

# Training / Seminar Approval Form

Department Name: Auditor's Office

Seminar Name: 2023 Legislative Conference

Purpose: Continuing Education

Place: Austin, TX

Date: 08.30.23 - 09.01.23

**Who Will Be Attending:**

Steve Watson  
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**This Training/ Seminar is necessary for the following reasons:**

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Required continuing education       | <input type="checkbox"/> Job training           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve work performance | <input type="checkbox"/> Required certification |

**Attach Registration Form and Complete the following information:**

Amount of registration \$ 275.00 Date registration is due 03.27.23

- Return check to department head  
 Request Treasurer to mail check with registration

If an advance is requested, attach a completed Johnson County Travel Form.

Department Head Signature:



**\*SEND FORM TO COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE\***

COMMISSIONERS COURT

RECEIVED BY COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Approved**

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONER'S COURT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# TAC Legislative Conference

August 30 - September 1, 2023

(In person or online)

Fairmont Austin Hotel

101 Red River St.

Austin, TX 78701



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(<https://imis.county.org/imis/Event.aspx?EventKey=23PANNUAL>)

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In response to your feedback, we again will present this year's TAC Legislative Conference as a hybrid event (in person or online). We hear you and understand the demand to expand our services and offer multiple ways for you to connect with us.

Join us in person or online Aug. 30-Sept. 1 as we continue to explore new ways to share important information with you and your county.

The Texas Association of Counties' Legislative Conference offers county officials and staff unique opportunities to become more involved in the Texas legislative process. It is a time to learn how state lawmakers view pressing county issues and share how those views and issues affect local constituents.

Join your peers in public service from across the state, either in person or virtually, at the premier conference for county government in Texas to get in-depth analysis of what transpired during the 88th Legislature. The conference focuses on important policy issues and how they affect county government and local taxpayers.

## What is a hybrid conference?

A hybrid conference combines an in-person event with a virtual component. That means you can join us in person at the Fairmont Hotel in Austin, or you can join from your county through a virtual conference platform.

## Registration Fees

Registration Type	Early Bird	After Aug. 7
In-Person County Official or Staff	\$275	\$350

In-Person Half-Day Fee (Wednesday & Friday, county official or staff only)	\$75	\$75
In-Person Single-Day Fee (Thursday only)	\$205	\$255
In-Person Non-Member (government)	\$330	\$380
In-Person Non-Member (corporate half day, single day or full attendance)	\$480	\$530
In-Person Spouse Fee	\$30	\$30
Virtual Registration	\$200	\$275

Please make checks payable to Texas Association of Counties.

NOTE: All participants (online and in person) must register by July 14 to receive conference giveaway.

### Virtual Registration

Once you have registered for the virtual event, a personalized participation link will be emailed to you a few days before the start of the program.

**Note:** Event confirmation emails will come from Events@Accelevents.com (mailto:Events@Accelevents.com) to the email address that was used to register for the event.

### How to access the virtual event platform:

Conference attendees will need to access the internet and use a browser to log in and join the virtual event. While almost all internet browsers (Google Chrome, Firefox, etc.) should allow the event to be accessed, we've found that it works most smoothly in Google Chrome, as other browsers may experience issues. Internet Explorer is not a supported browser for the event.

Google Chrome is a free download. However, some county information technology departments may require county staff members to get approval before downloading new software.

### Special Services

To ensure that our conference is ADA accessible to all, please contact Deanna Auert (mailto:deannaa@county.org) or Rachel Kucera (mailto:rachelk@county.org) at (800) 456-5974 if you need assistance.

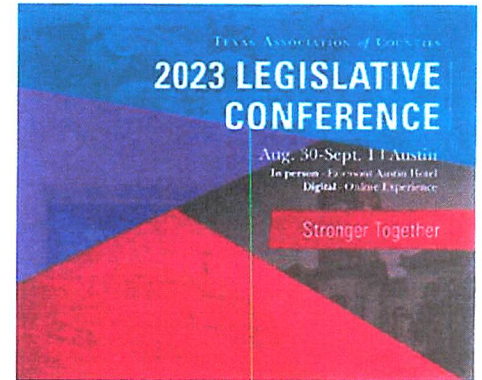
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## Wednesday, Aug. 30

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| 8 a.m.-5 p.m. | Registration and Information Desk Hours <i>(in-person only)</i>  |
| Noon-2 p.m.   | Meet and Greet Exhibitors <i>(in-person only)</i>  |
| 2-4:30 p.m.   | Opening General Session <i>(in-person and live online)</i>   |
| 4:30-6 p.m.   | Exhibit Hall Welcome Reception <i>(in-person only)</i>   |
| 5-6:30 p.m.   | New Official Networking Event<br>Were you elected or appointed from Nov. 8, 2022-Aug. 30, 2022? If yes, you are invited to attend our first New Official Networking event on Wednesday, Aug. 30. RSVP online when you register. Formal Invitation to follow. |

## Thursday, Aug. 31

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| 7 a.m.-5 p.m. | Registration and Information Desk Hours <i>(in-person only)</i>    |
| 7-7:50 a.m.   | Breakfast <i>(in-person only)</i>                                  |
| 8-9:05 a.m.   | Legislative Discussion Sessions <i>(in-person and live online)</i> |

- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.                    **Exhibit Hall Hours** *(in-person only)*  
Open during lunch, noon-1:30 p.m.
- 9:05-9:30 a.m.                 **Refreshment Break**  
Virtual attendees visit the TAC Booths
- 9:30-10:35 a.m.               **Legislative Discussion Sessions** *(in-person and live online)*
- 10:35-10:55 a.m.              **Refreshment Break**  
Virtual attendees visit the TAC Booths
- 10:55 a.m.-noon               **Legislative Discussion Sessions** *(in-person and live online)*
- Noon-1:30 p.m.                **Networking Lunch** *(in-person only)*  
Dine with your fellow attendees, then take a tour of the exhibit hall and visit with vendors.
- 1:30-2:35 p.m.                **Legislative Discussion Sessions** *(in-person and live online)*
- 2:35-3 p.m.                    **Ice Cream Social Break** *(in-person only)*  
Virtual attendees visit the TAC Booths
- 3-4:30 p.m.                    **Meeting of County Affiliate Organizations** *(in-person only)*  
County associations organize and host a 1.5-hour meeting to discuss legislative issues or association business during the conference
- 4:30-6 p.m.                    **Legislative Reception** *(in-person only)*
- Friday, Sept. 1**
- 8-10:30 a.m.                   **Registration and Information Desk Hours** *(in-person only)*
- 8:30-9 a.m.                    **Breakfast** *(in-person only)*
- 9-10:30 a.m.                   **Closing General Session** *(in-person and live online)*

*\*Agenda subject to change*

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Fairmont Hotel (<http://www.fairmont.com/austin/>)  
101 Red River St.  
Austin, TX 78702  
(512) 600-2000

\$210 single/double, plus applicable tax  
Check-in: 3 p.m. | Checkout: Noon

- Once your online registration is complete, your confirmation email will include a link to make hotel reservations.\* Emails will be sent to the address on the registration form.
- Conference registration is required to reserve a hotel room in the conference block. The hotel will not accept call-in reservations.
- Hotel reservations made without conference registration are subject to cancellation or an increased hotel rate.
- Hotel reservations must be secured by **Aug. 7**. After then, all rooms are subject to availability and a price increase.
- If you must cancel a room reservation, please notify Rachel Kucera (<mailto:rachelk@county.org>) (<mailto:deannaa@county.org>). In the event of a waitlist, this allows others an opportunity to stay at the host hotel.
- Please contact the hotel directly to cancel any hotel reservations.

Overnight Parking (Prices\* shown include a 25% discount for attendees.)

\*Prices may change.

	Valet Parking	Self-Parking
0-3 Hours	\$18	\$11.25

3-6 Hours	\$24	\$18.75
Daily – Overnight	\$36.75	\$27

**Internet**

Due to popular request, TAC has negotiated to have Wi-Fi available in the meeting space. A conference password will be provided at the event.

High-speed internet access in guest rooms and all areas of the hotel is complimentary for all Fairmont President Club Members. Membership is free! Sign up at [www.fairmont.com/fpc](http://www.fairmont.com/fpc) (<http://www.fairmont.com/fpc>).

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