

2012 TAMS Conference Program
Marriott Plaza San Antonio

Friday, December 14th

8:00 – 8:30 am TAMS Executive Committee Meeting (Officers) – Primavera A&B

8:30 – 10:30 am TAMS Board Meeting – Primavera A&B

9:00 am – Noon Registration – Hidalgo Foyer

All sessions on Friday and Saturday will be held in Hidalgo B&C.

Exhibitors and the Reception will be in Hidalgo A.

Box lunches will be available in Hidalgo A on Friday beginning at 11:45am.

11:00 – 11:45 am Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Wendy Davis, SD 10

12:00 – 12:15 pm Welcome and Introductions

12:15 – 1:30 pm Topic: **Legislative Outlook: School Finance, Ramifications of Budget Cuts & Medicaid, STAAR, TRS, & Charter Schools**

Presenters: The Honorable Donna Howard, HD 48
The Honorable Diane Patrick, HD 94
The Honorable Mark Strama, HD 50

Moderator: Marty De Leon

1:30 – 2:45 pm Topic: **How the Education Community Can Make A Difference in Elections and the Legislature: Panel of Freshmen Legislators Endorsed by Parent PAC**

Presenters: The Honorable Trent Ashby, HD 57
The Honorable Cecil Bell, HD 3
The Honorable Ken King, HD 88

Moderator: Mary Lookadoo, Retired Mineola Superintendent and Candidate for State Representative, HD 5

2:45 – 3:00 pm Break

3:00 – 3:45 pm Topic: **Update on Senate Education Committee's Interim Charge Regarding Regional Education Service Centers**
Presenter: The Honorable Kel Seliger, SD 31
Chair of ESC Subcommittee

3:45 – 4:45 pm Topic: **Working Together to Strengthen ESC's**
Presenters: Linda Villarreal, ESC 2 Executive Director
Ken McCraw, TACS Executive Director
Don Rogers, TREA Executive Director

Moderator: Keith Bryant, TAMS President

4:45 – 5:30 pm Reception: **Sponsors Exhibits Viewing and Hospitality Reception**
Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar

Saturday, December 15th

7:30 – 8:45 am **Breakfast Program: Joint Interim Public School Finance Committee**

Presenter: The Honorable Jimmie Don Aycock, HD 54
Co-Chair of Joint Committee

8:45 – 9:30 am **Topic: State Board of Education**

Presenter: The Honorable Thomas Ratliff, SBOE District 9

9:30 – 9:45 am Break

9:45 – 10:15 am **Topic: AYP: Adoption, Legal Challenge, Enforcement & Legislative Implications**

Presenter: Jim Thompson, James C. Thompson, PLLC
Eddie Bland, Bridgeport ISD Superintendent
Ken McCraw, TACS Executive Director

Moderator: Keith Bryant, TAMS President

10:15 – 11:00 am Topic: **School Finance Litigation Update**

Presenter: David Thompson, Thompson & Horton LLP Thompson

11:15am – 12:30pm ESC Lunch Victoria's.

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