



# TAB ANNUAL POLICY CONFERENCE 2021

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Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | Fairmont Hotel Austin | 7th Floor - Palm Park

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## AGENDA

**8:00 a.m. Doors Open**

**9:00 a.m. Welcome from President & CEO**

**9:05 a.m. Connecting Businesses with the Right Infrastructure**

Senator Robert Nichols | Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

Marc Williams | Executive Director, Texas Dept. of Transportation

James Bass | Executive Director, Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority

Moderator: Mike Inabinet | President, HNTB President

**9:45 a.m. Keeping the U.S. Competitive**

Dan Holladay | Sr. Technology Advisor, Semiconductor Industry Partners

MG Tony Cucolo, US Army (ret'd), Sr. Military Advisor, NSIC

Larry Peterson, President, Texas Foundation for Innovative Communities

Moderator: Drew Scheberle | Co-Founder, National Security Innovation Council

**10:30 a.m. Ready to Work: Developing the Texas Talent Pipeline**

Commissioner Mike Morath | Texas Education Agency

Commissioner Harrison Keller | Higher Education Coordinating Board

Commissioner Bryan Daniel | Texas Workforce Commission

Moderator: Ed Curtis | CEO, YTexas

**11:15 a.m. How Federal Tax Policy Impacts Your Business**

Introduction: Ed Coleman | Manager of Tax Legislation, ExxonMobil

Congressman Kevin Brady

Brint Ryan | Chairman & CEO of Ryan LLC and Chair of TAB Board of Directors

**12:00 p.m. Break for Lunch**

**12:30 p.m. We Got Here as Fast as We Could: A Conversation with Two New Texans**

Peter Rex | Founder and CEO, Rex

Glenn Hamer | President & CEO, TAB

**1:00 p.m. Texas and Mexico: Promoting Beneficial Trade and Immigration**

Stan Marek | Marek Construction and Author, "Deconstructed: An Insider's View of Illegal Immigration and the Building Trades"

Luisa del Rosal | Executive Director, Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center at SMU

Moderator: Eddie Aldrete | Senior VP, IBC Bank

**1:45 p.m. Healthcare: The Path Forward**

Introduction: Pati McCandless | VP of Texas Government Relations, Blue Cross Blue Shield

Representative Stephanie Klick | Chair, Public Health Committee

Representative Bobby Guerra | Vice Chair, Public Health Committee

Senator Perry | Vice-Chair, Senate Health and Human Services Committee

Moderator: Glenn Hamer | President & CEO, TAB

**2:30 p.m. Reshoring Jobs with a Modern Supply Chain**

Jessica Attas | Executive Director, TAB Foundation

Jorge Ayala | Regional Director, Economic Development Administration

Massey Villarreal | President and CEO, Precision Task Group Inc.

**3:00 p.m. Refreshment Break**

**3:15 p.m. Recharging the Energy Sector**

Dan Brouillette | Former U.S. Secretary of Energy and President of Sempra Infrastructure  
Glenn Hamer | President & CEO, TAB

**4:00 p.m. Economic Development: Why Texas?**

Adriana Cruz | Executive Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development  
Rep. Angie Chen Button | Chair, International Relations & Economic Development Committee  
Jessica Breaux | Manager of Economic Development, Amazon  
Rep. Jim Murphy | Chair, House Higher Education Committee  
Moderator: Robert Allen | President & CEO, Texas Economic Development Corporation

**4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks**

Brint Ryan – Chairman & CEO of Ryan LLC and Chairman of the TAB Board of Directors

**5:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour**

**6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour Ends**

**6:00 p.m. VIP Governor Reception**