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LONE STAR LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT



April 4 - 5, 2024
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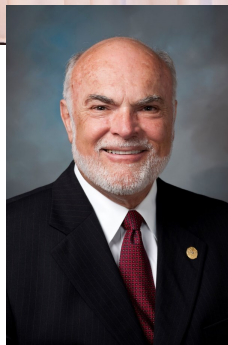
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LSLS2024 Agenda

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Thursday, April 4, 2024

The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center, 200 N. Fredonia St.

- 5:00 pm **Lone Star Reception**
- 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm **Media Madness – The Runup to Runoffs and Beyond!**
Banita Room
Moderator: Josh Edwards, Managing Editor, The Daily Sentinel
Media Panel- Scott Braddock, Quorum Report; Alex Samuels, Texas Monthly;
Zach Despart, Texas Tribune, TBD

Friday, April 5, 2024

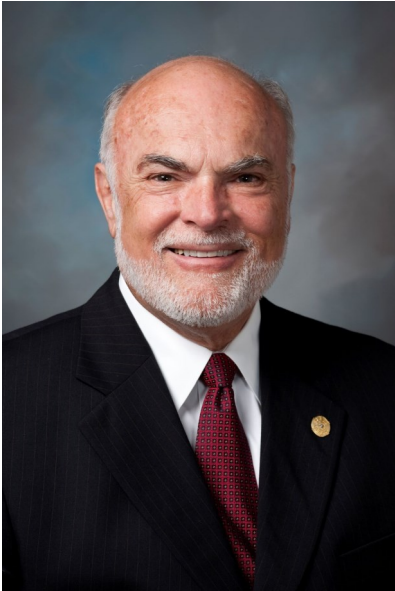
Stephen F. Austin State University Baker Pattillo Student Center

- 7:00 am Registration and Check-in
- 7:30 – 8:00 am Kick Off Breakfast Served - TWILIGHT BALLROOM Baker Pattillo Student Center
- 7:50 am **LSLS Kick Off Breakfast Program Begins**
Sponsor - Chevron USA
- 8:15 am **Breakfast Speaker Dr. Dawn Buckingham, Texas Land Commissioner**
- 8:50 – 9:00 am (Break - program moves to SFA THEATER)
- 9:00 am **Session One “Yearn to Learn & Learn to Earn: The Future of Education and Workforce Development”**
Moderator - Les Linebarger, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer, Nacogdoches ISD
Panelists - Senator Royce West; Representative Ernest Bailes; TBD
Sponsor - Raise Your Hand Texas
- 9:50 – 10:00 am Break
- 10:00 to 10:50 am **Session Two “Critical Condition: The Landscape and Trends for Healthcare in Texas”**
Moderator - Kevin Lambing, CMSgt (ret), USAF, TLL Temple Foundation
Panelists - Senator Kelly Hancock; Representatives Christian Manuel, David Cook, Stan Lambert
Sponsor - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas
- 10:50 – 11:00 am Break
- 11:00 am **Speaker - Steven D. Alvis, Texas Transportation Commissioner**
- 11:15 – 11:50 am **Session Three “Build It and They Will Come: The Future and Impact of Infrastructure and Investment in Texas”**
Moderator - Lonnie Hunt, Executive Director, DETCOG & Economic Development District
Panelists - Senator Robert Nichols; Representatives Trent Ashby, Jay Dean, Cody Harris
Sponsor - Texas Electric Cooperatives
- 11:50 am – 12:00 pm Break: move to GRAND BALLROOM Luncheon begins
- 12:00 – 1:10 pm **Keynote Speaker: US Congressman Pete Sessions, Texas 17th District**
- 1:15 pm LSLS Concludes

Revised – March 23, 2024 *subject to change*



Welcome from Co-Hosts



Robert Nichols

State Senator, District 3

I'm honored to co-host the 9th Biennial Lone Star Legislative Summit in Nacogdoches along with Rep. Travis Clardy. I would like to thank the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce, Chamber President Kelly Augustine, committee chairs Donna Finley and Ted Smith for their efforts arranging this summit. I would also like to thank The Fredonia Hotel, Stephen F. Austin State University, sponsors, and the many volunteers it takes to put on this event.

I would especially like to thank Commissioner Dawn Buckingham for being here to kick off our summit as our Breakfast Speaker and Congressman Pete Sessions, who will be our keynote speaker.

I'm excited to take the next few days to connect with each of you about issues that are important to you and I'm hopeful that you will take this opportunity to learn more about what's going on in state and national politics. Over the course of this summit, we will hear from a variety of lawmakers and business leaders as they discuss education, workforce development, healthcare, infrastructure, and more. Attendees have the opportunity to engage with state leaders who make decisions about important issues that impact Texans across the state.

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Travis Clardy

State Representative, District 11

I'm thrilled to welcome our guests and sponsors to Nacogdoches for the 2024 Lone Star Legislative Summit! The enthusiasm with which representatives and senators from across the state have accepted our invitation to East Texas is truly inspiring.

Proudly, we welcome state legislators to gather outside of Austin in the forest country of East Texas, and I'm eager for the conversations that will take place on diverse topics from education and rural health care to infrastructure. Texas faces numerous challenges, and it's vital that we engage in meaningful discussions outside the state Capitol building to discover solutions tailored to our uniqueness.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to Commissioner Dawn Buckingham of the Texas General Land Office and U. S. Congressman Pete Sessions of the 17th Congressional District for graciously agreeing to be our keynote speakers.

Furthermore, I want to express appreciation for the outstanding efforts of the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce's board members and staff. Their dedicated preparation has been instrumental in organizing this summit. Without their commitment, such an event wouldn't be possible.

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LSLS2024 Speakers



U.S. Congressman Pete Sessions

Texas 17th District

Pete Sessions believes the United States of America is the greatest country on Earth. As well, he is a strong advocate for civility among our elected officials. As a member of the 118th Congress, Pete has been a voice of balance, reason, and common sense.

Born and raised in Waco, Texas, Pete attended Waco public schools until the ninth grade, when his family moved to Washington D.C.

In Washington, Pete's father led a successful career as a Federal District Judge and became the 4th Director of the FBI, after being nominated by President Ronald Reagan. His leadership impressed a sense of duty and integrity within Pete, for all positions of public service—elected and unelected.

Pete returned to Texas to attend Winston Churchill High School in San Antonio. Afterward, he went to Southwestern University and graduated in 1978. Post college, Pete began working for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. He never missed a day of work; and after a 16-year career, Pete took early retirement as District Manager.

During his 24 years in Congress, Pete has been an integral player within the Republican Party.

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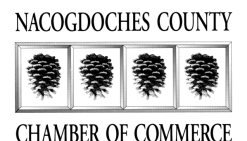
He served in Republican Party leadership for 10 years and helped the Republican House majority balance the federal budget four years in a row, from 1998 to 2001. He was Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) from 2009 through 2012, directing the party to regain the majority in the House, with a net 63-seat victory in 2010. From 2013-2019, Congressman Sessions served as Chairman of the House Committee on Rules, where he revived bipartisan efforts, and accelerated the Republican agenda in the House of Representatives.

Since record-keeping began in 1973, no member of the Texas delegation in the U.S. House has passed more legislation off the House floor than Congressman Sessions. Notably, he sponsored and passed the Border Tunnel Task Force Act as a directorate to identify illegal tunneling operations on the southern border. As well, one of Pete's largest accomplishments is his sponsorship and passage of the Family Opportunity Act, which allows families of medically stressed children to receive the needs of complete healthcare. The bill became law in 2006 after Congressman Sessions and his son Alex worked with President Bush.

Throughout his life, Pete has been very involved in his community. He, his father, and two sons are Eagle Scouts. For many years Pete has served in various national and local leadership roles with the Boy Scouts of America, disability assistance, and local conservation groups. As well, he served on the Board of Trustees of his alma mater, for twelve years.

Congressman Sessions lives in his hometown of Waco, Texas, and is married to Karen Sessions. He is the proud father of two sons, Bill and Alex, and three stepsons, Conor, Liam, and Nicholas.

Congressman Sessions is extremely active in his community and is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Waco.



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Dawn Buckingham, M.D.

Texas Land Commissioner

Dr. Dawn Buckingham's family was among the first settlers to Texas seven generations ago, and that tough, independent, pioneer spirit is deeply rooted in her personality. Her commitment to service began early, serving as a volunteer firefighter, and attending the Texas A&M Fire School. She is also an avid hunter, outdoorswoman and steward of the land. She made history in 2016 as the first woman elected to the Texas State Senate from Travis County and again made history in 2022, winning a statewide election to become our state's first female Land Commissioner.

It was during college at UT-Austin that she met the love of her life and husband of 30 years, Ed Buckingham. Dawn and Ed both received their medical degrees from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, went on to have two children and start successful medical practices.

Dawn's commitment to service and recognition for her work has allowed her to hold leadership positions in local, state and national medical organizations over the years. She has risen above her circumstances to become a self-made small business owner, serving others in her profession and as an elected official, and always giving back to her community.

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Steven D. Alvis

Texas Transportation Commissioner

Steven D. Alvis is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. He was appointed commissioner by Governor Greg Abbott on March 21, 2023. Alvis, who lives in Hockley, Texas, was appointed to serve on the Commission for a term set to expire Feb. 1, 2029.

Alvis is the co-founder and managing partner of New Quest Properties. He started NewQuest Properties in 1985 and has used his real estate experience to develop retail centers throughout Texas and southwest states. Today, NewQuest Properties currently represents more than 75 national, regional, and local tenants, having developed over 15 million square feet with a portfolio in excess of \$2 billion. NewQuest Properties is the largest privately held shopping center developer in Texas.

Alvis received his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University. He is currently a member of the YPO Gold Houston Chapter (Young President's Organization), the Chief Executives Organization, and the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC). Alvis served on Lt. Governor Dan Patrick's Transportation Advisory Board, and in 2017, the Lt. Governor appointed him to the Texas Facilities Commission. In December 2020, Governor Greg Abbott appointed Alvis to the position of Chairman of the Texas Facilities Commission. Alvis also served on the Board of Economic Development for Waller County.

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LSLS2024 Speakers

Texas Senate



Kelly Hancock

District 9

County: Tarrant

Committees: Veteran Affairs - Chair, Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs - Vice Chair, Finance Health & Human Services, Natural Resources & Economic Development, Transportation, Redistricting, Special

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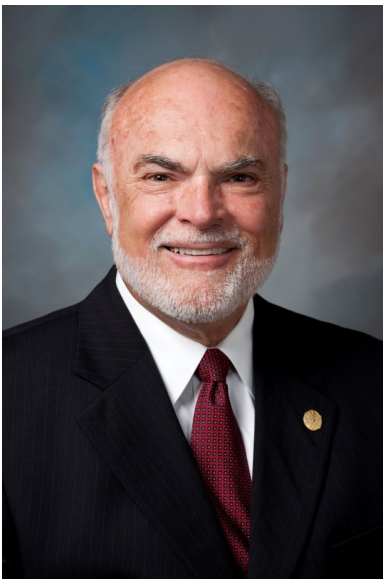
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Robert Nichols

District 3

Counties: Anderson, Angelina, Cherokee, Hardin, Henderson, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler

Committees: Transportation - Chairman, Business & Commerce, Finance, Local Government, Grid Reliability Legislative Oversight Committee, Redistricting

Web site: nicholsforsenate.com

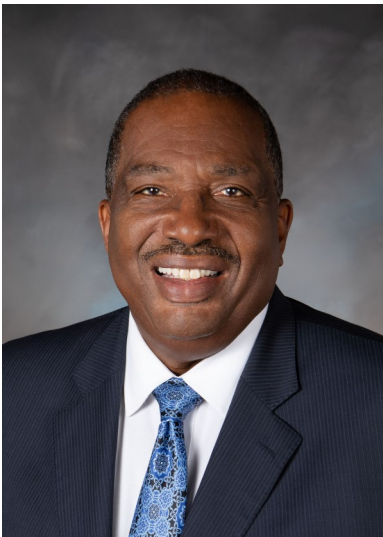
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Royce West

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Local Government, Redistricting - Special

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Texas House of Representatives



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Stan Lambert

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Media Madness

The Runup to the Runoffs and Beyond!



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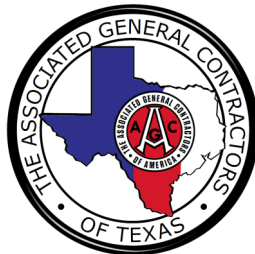
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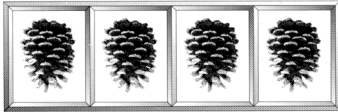
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