

**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*  
**Senator Royce West**, *Vice-Chair, Higher Education, Finance*  
**Representative John Raney**, *Vice-Chair, Higher Education, Appropriations*

**9:45 a.m. Break**

**10:00 a.m. Priorities of the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature**  
**Moderator: Patricia Shipton**, *Chief of Staff, Office of the Speaker of the House*  
**Senator Paul Bettencourt**, *Vice-Chair, Intergovernmental Relations*  
**Senator Donna Campbell**, *Chair, Veterans Affairs and Border Security*  
**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: Mary Scott Nabers**, *President/CEO, 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: Mary Scott Nabers**, *President/CEO, 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**, *Head of the Office of Professional Development and Director of the Governor's Center for Management Development*
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn**