

26th Annual Texas Workforce Conference
“Many Paths, One Mission”
November 29–December 1, 2023
Marriott Marquis Houston Hotel
1777 Walker Street
Houston, Texas 77010

The theme for this year’s conference is **“Many Paths, One Mission.”** This theme describes how Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards), and workforce, vocational rehabilitation, and educational partners fulfill the needs of both employers and job seekers simultaneously. Texas Workforce Solutions supports Texas communities in the development and facilitation of state-of-the-art programming that enhances the potential for success of businesses and job seekers. Join us in Houston at the Marriott Marquis Houston Hotel for the 26th Annual Texas Workforce Conference as we present an information-filled conference that will reinforce our strength of partnerships and continued innovation.

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

4:00–6:00 p.m.
Early Registration

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Registration

1:00–2:30 p.m.
Opening Ceremony and Welcome
Opening Keynote Address
Belonging in the Hybrid Workforce: Creating Human Connection and Community in the Future of Work

2:30–2:45 p.m.
Break

2:45–4:00 p.m.
Commissioner Remarks
Super Session
The Workforce Show with Bryan Daniel

4:00–4:15 p.m.

Break

4:15–5:15 p.m.

Workshops

- Texans with Disabilities—Successfully Accessing an Untapped Talent Pool
- Delivering Credentials of Value for Employment: The Role of Higher Education and Adult Education and Literacy
- Preparing the Workforce: How to Help Justice-Involved Job Seekers Obtain and Maintain Successful Employment
- Using the Apprenticeship Training Model
- New Board Member Orientation

5:30–7:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception and Exhibitor Displays

Thursday, November 30, 2023

7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Registration

7:30–8:30 a.m.

Breakfast

7:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

Exhibitor Hours

8:30–8:45 a.m.

Workforce Awards

8:45–10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Remarks

Super Session

Pathways and Partnerships for a Skilled Workforce

10:00–10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15–11:15 a.m.

Workshops

- Project SEARCH: A Collaborative Transition-to-Work Model with Proven Results
- The Power of Partnership—Alamo Workforce Consortium
- Building Work Ethic in a Changing World
- Connecting Texas’ Young Adults to Economic Opportunities
- Open Meetings Training for Public Officials

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Employer Awards Luncheon

1:00–1:45 p.m.

Photo Opportunity for Awards Winners

1:00–1:45 p.m.

Break

1:45–3:00 p.m.

Super Session

The Future Is Here: Potential Impact and Opportunities Related to Artificial Intelligence in the Workforce

3:00–3:30 p.m.

Workforce Awards

3:30–3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45–4:45 p.m.

Workshops

- Reinventing Your Choices and SNAP E&T Programs with Adult Education and Literacy
- Texas’ Future Workforce is in Today’s Classroom
- Building the Tracks to Quality: Quality Cohort
- Herforce: Building Comprehensive Workplaces that Leverage the Strength of Women’s Untapped Talent
- RESEA GIT: JOBS (Goal In Texas: Jobs Over Benefits)

5:00–6:15 p.m.
Networking Reception

5:15–6:00 p.m.
Photo Opportunity for Awards Winners

Friday, December 1, 2023

7:30–8:30 a.m.
Breakfast

7:30–10:00 a.m.
Exhibitor Hours

8:30–9:30 a.m.
Grand Session
Inspired Leadership in Challenging Times

9:30–9:45 a.m.
Break

9:45–11:00 a.m.
Closing Keynote Address
ReVisionary Thinking™

11:00–11:15 a.m.
Closing Remarks

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The Commissioners may attend events together or individually throughout the conference. The Commissioners may participate in conference-related activities, including activities necessary to coordinate speakers, events, workshops, exhibitors, and related activities in conjunction with the federal, state, and local workforce partners at the conference.