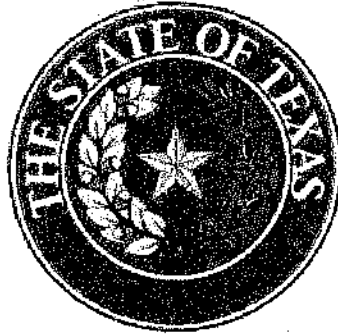


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The Texas Legislature hosts orientation for newly elected members in both chambers. The program is co-sponsored by the Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ) School of Public Affairs on the University of Texas campus. The agenda is facilitated by several panels made up of members from the Texas Legislature and affiliated agencies and offices, as well as individuals from the private sector.

The first day and a half of the program, the Senate and House hold combined orientation sessions which are held at the legislative conference center, and discussions are concentrated on administrative policies and procedures.

The Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning meetings are breakout sessions exclusive to each house.

The final portion of the orientation agenda, at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, includes panel discussions on higher education, budget process, health and human services, and property tax.

The legislature also hosts a reception and one-day orientation for spouses of newly elected legislators. The panel discussions include topics on ethics and a legislator's life from the perspective of a spouse.



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Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

May 6, 2008

Mr. Mikko Lindberg
Southern Legislative Conference
P.O. Box 98129
Atlanta, Georgia 30359

Dear Mr. Lindberg:

I have enclosed a copy of our orientation program for members for the last legislative session. The first day and a half the Senate and House have combined sessions. We split the sessions on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning for sessions exclusive to each house. On Thursday afternoon and all day Friday our sessions are combined but are held at the LBJ School of Public Affairs on The University of Texas campus.

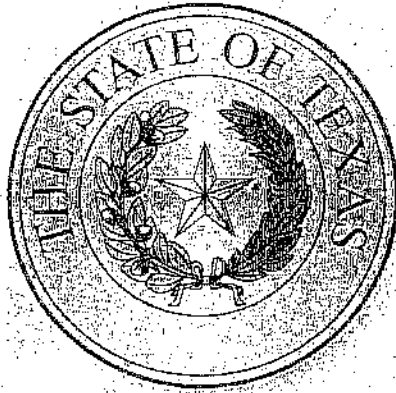
I have also included a copy of the Spouses' Program.

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patsy Spaw".

Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate



Pre-Session Legislative Conference

Part One (State Capitol)
November 30-December 2, 2004

Part Two
December 2-3, 2004
(The University of Texas at Austin)

New Member Orientation, Part I

Tuesday, November 30, 2004

8:00 a.m. -	Registration	E2.002
9:00 a.m.	Coffee and donuts	Capitol Extension
9:00 a.m. -	Capitol Welcome	E2.002
9:20 a.m.	The Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House The Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor	Capitol Extension
9:20 a.m. -	Overview of Legislative Service Agencies	E2.002
11:50 a.m.	9:20 - 9:40 Texas Legislative Council	Capitol Extension
	9:40 - 10:00 Legislative Budget Board	
	10:00 - 10:20 State Auditor	
	10:20 - 10:40 Break	
	10:40 - 11:00 State Preservation Board	
	11:00 - 11:20 Sunset Commission	
	11:20 - 11:50 Legislative Reference Library (Tour)	
12:00 noon -	Luncheon	Agricultural Museum
1:30 p.m.	<i>Opening Remarks:</i> Speaker Tom Craddick and Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst <i>Speaker:</i> Michael Dell, Founder and Chairman of the Board, Dell, Inc.	State Capitol
1:30 p.m. -	How a Bill Becomes a Law	House Chamber
3:00 p.m.	Karina Casari Davis, Senate Parliamentarian Denise Davis, House Parliamentarian	
3:00 p.m. -	Break	
3:15 p.m.		E2.002
3:15 p.m. -	Ethics and Open Records Panel	Capitol Extension
5:00 p.m.	<i>Panelists:</i> Senator Jeff Wentworth Representative Lois Kolkhorst David Reisman, Executive Director, Texas Ethics Commission Missy Cary, Chief of the Open Records Division, Office of the Attorney General Spencer Reid, General Counsel, Office of the Lieutenant Governor Royce Poinsett, General Counsel, Office of the Speaker <i>Moderator:</i> Chris Griesel, House Deputy Parliamentarian	
5:15 p.m. -	Reception for members-elect hosted by	Lt. Governor's
7:00 p.m.	Lieutenant Governor and Speaker	Reception Room, 2nd Floor, East Wing State Capitol

Wednesday, December 1, 2004

10:00 a.m. -
11:30 a.m.

Press Relations Panel

Panelists:

Senator Rodney Ellis
Representative Vicki Truitt
Clay Robison, Austin Bureau, *Houston Chronicle*
Christy Hoppe, Bureau Chief, *Dallas Morning News*
Ross Ramsey, Editor, *Texas Weekly*

Moderators:

Ray Sullivan, Sullivan Public Affairs
Bob Richter, Press Secretary for Speaker
Mark Miner, Communications Director for Lieutenant Governor

E2.002

Capitol Extension

11:30 a.m. -
1:00 p.m.

Lunch Break

(Members-elect are free to make lunch arrangements
of their choosing.)

1:00 p.m. -
4:30 p.m.

Senate Administration Policies, Procedures,
and Services

Betty King
Committee Room
2E.20
State Capitol

Thursday, December 2, 2004

9:30 a.m. -
10:30 a.m.

Tour of Senate Media

Room 675
Sam Houston
Building

10:30 a.m. -
11:45 a.m.

Question and Answer Session

Betty King
Committee Room
2E.20
State Capitol

12:00 noon

Buses will transport members-elect to the
Thompson Conference Center for a luncheon
and the portion of the conference sponsored by
the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs.

Ground Level
West Elevator Bank
Capitol Extension

New Member Orientation, Part III

Thursday, December 2, 2004

12:00 noon - 12:30 p.m.	Registration	UT Alumni Center Lobby
12:30 p.m.	Luncheon <i>Host:</i> Larry Faulkner <i>Presiding:</i> Speaker Tom Craddick and Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst <i>Speaker:</i> General Tom Hill "What It Means to Be a Public Servant"	UT Alumni Center Legends Room
1:45 p.m.	Session 1: The Executive Branch Billy Hamilton, Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts Mike Morrissey, Office of the Governor	UT Alumni Center Schmidt Room
2:30 p.m.	Break	
2:45 p.m.	Session 2: Texas Budget Process and Outlook Representative Jim Pitts, Chair, House Appropriations Committee Senator Steve Ogden, Chair, Senate Finance Committee	UT Alumni Center Schmidt Room
3:30 p.m.	Session 3: Sunset of State Agencies Representative Burt Solomons Senator Mike Jackson	UT Alumni Center Schmidt Room
4:15 p.m.	Session 4: Health and Human Services <i>Moderator:</i> Albert Hawkins <i>Panelists:</i> Representative John Davis Representative Craig Eiland Senator Kyle Janek Senator Judith Zaffirini	UT Alumni Center Schmidt Room
5:15 p.m.	Adjourn and transport to Main Building and UT Tower	
5:30 p.m.	Reception and Tower Tour <i>Co-Hosts:</i> Mark G. Yudof, Chancellor, UT System, and Larry R. Faulkner, President, UT at Austin Meet UT Olympic Gold Medalists for photos	Main Building UT Tower

Friday, December 3, 2004

8:30 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast	Thompson Conference Center Lobby
9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Opening Remarks Ed Dorn, Dean, LBJ School of Public Affairs	Thompson Conference Center Room 1.110
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Session 1: State and Federal Relations <i>Speaker:</i> Joe Barton, U.S. House of Representatives <i>Introduction:</i> Speaker Tom Craddick	Thompson Conference Center Room 1.110
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Session 2: Economic Development: What's on the Horizon <i>Moderator:</i> Ted Rappaport, Director, Wireless and Communications Group, UT at Austin <i>Panelists:</i> Ray Perryman, President, The Perryman Group Tony D'Amico, Vice President of Site Consolidation, Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc. Barbara McDaniel, Manager of Government Relations, Toyota Motor Manufacturing North America Robert DeRodes, Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Home Depot	Thompson Conference Center Room 1.110
11:30 a.m.	Break for Lunch	
11:45 a.m.	Luncheon (UT Club by invitation) <i>Host:</i> James R. Huffines, Chairman, UT System Board of Regents <i>Speaker:</i> Don Evans, U.S. Secretary of Commerce <i>Introduction:</i> Speaker Tom Craddick	UT Club Sixth Floor
1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Session 3: Higher Education <i>Moderator:</i> Sheldon Ekland-Olson, Professor and Provost, UT at Austin <i>Panelists:</i> Representative Geanie Morrison Representative Helen Giddings Senator Todd Staples	Thompson Conference Center Room 1.110

Friday, December 3, 2004 (cont.)

- 2:15 p.m. – **Session 4: Public Education and Public School Finance** Thompson
3:15 p.m. *Moderator:* Dr. Uri Treisman, Dana Center, UT at Austin Conference Center
Panelists: Room 1.110
Representative Kent Grusendorf
Representative Jim Keffer
Senator Florence Shapiro
- 3:15 p.m. – **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. – **Session 5: Challenges in Public Education** Thompson
4:30 p.m. *Speaker:* The Honorable John Engler, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Manufacturers and former Governor of Michigan Conference Center
Introduction: Speaker Tom Craddick Room 1.110
- 4:30 p.m. **Adjourn**
- 6:00 p.m. **Tour of LBJ Library and Dinner** LBJ Library

Reminder

Lighting of the House Christmas Tree, Nadine and Tom Craddick
Floor of the Texas House of Representatives
Saturday, December 4, 2004
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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Pre-Session Legislative Conference
Spouses' Program

November 29 and December 1, 2006

2006 Pre-Session Legislative Conference Spouses' Program Agenda

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

5:45 p.m. - Reception for House members-elect
7:00 p.m. and their spouses
The Speaker's
Apartment

Friday, December 1, 2006

9:00 a.m. - Coffee
10:00 a.m. The Speaker's
Apartment

10:00 a.m. - "Life in the Legislature: A Spouse's Perspective"
11:00 a.m. Moderator:
Nadine Craddick
Panelists:
Old Supreme
Courtroom
Room 3N.3

11:15 a.m. Buses will transport spouses of members-elect to
The University of Texas UT Club for lunch with
their spouses
Ground Level
West Elevator Bank
Capitol Extension

11:45 a.m. Luncheon (UT Club, with spouses)

1:30 p.m. - Can a Free Cup of Starbucks Get Me in Trouble?
3:00 p.m. Everything You Always Wanted to Know About
Texas Ethics Laws But Were Afraid to Ask
Chris Griesel, House Deputy Parliamentarian
Thompson
Conference Center
Room 2.102

3:00 p.m. Adjourn

6:00 p.m. Dinner for new members and their spouses hosted
by Nadine and Tom Craddick
Location to be
announced

Reminder

Lighting of the House Christmas Tree, Nadine and Tom Craddick
Floor of the Texas House of Representatives
Saturday, December 2, 2006
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

New Member Orientation, Part I

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

8:30 a.m. –	Registration	Reagan Building Room 130
9:00 a.m.	Coffee and refreshments	
9:00 a.m. –	Capitol Welcome	Reagan Building Room 130
9:20 a.m.	The Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor The Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House	
9:20 a.m. –	Overview of Legislative Service Agencies	Reagan Building Room 130
11:50 a.m.	9:20 – 9:35 Texas Legislative Council 9:35 – 9:50 Legislative Budget Board 9:50 – 10:05 State Auditor 10:05 – 10:20 Break 10:20 – 10:35 State Preservation Board 10:35 – 10:50 Sunset Commission 10:50 – 11:05 Legislative Reference Library (Tour)	
12:00 noon –	Luncheon	Legislative Conference Center E2.002
1:45 p.m.	<i>Opening Remarks:</i> Speaker Tom Craddick and Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst <i>Special Guest:</i> Herb Kelleher, Chairman, CEO, and President, Southwest Airlines, Inc.	
2:00 p.m. –	Parliamentary Process	Meet in House Chamber
3:00 p.m.	Karina Casari Davis, Senate Parliamentarian Denise Davis, House Parliamentarian	
3:00 p.m. –	Break	
3:15 p.m.		
3:15 p.m. –	Open Records and Ethics Panel	Legislative Conference Center E2.002
5:00 p.m.	<i>Panelists:</i> Senator Jeff Wentworth Representative Bryan Hughes Missy Cary, General Counsel, Office of the Attorney General Royce Poinsett, General Counsel, Office of the Speaker Spencer Reid, General Counsel, Office of the Lieutenant Governor David Reisman, Executive Director, Texas Ethics Commission <i>Moderator:</i> Chris Griesel, House Deputy Parliamentarian	
5:15 p.m. –	Reception for members-elect hosted by Lieutenant Governor and Speaker	Lt. Governor's Reception Room, 2nd Floor, East Wing State Capitol
7:00 p.m.		

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Press Relations Panel <i>Panelists:</i> Senator Leticia Van de Putte Representative Dan Branch Ross Ramsey, Editor, <i>Texas Weekly</i> Mike Rosen, <i>Fox News</i> Terry Stutz, <i>Dallas Morning News</i> Mike Ward, <i>Austin American-Statesman</i> <i>Moderators:</i> Alexis DeLee, Press Secretary for Speaker Mike Wintemute, Communications Director for Lt. Governor	Legislative Conference Center E2.002
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break (Members-elect are free to make lunch arrangements of their choosing.)	
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Welcome to the House of Representatives Representative Peggy Hamric Chair, House Administration Committee Introduction of Speaker's Staff Introduction of House Officers and Staff Introduction of Capitol Nurse Practitioner	Legislative Conference Center E2.002
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	House Administration Policies, Procedures, and Services	Legislative Conference Center E2.002
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Break	
3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	House Administration Policies, Procedures, and Services (continued)	Legislative Conference Center E2.002
5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Reception for House members-elect and their spouses	The Speaker's Conference Room

Thursday, November 30, 2006

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Tour of House Video/Audio Services Monica Vigil-McDonald, Director of Communications	Reagan Building Room 330
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Question and Answer Session with Veteran House Members (This session open to panelists and members-elect only.) <i>Opening Remarks:</i> Speaker Tom Craddick <i>Moderator:</i> Representative Sylvester Turner, Speaker Pro Tempore <i>Panelists:</i> Representative Myra Crownover Representative Harold Dutton Representative Helen Giddings Representative Veronica Gonzales Representative Ryan Guillen Representative Geanie Morrison Representative Todd Smith Representative Joe Straus Representative Corbin Van Arsdale	Reagan Building Room 130
12:00 noon	Buses will transport members-elect to the UT Alumni Center for a luncheon and the portion of the conference sponsored by the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs.	East Side of Reagan Building

New Member Orientation, Part II

Thursday, November 30, 2006

12:00 noon – 12:30 p.m.	Registration	UT Alumni Center Lobby
12:30 p.m.	Luncheon <i>Host:</i> Bill Powers, President, UT Austin <i>Presiding:</i> Speaker Tom Craddick and Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst <i>Guest Speaker:</i> General Dennis J. Reimer (Retired)	UT Alumni Center Legends Room
1:45 p.m.	Session 1: Higher Education <i>Panelists:</i> Bill Powers, UT Austin Representative Geanie Morrison Senator Judith Zaffirini	UT Alumni Center
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m.	Session 2: Texas Budget Process and Outlook Representative Jim Pitts, Chair, House Appropriations Committee Senator Steve Ogden, Chair, Senate Finance Committee Office of the Governor State Comptroller's Office	UT Alumni Center
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Reception <i>Co-Hosts:</i> Mark G. Yudof, Chancellor, UT System, and Bill Powers, President, UT Austin	UT Alumni Center

Friday, December 1, 2006

- 8:30 a.m.** **Registration and Continental Breakfast** **Thompson
Conference Center
Lobby**
- 9:00 a.m. –
9:15 a.m.** **Opening Remarks** **Thompson
Conference Center**
LBJ School of Public Affairs
- 9:15 a.m. –
11:30 a.m.** **Session 1: Health and Human Services** **Thompson
Conference Center**
- Report on Health and Human Services in Texas:**
Albert Hawkins, Commissioner, Health and
Human Services Commission
(30 minutes)
- Panel Response:**
Senator Bob Deuell
Representative John Davis
(30 minutes)
- Medicaid Reform**
Maureen Milligan, Deputy Chief of Staff,
Health and Human Services Commission
(30 minutes)
- Q&A**
(30 minutes)
- 11:30 a.m.** **Break for Lunch**
- 11:45 a.m.** **Luncheon (UT Club by invitation)** **UT Club
Sixth Floor**
Host: James R. Huffines, Chairman,
UT System Board of Regents
Speaker: Mark McKinnon, Vice Chairman,
Public Strategies, Inc.
Introduction: Speaker Tom Craddick and
Lt. Governor David Dewhurst

Friday, December 1, 2006 (cont.)

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| 1:30 p.m. –
3:00 p.m. | Session 2: Property Tax and Appraisal Reform
<i>Moderator:</i>
Tom Pauken, Chair, Texas Task Force on Appraisal Reform
<i>Panelists:</i>
Senator Kyle Janek
Senator Kim Brimer
Representative Fred Hill
Representative John Otto | Thompson
Conference Center |
| 3:00 p.m. | Adjourn | |
| 6:00 p.m. | Dinner for new members and their spouses hosted
by Nadine and Tom Craddick | Location to be
announced |

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