

TRAVEL APPROVAL FORM

Department: Auditor's Office

Event Name: 79th Annual Association of County
Auditors Fall Conference

Location: Georgetown, TX

Event Dates: 10/15/2024 - 10/18/2024

Purpose: Required Continuing Education/Certification
 Job Training
 Other: _____

Name of Attendees:

Steve Watson Jennifer Lyon
Barbara Abdalla Kathy Rice

Court Decision:
This section to be completed by County Judge's Office



September 9, 2024

Required Documents Checklist:

**** Same-Day Travel - Commissioners Court Approval is not required ****

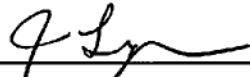
Overnight Travel

- Travel Approval Form
- Registration Information or Confirmation
- Itinerary, Agenda, or Breakdown
- Hotel Information, Confirmation, or Hotel Reservation Request Form

For Out of State Travel, please also include:

- Cost Estimation Breakdown for Trip with Airfare, Rental Car, Meals, Hotel, Etc.
- Narrative as to why the Out of State Travel is necessary

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:





79th Annual Texas Association of County Auditors Fall Conference

October 15, 2024 - October 18, 2024 multi-day

10:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Sheraton Austin Georgetown Hotel & Conference Center
1101 Woodlawn Ave.
Georgetown, TX 78628

Registration is scheduled to open Thursday, Aug. 15. Contact Luz Hinojosa or Jackie Boone at (800) 456-5974.

Contact Us

Registration

OVERVIEW

The 79th Annual Fall Conference of the Texas Association of County Auditors is designed to keep members up to date on critical issues affecting their counties. Held over four days in Georgetown, this conference offers a convenient way to earn continuing education credits through various educational sessions. It also provides an excellent opportunity for networking with fellow professionals.

Registration is scheduled to open Thursday, Aug. 15.

Check back often for conference updates.

Registration Fees

Full conference registration includes all education sessions and evening events.

Conference Registration Fees	Registration by Sept. 23	Registration after Sept. 23
County auditor (full conference)	\$350	\$400
County auditor assistants / staff	\$350	\$400
Retired county auditor	\$50	
Sponsors and audit firms	\$500	\$550
Guest Tickets	Cost	
Wednesday: Downtown Georgetown (guest)	\$25	
Thursday: President's Banquet (guest)	\$50	

Scheduled Activities

Tuesday, Oct. 15

6-9 p.m.

Welcome Reception by the pool (host hotel)

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Wednesday, Oct. 16

6-10 p.m.

Downtown Georgetown Tour

Thursday, Oct. 17

6-9:30 p.m.

President's Dinner Banquet

Continuing Education

The conference offers continuing education credits for county auditors. Please check back for updates about the exact number of hours offered.

Vendor Information

For information about vendors and sponsorships, contact Matagorda County Auditor Kristen Kubecka at (979) 241-0120.

Payment Information

Please make checks payable to Texas Association of Counties.

Mail checks to:

Texas Association of County Auditors
c/o Texas Association of Counties
P.O. Box 2711
San Antonio, TX 78299

Special Services

To ensure that our conference is ADA-compliant and accessible to all, please contact Jackie Boone or Luz Hinojosa at (800) 456-5974 if you need assistance.



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AGENDA

Tuesday, Oct. 15

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Registration and Information Desk Hours

Location: Registration Desk

8 a.m. - noon: Board Meeting

Location: Ames Meeting Room

1 - 1:50 p.m.: Texas Division of Emergency Management

Presenter: David Williams, TDEM

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

1:50 - 2:40 p.m.: Excel for Investors

Presenter: Greg Warner, Senior Portfolio Manager, HilltopSecurities

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

2:40 - 3 p.m.: Break in Exhibit Hall

Location: Foyer

3 - 4:10 p.m.: Economic Update

Presenter: Dr. William Chittenden, Associate Professor of Finance, Texas State University

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

4:10 - 5 p.m.: Creating Sustainable Retiree Medical Plans

Presenter: David Gibson, Vice President, Client Services, Holmes Murphy

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

6 - 9 p.m.: Welcome Reception by the Pool

Location: Pool at host hotel





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Wednesday, Oct. 16

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Registration and Information Desk Hours

Location: Registration Desk

8 - 8:15 a.m.: Welcome Remarks

Hon. Bill Gravell, Williamson County Judge

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

8:15 - 9:55 a.m.: Keynote

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

9:55 - 10:10 a.m.: Break in Exhibit Hall

Location: Foyer

10:10 - 11 a.m.: Property Tax Audit

Presenter: Cassie Johnson, Director of Compliance Audit, Harris County

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

11 - 11:10 a.m.: Break in Exhibit Hall

Location: Foyer

11:10 a.m. - noon: Indigent Defense

*Presenters: Crystal Leff-Pinon, Senior Policy Analyst - CPS Cases, Texas Indigent Defense Commission
Debra Stewart, Fiscal Monitor, Texas Indigent Defense Commission*

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

Noon - 1:30 p.m.: Business Meeting and Lunch

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

1:30 - 2:20 p.m.: Accounts Payable Payment Fraud

Presenter: Brenda Pollard, Wells Fargo

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

2:20 - 3:10 p.m.: IRS: Fraud Cases

Presenter: Sonia Hurtado, Supervisory Special Agent, IRS-Criminal Investigation, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

3:10 - 3:20 p.m.: Break in Exhibit Hall

Location: Foyer

3:20 - 4:10 p.m.: Senate Bill 22

Presenter: Russell Gallahan, Manager, Texas Comptroller's Office

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

4:10 - 5 p.m.: Jeopardy: So You Think You Want to Be a County Auditor?

Moderator: Carlos Pereda, County Auditor, Dimmit and Zavala Counties

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

6 - 10 p.m.: Visit to Downtown Georgetown



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Thursday, Oct. 17

8 a.m. - noon: Registration and Information Desk Hours

Location: Registration Desk

8 - 8:15 a.m.: Welcome Remarks

Hon. Betsy Lambeth, District Judge, 425th District Court

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

8:15 - 8:35 a.m.: Vendor Introductions

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

8:35 - 9:25 a.m.: Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Updates-Compensated Absences, New GASB's

*Presenters: Rebecca Goldstein Darling, CPA, Partner, Audit, Weaver
Brandon Tran, CPA, Senior Manager, Assurance Services, Weaver*

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

9:25 - 10:15 a.m.: Investment Strategies

Presenter: Samuel Vaughan, Associate Financial Advisor, Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.: Break in Exhibit Hall

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

10:30 - 11:20 a.m.: Internal Controls: An Outside Auditor's Perspective

*Presenters: Clayton Rogers, Audit Supervisor, Pattillo, Brown and Hill, L.L.P.
Mishal Majewski, Senior Audit Associate, Pattillo, Brown and Hill, L.L.P*

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.: Legislative Update

*Panelists: Chuck Rice, Legislative Consultant, The Chuck Rice Group
Tragina Tallant, County Auditor, Lampasas County
Pete Winckler, Legislative Consultant, Texas Association of Counties*

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

12:10 - 6 p.m.: Lunch and Afternoon on Your Own

6 - 9:30 p.m.: President's Banquet at Sheraton Austin Georgetown Hotel & Conference Center

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom E



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Friday, Oct. 18

8 - 11:30 a.m.: Information Desk Hours

Location: Registration Desk

8 - 8:50 a.m.: If I Knew Then, What I Know Now

Presenter: Carlos Pereda, County Auditor, Dimmit and Zavala Counties

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

8:50 - 9:40 a.m.: Mental Health and the Work Environment

*Presenter: Ashley Cureton-Whitfield, M.Ed, CHES, Senior Wellness Consultant
Health & Benefits Services, Texas Association of Counties*

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

9:40 - 9:55 a.m.: Break in Foyer

Location: Foyer

9:40 - 9:55 a.m.: New Board Meeting

Location: Ames Meeting Room

9:55 - 10:45 a.m.: Education Session on IT

Presenter: Richard Semple, Chief Information Officer, Williamson County

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F

10:45 - 11:35 a.m.: Let's Kahoot!

*Moderators: Carlos Pereda, County Auditor, Dimmit and Zavala Counties
Jeff May, County Auditor, Denton County*

Location: San Gabriel Ballroom F





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HOTEL

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Room rates: \$189 per night, plus tax (standard)

Check-in: 3 p.m.

Checkout: Noon

Pet Policy: Pets welcome. Contact hotel for details.

For reservations, click the hotel link above or call (800) 477-3340. Ask for the 79th Annual TACA Fall Conference room block.

The deadline to reserve rooms at the special rate is Sept. 23, or when the block is full. We encourage you to make reservations early.

Parking Rates

Self-parking is free.

Overflow Hotel

Coming soon.

