



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

**Cohort XIX
Session 5
Houston/Gulf Coast
July 7-11, 2025**

“Exports, Energy, Environment”



Lodging:
HILTON HOUSTON PLAZA/MEDICAL CENTER
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MONDAY – July 7, 2025

Presiding Tim Akers & Michael Cochran
Attire:Business Casual

Hotel Meeting Room Travis A

- 1:00 p.m. **Welcome & Session Overview Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz**
Professor & Leadership Program Director
Texas A&M University
- H-E-B – Product Development Amanda Smith, Manager**
Product Development, H-E-B
Makenzie Supak, Own Brand Manager
Blythe Kubin, Product Development Manager
- 2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 p.m. **Houston City Council Welcome Council Member Mary Nan Huffman**
- 4:00 p.m. Freshen Up for evening session
- 6:00 p.m. Meet in lobby and depart in personal vehicles for dinner
HLSR Boardroom in NRG Center

*Attendees can enter the complex off Kirby Drive at the McNee entrance.
They can tell the security guards they are attending a rodeo event.
Parking is in the Red Lot at the West end of NRG Center. They will enter the glass
doors, go up the escalator and go left toward the Boardroom.*

Presiding Cassidy Nemec & Darci Luensmann
Attire:Business Casual

Drinks Sponsored by HLSR
Dinner Sponsored by Bonfire Restaurants,
President & Owner Oscar & Denise Taylor, TALL Advisory Board & HLSR Assistant
Superintendent

Dinner & Speakers

Chris Boleman – President & CEO, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
Bonfire Restaurant President & Owner Oscar & Denise Taylor
TALL Advisory Board & HLSR Assistant Superintendent

TUESDAY - July 8, 2025

Presiders: **Tony Adkins & Mike Atkinson**
(Responsible for setting up laptop and bringing it with you after the morning session)
Attire: ...Business Casual: NO sleeveless attire and must wear closed toe shoes & no loose objects are allowed above the waistline. Please see detailed notes below.
Transportation **Bus**

Hotel Meeting Room Travis A

7:00 a.m. Breakfast in Meeting room

8:00 a.m. **Engagement Training with Texas Farm Bureau**

Gary Joiner, Director of Communications & **Julie Tomacik**

Communications primer

Where do you go for the truth?

Communications tips

Block answer prep

Mock interviews

11:30 a.m. Lunch in meeting room

12:00 p.m. **King Ranch Enterprises** **Robert Hodgen**, President & CEO

1:30 p.m. Depart via bus for Goya

NOTE:

ALL jewelry MUST be removed before entering the building; Plain wedding bands are the only exception. ALL visitors MUST check in & out at the front office. No loose objects are allowed above the waistline. Shirt pockets cannot contain any loose items. Personal belongings must be left in the reception area. Any object or tool that enters the plant must be properly cleaned and sanitized.

Presiding **Scotta Faulkenberry & Liz Phillips**

2:00 p.m. **Welcome & Overview of Goya**

Mayte Sera Weitzman

Goya Foods of Texas Public Relations Director

Luz Rosario

General Manager for Goya Foods Manufacturing

4:00 p.m. Depart for San Felipe De Austin

4:30 p.m. Guided Museum Tour

5:30 p.m. **Dinner**

6:00 p.m. **Overview of the 89th Texas Legislative Session**

The Honorable Briscoe Cain, Texas State Representative District

7:00 p.m. Depart for hotel

8:00 p.m. Arrive at hotel | Free Evening

WEDNESDAY – July 9, 2025

Presiding: Gage Morris & Brisco Cain
Attire: Business Casual
Transportation: Charter Bus
Breakfast: Pastries at Glueck's Nursery

6:30 a.m. Assemble in hotel lobby

6:45 a.m. Depart via bus to **Glueck's Nursery**

8:00 a.m. **Glueck's Nursery – Operation and Management Overview**

Presiding Lindsay Baerwald & Rachel Hargrove

9:15 a.m. Depart for **Gertson Farms Partnership Headquarters & Lissie Flying Service**

RiceTec, Inc. – Hybrid Seed Rice – Cleaning & Processing Facility

Chris Glueck, Production Representative | TALL XI

10:15 a.m. **Rice Production-Gertson Headquarters-Equipment/Grain
Drying/Flying & Service/Harvesting**

Presiding Rex Brandon & Chase Hampton

11:15 a.m. Depart for **Hlavinka Equipment** in East Bernard

11:30 a.m. **Hlavinka Case IH Exports/Equipment/Modern Technology**

Terry Hlavinka, Owner/Partner/TALL XII Alumnus

12:30 p.m. Depart for Hungerford – **JD Hudgins and Goudeau Farms**

1:15 p.m. **Lunch & Speaker**.....**Coleman Locke**, President, J.D. Hudgins

1:45 p.m. **Tour Goudeau Farms**..... **Michael Goudeau**, Partner | TALL XII

2:15 p.m. **Tour JD Hudgins, Inc.**..... **John Coleman Locke**, Partner/TALL XV

2:45 p.m. Depart for tour of fish farm

Presiding: McCrae McCormick & Jaylen Wallace

3:15 p.m. **Tour of fish farm**.....**Mark Kubecka**, Partner/TALL XII

4:00 p.m. Travel to Prasek's Hillje Smokehouse

Presiding Kody Cox & David Derry

4:15 p.m. **Prasek's Hillje Smokehouse Tour & Overview**

5:45 p.m. Depart for Hotel

7:15 p.m. Arrive at Hotel | Free Evening

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Presiding: **Ross Vinson & Hunter Pott**
Attire: **Business Casual**
Transportation: **Charter Bus**
Breakfast: **On Your Own**

6:30 a.m. Breakfast on your own

6:45 a.m. Assemble in hotel lobby

7:00 a.m. Depart via bus for **Port of Houston** | Bayport Administration Building

Meeting Room: **Wheelhouse Conf. Room**

8:00 a.m. **Welcome / PHA Overview / Mission**

PHA Trade and Initiatives **Ricardo Arias**

Channel Development / Dredging **Amanda Hamrick & Jose Tapia**

PHA Environmental Initiatives **Kelli Gallagher**

Security Initiatives at the Port **Patrick Mortell**

Container Terminal Operations **Carrie Garza**

11:00 a.m. Depart by bus for **Cargill**

Lunch on bus

Presiders: **Ethan Westfall & Thomas Hicklen**

11:30 p.m. **Cargill Tour & Overview** **Sean Ryan**, Plant superintendent

1:15 p.m. Depart for **Greater Houston Partnership**

Presiding: **David Cortez & Nicholas Slough**

2:30 p.m. **Economic Impact of the Great Houston Region and International Investment & Trade**..... **Jeffrey Blair**, Senior Director

International Investment & Trade in Europe, Middle East, & Africa

3:30 p.m. **Overview of World Affairs Council of Greater Houston**

Ronan O'Malley, Chief Programs Officer

Director of the Global Affairs & U.S. Foreign Policy Institute

4:30 p.m. Depart for Hotel

5:00 p.m. Arrive at Hotel

Dinner on your own

6:45 p.m. Depart in **personal vehicles** for night rides, please carpool

Edward A. Thomas Houston Police Headquarters Building

1200 Travis St. Houston, TX 77030

Contact: Sgt. T. Hicks | 713-308-1863

Jennifer will send assignments as they are received

Attire:

Wear comfortable slacks/khakis, comfortable rubber soled shoes. **NO blue jeans.**

We need to look professional but be comfortable.

NOTE: Bring money for snack, etc

HPD Note: The participants' attire should be business casual, no law enforcement insignias, and no firearms, regardless of whether the participants' have a Concealed Handgun License (CHL). Visible tattoos should be covered, and body piercing removed, excluding a single pair of earrings for female participants.

- NO neckties, NO purses, NO bags, NO backpacks
- NO cameras, NO knives, NO guns, NO tape recorders, NO interviews
- **NO alcohol consumption prior to HPD Ride-Along Program**

7:10 p.m. Arrive and park in secured parking garage

7:20 p.m. Meet in the lobby of the Police Headquarters Building
Sergeant J. Uribe will meet you and escort the group to the 22nd floor for a short briefing and a word from Chief J. Noe Diaz and Executive Assistant Chief A. Guzman

8:30 p.m. Night Rides begin

11:00 p.m. Make a night shift roll call at a nearby police sub-station

11:45 p.m. Continue Night Rides

4:00 a.m. Night Rides Conclude

FRIDAY - July 11, 2025

10:00 a.m. **Session Adjourned**

Check out of hotel by 11am