

**2016 TAMS Legislative Conference Program**  
Hyatt Lost Pines

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

6:00 – 7:30 pm      Cocktail Reception sponsored by Eidex - The Scribes Club

Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

8:00 – 8:30 am      TAMS Executive Committee Meeting (Officers) – Austin Colony

8:30 – 10:30 am     TAMS Board Meeting – Austin Colony

9:00 – 11:30 am     Registration – Baron’s ABCD Foyer

**All sessions on Friday and Saturday will be held in Baron’s ABCD.**

**Exhibitors and the Friday Reception will also be in Baron’s ABCD.**

11:30 – 11:45 am     Welcome and Introductions

11:45 am – 1:00 pm   Luncheon Program

Topic:      2016 Election Analysis and What It Means Where We  
Are, Where We're Going -- Insight into the 85th Legislature,  
Public Education, and School Finance

Interview:   Evan Smith, Editor in Chief, CEO, and co-founder of the Texas  
Tribune will interview State Comptroller Glenn Hegar, House  
Public Education Chairman Jimmie Don Aycok and House  
Appropriations Chairman John Otto

1:00 – 1:30 pm

Topic:      Dual Credit, Early High School, Transfer and Cost of Credits  
Presenter:   Dr. Harrison Keller, Deputy to the President for Strategy and  
Policy at The University of Texas at Austin and former director of  
research for the Texas House of Representatives and senior  
education policy analyst for the speaker of the Texas House.

1:30 – 1:45 pm

Break

1:45 – 2:15 pm

Topic:      Importance of the Mid-size Formula and Likely House Position on  
Governance and Mandates

Presenter:   Rep. Dan Huberty, HD 127, Chair of S/C on Educator Quality,  
Member of Public Education and Calendars

2:15 – 2:45 pm

Topic:      STAAR and School Choice

Presenter:   Sen. Kel Seliger, SD 31, Member Education and Finance, Chair  
Higher Education

2:45 – 3:15 pm

Topic:      Pflugerville School Finance Model

Presenter:   Dr. Kenneth Adix, CFO Pflugerville ISD

3:15 – 4:00 pm      Topic:      Importance of the Mid-size Formula, Grading A-F, What You Can Do to Make Education a Priority in the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
Presenter: Rep. Gary VanDeaver, HD 1, Member Appropriations, Public Education, S/C on Article III Appropriations and Educator Quality

4:00 – 5:00 pm      Sponsors Exhibits Viewing and Hospitality Reception  
Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 – 9:00 am      Breakfast Program  
Topic:      School Finance and the 185<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session  
Presenter: Rep. Donna Howard, HD 48, Member of Appropriations, S/C on Article III Appropriations, Vice Chair of Higher Education

9:00 – 9:30 am      Topic:      The Importance of the Mid-size Formula and Will School Finance Be a Priority in the Appropriation Process  
Presenter: Rep. JD Sheffield, Member Appropriations

9:30 – 9:45 am      Break and Exhibitor Viewing

9:45 – 10:45 am    Topic:      Interim Legislative Report and Update on Diseconomy of Scale Report  
Presenter: Ellen Williams, TAMS Lobbyist

10:45 – 11:15 am    Topic:      Making Public Education a Priority in the Senate  
Presenter: Senator Kirk Watson, Member Finance

11:30 am – 12:30 pm Lunch for ESC Staff -- Austin B

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