00 a.m. Depart TDA for the Double Tree Hotel
MAKE SURE YOU HAVE CHECKED OUT OF HOTEL

10:15 a.m. Depart in personal vehicles for Duchman Family Winery
13308 Ranch to Market Rd 150, Driftwood, TX 78619

10:45 a.m. Tour & Presentation

11:50 a.m. Depart for Lunch at Salt Lick

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch *Sponsored*
- 1:30 p.m. Depart in personal vehicles for Sonora

West Texas Session Agenda

Friday, January 20, 2023

**Presiding..... Ryan Skrobarczyk & Brandon Benton
Transportation..... Personal Vehicle**

**Quality Inn
311 Highway 277 N, Sonora, TX 76950**

- 4:30 p.m. Arrive, check in to hotel and freshen up.
- 5:30 p.m. Visit Old Sonora Icehouse Ranch Museum | *202 Water Ave, Sonora, TX 76950*
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner at Sonora’s Historic Train Depot | *450 East Mulberry, Sonora, TX 76950*
Keynote speaker - Mr. Bob Malone, President & CEO, Sonora Bank

Saturday, January 21, 2023

**Presiding Members..... Thomas McNutt & Tyler Randolph
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. **Water conservation Hill Country / Edwards Plateau Region**
Joel Pigg, Consulting Manager
Real-Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District
- 9:45 a.m. Break

**Presiding Members..... James Dangelmayr & Mauricio Garcia
Transportation..... Bus**

- 10:00 a.m. **Predation in Edwards Plateau and Hill Country**
Michael J. Bodenchuk, State Director, Wildlife Services
- 10:45 a.m. **Preservation of Southwest Texas Wildlife** **Stan Cottle**, Director
- 11:00 a.m. **Diversity in Agriculture** **Dr. Erika Campbell**, Owner- High Cross Vineyard

**Presiding Members..... Jennifer Bremer & Reina Lewis
Transportation..... Bus**

- 11:30 a.m. **Oil & Gas** **David Wallace**, Owner, Rancho Bronco Vineyard
- 12:00 p.m. Chuck Wagon Lunch

- 1:00 p.m. Tour facilities
Information on Breeds of Sheep & Goats
Discussion & Tour of Prescribed Burn sites, Grazing Management research project.
Dr. Tolleson & Dr. Erika Campbell
- 2:30 p.m. Travel back to motel in Sonora to freshen up
- 3:15 p.m. Travel to JL Bar Ranch & Resort
- 3:45 p.m. Tour Ranch Facility
- 4:45 p.m. Shooting activity
- 6:30 p.m. Meet and Greet
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner and Program
Guest Speaker – Mr. Alvin New, BNB Ventures
- 10:00 p.m. Return to hotel.

Sunday, January 22, 2023
Check Out of Hotel & Adjourn

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