

**2017 TAMS Conference Program**  
Hyatt Lost Pines

Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

6:00 - 7:30pm      Cocktail Reception sponsored by Eidex, Performance Services, & Sodexo – Scribes Club

Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

8:00 - 8:30am      TAMS Executive Committee Meeting (Officers) – Ranger Room

8:30 - 10:30am    TAMS Board Meeting – Ranger Room

9:00 - 11:30am    Registration – Lost Pines 1-2-3-4 Foyer

**All sessions on Thursday and Friday will be held in Lost Pines 1-2-3-4.**

**Exhibitors and the Thursday Reception will also be in Lost Pines 1-2-3-4.**

11:45am - 12:00pm              Welcome and Introductions

12:00 - 1:00pm      Luncheon Program

Topic:              Where We Are and Where We Are Going  
Politics and Meaningful School Finance Reform in the Wake of Hurricane Harvey  
Presenters:        Sen. Kel Seliger (SD 31) Member Education and Finance, Chair Higher  
Education  
Interviewed by Evan Smith, Editor in Chief, CEO, and co-founder of the  
Texas Tribune

1:00 - 1:45pm      Topic:              ASATR, TRS, Teacher Pay, and Charter Schools  
Presenter:        Rep. Ken King (HD 88, Chair S/C Public Educator Quality)

1:45 - 2:00pm      Break and Exhibitor Viewing

2:00 - 2:45pm      Topic:              Impressions of 85th Legislative Session on School Finance and Local  
Control  
Presenters:        Representatives Ernest Bailes (HD 18) and Lance Gooden (HD 4, Member  
Public Education)

2:45 - 3:15pm      Topic:              Role of Appropriations Committee in Percentage of Budget for Schools and  
Percentage of Funding by the State vs. Local Taxes  
Presenter:        Rep. J.D. Sheffield (HD 59, Member Appropriations)

3:15 - 4:00pm      Topic:              Tell It Like It Is: Breakdown of the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session and Planning  
NOW for the 86<sup>th</sup>.  
Presenter:        Ellen Williams, TAMS Lobbyist

4:00 - 4:15pm      Topic:              The Pathways in Technology Early College High School Advisory Council  
Presenter:        Dr. Keith Bryant, Superintendent of Lubbock-Cooper, Past President of  
TAMS, and P-Tech Advisory Council Member

4:15 - 5:00pm      Sponsors Exhibits Viewing and Hospitality Reception  
Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar

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

- 8:00 - 9:00am      Breakfast Program  
Golden Apple Award: Chairman Dan Huberty  
Topic:            School Finance, Property Tax Reform, and the Commission on School Finance:  
                         A House and Senate Divided  
Presenter:       Chairman Dan Huberty (HD 127)
- 9:00 - 9:45am      Topic:            An Overall Perspective of the 85<sup>th</sup> and Making a Difference in the 86<sup>th</sup>  
Presenter:       Rep. Gary VanDeaver (HD 1, Member Public Education, Appropriations,  
                         S/C on Article III, S/C on Educator Quality)
- 9:45 - 10:00am    Break and Exhibitor Viewing
- 10:00 - 10:30am    Topic:            Electing Legislators Who Pledge Support for Meaningful School Finance  
                         Reform  
Presenter:       Rev. Charles Foster Johnson, Founder and Executive Director of Pastors for  
                         Texas Children  
Guest:            Scott Milder, CEO: Friends of Texas Public Schools &  
                         Republican Candidate for Lt. Governor
- 10:30 - 11:00am    Topic:            Shifting the Emphasis from Testing and the Truth About Vouchers  
Presenter:       Former Rep. Marsha Farney and Founder TX Public School Proud
- 11:15am - 12:30pm      Lunch for ESC Staff and TAMS Officers in the Ranger Room.

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