

**Biennial Legislative Communication Conference:
Preparing for the 86th Legislature
Agenda**

Wednesday, October 17, 2018
Austin, Texas

8:00 a.m. Conference Check-in

Conference Moderator: **Mary Scott Nabers**, *President/CEO, Strategic Partnerships, Inc.*

8:30 a.m. Welcome
Angela Evans, *Dean, LBJ School of Public Affairs*

8:40 a.m. Opening Keynote – Texas Economic Outlook & Budget Prognosis
Glenn Hegar, *Comptroller of Public Accounts*

9:10 a.m. 2020-21 Budget
Moderator: Sherri Greenberg, *Clinical Professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs*
Representative John Raney, *Vice-Chair, Higher Education, Appropriations*

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. Priorities of the 86th Legislature
Moderator: Patricia Shipton, *Chief of Staff, Office of the Speaker of the House*
Representative Todd Hunter, *Chair, Calendars*

10:30 a.m. Key Budget Issues
Moderator: Ursula Parks, *Director, Legislative Budget Board*
Sarah Hicks, *Budget Director, Office of the Governor*

11:10 a.m. Hurricane Harvey Impact on the State Budget and the Texas Economy
John Sharp, *Chancellor, The Texas A&M University System*

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:15 p.m. Afternoon Keynote – Hometown Perspective
Senator Kirk Watson, *Finance Committee*

1:45 p.m. Working with the State Leadership Offices – Expectations, Preparation and Delivery
Moderator: The Honorable Kent Caperton, *Former Texas State Senator, Strategic Partnerships, Inc.*
Walter Fisher, *Legislative Director, Office of the Governor*
Darrell Davila, *Chief of Staff, Office of the Lt. Governor*

- 2:15 p.m. The Enemy is Out There: Cybersecurity Issues in State Government**
Moderator: *Nancy Rainosek, Chief Information Security Officer, Texas Department of Information Resources*
Representative Giovanni Capriglione, Appropriations
Todd Kimbriel, Deputy Executive Director, Texas Department of Information Resources
- 3:00 p.m. Break**
- 3:15 p.m. Success in Contracting and Procurement Engagements**
Moderator: *Gay Erwin, Vice President of Public Affairs, Strategic Partnerships, Inc.*
Hershel Becker, Chief Procurement Officer, Texas Department of Information Resources
Robert Wood, Associate Deputy Comptroller for Operations and Support, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- 4:00 p.m. Pundits and Their Predictions for the 2019 Session**
Moderator: *Gay Erwin, Vice President of Public Affairs, Strategic Partnerships, Inc.*
Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor, The Texas Tribune
Harvey Kronberg, Editor, The Quorum Report
R. G. Ratcliffe, Politics Editor, Texas Monthly
- 4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks**
Joyce Sparks, Director of the Office of Professional Development and Director of the Governor's Center for Management Development
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn**