

The 6th Biennial Pre-Session Legislative Conference Agenda

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Registration from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
The Doubletree Hotel Phoenix Ballroom South

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>
	Conference Moderator	Mary Scott Nabers, President/CEO, Strategic Partnerships, Inc.
8:30 - 8:40 a.m.	Welcome and Introductory Message	James B. Steinberg, Dean LBJ School of Public Affairs
8:45 - 9:15 a.m.	Opening Keynote Address	Senator Steve Ogden, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.	Panel: Budget Priorities & Challenges from State Leadership Prospective	Moderator: Barry McBee, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Affairs, University of Texas System 1. Mike Morrissey , Senior Advisor, Office of the Governor 2. Blaine Brunson, Budget Director, Office of the Lieutenant Governor 3. Don Green, Director of Budget & Policy, Office of the Speaker
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:30 -11:15 a.m.	Panel: Working with the Legislature	Moderator: Lynn Nabers 1. Senator Van De Putte 2. Representative Dawanna Dukes 3. Representative Carl Isett

**Rep. Warren Chisum,
Chairman, House
Appropriations Committee**

11:15 - 11:35 a.m. **Remarks**

Lunch

11:45 a.m - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch** **The Phoenix Ballroom, Central**

Afternoon

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1:00 - 1:40 p.m.

**Upcoming Session from the Hometown
Vantage Point**

1. **Senator Kirk Watson**

1:40 - 1:55 p.m.

**Governor's Competitiveness Council
and its Impact on the 2009 Legislative
Session**

TBD

1:55 - 2:30 p.m.

Panel: Fiscal Note Process 2009

Moderator: **TBD**

1. **John O'Brien, Director,
Legislative Budget Board**
2. **Gordon Taylor, Chief
Financial Officer,
Department of Aging and
Disability Services**
3. **John Heleman, Chief
Revenue Estimator,
Comptroller of Public
Accounts**

2:30 to 2:45 p.m. **Break**

2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	Panel: Working With State Leadership Offices—Expectations, Preparation and Delivery	Moderator: Dr. Barry Bales, Assistant Dean, LBJ School of Public Affairs
3:15 to 3:45 p.m.	Facing the Challenges of the 2009 Legislative Session	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brian Newby, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor 2. Terral Smith, Chief of Staff, Office of the Speaker 3. Rob Johnson, Chief of Staff, Office of the Lt. Governor <p>Moderator: Gwen Grigsby, Associate Vice President for Governmental Relations</p>
3:45 - 4:15 p.m.	Panel: Political Pundits and Their Predictions for the 2009 Session	<p>Moderator: Gay Erwin</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ross Ramsey, Editor, <i>Texas Weekly</i> 3. Harvey Kronberg, Publisher and Editor, <i>The Quorum Report</i>
4:15 - 4:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks	Barry Bales, Assistant Dean, LBJ School of Public Affairs