

TRAVEL APPROVAL FORM

Department: Auditor's Office

Event Name: 2026 Conference of the County Investment Academy

Location: Georgetown, TX

Event Dates: 6/14/26 - 6/17/26

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

Name of Attendees:

Steve Watson Jennifer Lyon

Court Decision: <small>This section to be completed by County Judge's Office</small>
 3-23-2026

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:



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ASSOCIATION *of* COUNTIES

2026 Conference of the County Investment Academy

📅 June 15, 2026 - June 17, 2026 multi-day

🕒 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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

📞 Contact Deanna Auert or Lexy Hill at (800) 456-5974.

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[Registration](#)

OVERVIEW

The Conference of the County Investment Academy brings together investment officers, economists and other experts to discuss the leading influences on the economy and trends in investing. This training is open to all county officials and staff members who want to learn more about county investment operations. The annual conference features roundtable discussions by portfolio size to meet your investing needs. Join us for 15 hours of discussions on timely public-funds investing topics.

Continuing Education/Prerequisites

The SW Graduate School of Banking at SMU Cox is the education co-sponsor of the Conference of the County Investment Academy. There are no prerequisites to attend this program.

Fifteen hours of continuing education are approved for County Investment Academy members.

CPAs, auditors, treasurers, clerks, commissioners and tax assessor-collectors may also earn credit toward mandatory continuing education requirements.

County Investment Academy

The County Investment Academy is a partnership between the Texas Association of Counties and the SW Graduate School of Banking that offers education programs for county officials and employees.

- Membership in the academy is acquired through completion of the Basics of County Investments Course or completion of a previous County Investment Officer (CIO) Level I course.
- Fifteen academy hours per calendar year are required to maintain membership, with five outside hours and five carryover hours allowed per year.

Registration Fees

Registration Type	By May 21	After May 21
County Official or Employee	\$250	\$300
City, School or Special District	\$305	\$355
Nongovernment	\$500	\$550
0-Day Registration, Tuesday, June 15 Only	\$150	\$200

Please make checks payable to Texas Association of Counties.

Sponsors and Vendors

For information on sponsorship opportunities, please download our [sponsorship form](#) or contact [Deanna Auert](#).

Special Services

For ADA accommodations, please contact [Deanna Auert](#) or [Lexy Hill](#) at (800) 456-5974.



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HOTEL

Sheraton Austin Georgetown Hotel & Conference Center
1101 Woodlawn Ave.
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(737) 444-2700

\$169 single/double per night, plus applicable tax

- Once you complete your online registration, you will receive a confirmation email with 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 any call-in reservations.

- Hotel reservations made without conference registration are subject to cancellation or an increased hotel rate.
- Hotel reservations must be made by May 21 or before the group room block is sold out, whichever occurs first.
- If you must cancel a room reservation, please notify Lexy Hill. In the event of a waitlist, contacting her allows others an opportunity to stay at the host hotel.

Any reservation not canceled 72 hours before arrival will be subject to a one-night room and tax cancellation fee.

Parking:


Self-parking: \$5 per day







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NEW! Conference presentations made available by presenters will be offered only through LiveBinders. Hard copies will **not** be provided. Link to access presentations will be sent the week before the conference.

Monday, June 15

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



∨ 1 - 1:10 p.m.: Welcome and Introductions



∨ 1:10 - 5 p.m.: General Sessions



∨ 5 - 6:30 p.m.: Welcome Reception




Here's a great opportunity to network with fellow attendees over beverages and hors d'oeuvres.





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Tuesday, June 16

✓ 7:30 - 8 a.m.: Coffee and Continental Breakfast



✓ 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Registration and Information Desk



✓ 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.: General Sessions



✓ 11:40 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Recognition Luncheon





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Wednesday, June 17

∨ 7:30 - 8 a.m.: Coffee and Continental Breakfast



∨ 7:30 - 11:40 a.m.: Registration and Information Desk



∨ 8 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.: General Sessions



∨ 11:40 - 11:50 a.m.: Closing Remarks and Adjourn

