

Agenda

Workforce Development for Economic Development Summit

Workforce, Economic Development and Education - 2013 Texas Legislative Update

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Pinecrest Country Club, Longview, Texas

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Pete Lamothe – Chair, Workforce Solutions East Texas Board

Invocation – Rev. Georgeann Turlington, Chair, Welfare-to-Work Committee, Workforce Solutions East Texas Board

Pledge of Allegiance – Judge Thomas Cravey, Vice Chair, CEO/RPO Board, East Texas Council of Governments

9:10 a.m. Legislative Panel - Assessment of 2013 Legislative Session - Workforce, Economic Development and Education

State Representative Travis Clardy, District 11

State Representative Dan Flynn, District 2

State Representative Chris Paddie, District 9

Doug Ridge, Director of Employer Initiatives, Texas Workforce Commission

Jason Wright, East Texas Regional Director, U.S. Senator Ted Cruz

Moderator: David Cleveland, Executive Director, East Texas Council of Governments

10:10 a.m. Break

10:25 a.m. Economic Developers Panel - Discussion of Regional Economic Development Priorities and Legislative Impact

Susan Mazarakes- Gill, Executive Director, Longview Economic Development Corporation

Tom Mullins, President/CEO, Tyler Economic Development Council

Amanda Nobles, Executive Director, Kilgore Economic Development Corporation

Keeley Roan, Director of Community Development, Emory Economic Development Corporation

Zeke Linton, Chair, Economic Development Committee, Workforce Solutions East Texas Board

Moderator: Doug Shryock, Director of the Regional Workforce and Economic Development Division, East Texas Council of Governments

11:25 a.m. Lunch

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Tish Hudson - Vice Chair, Workforce Solutions East Texas Board

Keynote Speaker: Brian Aspell, Champion Cooler

12:35 p.m. Postsecondary and Secondary Educators Panel - Discussion of Regional Education Priorities and Legislative Impact

Thomas Ratliff, Vice Chair, Texas State Board of Education

Dr. Bill Holda, President, Kilgore College

Dr. Jerry King, Vice-President of Instruction, Trinity Valley Community College

Andrea Mayo, Deputy Superintendent, Longview Independent School District

Dr. Juan Mejia, Vice-President of Student Affairs, Tyler Junior College

Kim Tunnell, Chief Leadership and Performance Officer, Tyler Independent School District

Cindy Floyd, Existing Business and Workforce Development Director, Longview Economic Development Corporation

Moderator and Panelist: Dr. Greg Powell, President, Panola College

1:45 p.m. Wrap-Up and Summit Adjourns