

SPEAKER AGENDA

Texas City Attorneys Association

Summer Conference

June 24-26, 2026

12.5 hours (including 2.75 hours ethics)

Wednesday, June 24 (3 hours)

- 12:30-4:00 p.m. **Registration and Refreshments**
- 1:00-1:45 p.m. **First and Second Amendment Auditors and Freedom of Speech: Legal and Practical Issues**
Joseph Florance and Chase Strapp, TML Risk Pool; and Scott Houston, Bovey & Cochran, PLLC (.75 hour)
- 1:45-2:30 p.m. **The Long and Winding Road - A City's Path to Resolving Construction Disputes in 2026**
Amy Emerson, Allensworth (.75 hour)
- 2:30-2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 2:45-3:15 p.m. **Legislative Forecast**
TML Staff (.5 hour)
- 3:15-4:15 p.m. **PUC Update**
Emily Rogers, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP (1 hour)
- 4:15-5:30 p.m. **TCAA Board of Directors Meeting**
- 5:30 p.m. **Welcome Reception**

Thursday, June 25 (5.75 hours)

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 8:00-8:30 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
Julie Fort, TCAA President
- Welcome Remarks**
Donna Fairweather, Interim City Attorney, and John Listowski, Mayor, City of Galveston
- 8:30-9:00 a.m. **Enforcing Franchise Agreements - What to Do When the Waste Company Collects and Doesn't Pay**
Christopher Duncan, City of Clute (.5 hour)
- 9:00-9:30 a.m. **The Changing Scope of Immunity**
Ben Stephens and Sandy Gomez, Husch Blackwell (.5 hour)
- 9:30-10:00 a.m. **State Cases of Interest**
Laura Mueller, Baker Robertson & O'Brien (.5 hour)
- 10:00-10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15-11:00 a.m. **Dying to Ask - Cemetery and Burial Q & A for Cities**
Katie Leininger, City of Pearland (.75 hour)

- 11:00-11:45 a.m. **We Got Sued! SOS - Save the Scripts and Body Cam, Too!**
Clarissa Rodriguez and Kelly Albin, Denton, Navarro, Rodriguez, Bernal, Santee & Zech PC (.75 hour ethics)
- 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. **Lunch on Your Own**
- 1:15-1:30 p.m. **Business Meeting**
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. **Investigations 401**
Sarah Glaser and Laura Ingram, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C. (1 hour ethics)
- 2:30-3:00 p.m. **Councilmember Conduct**
Thomas Gwosdz, The Gwosdz Law Firm, PLLC (.5 hour ethics)
- 3:00-3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15-3:45 p.m. **Shadow AI in Public Sector: Governing the Unofficial Use of Generative AI**
Ryan Burns and Mike Bell, TML Risk Pool (.5 hour)
- 3:45-4:30 p.m. **Law and Odor: Drinking Water Unit**
Lora Naismith and Emily Moyes, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle and Townsend PC (.75 hour)
- 5:30 p.m. **Reception**

Friday, June 26 (3.75 hours)

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 8:00-8:45 a.m. **Land Use (S.B. 840)**
Tommy Mann, Winstead PC (.75 hour)
- 8:45-9:15 a.m. **Top 10 Considerations for Municipal Construction Contracts**
Tiffany Leal, Chapman Negrete PLLC (.5 hour)
- 9:15-10:00 a.m. **No Hard Hat Required: Demystifying Financing for Development Infrastructure**
Mary Petty and Jordan Sawyer, P3Works, LLC; Jason Hughes, Hilltop Securities; and Julie Partain, Bracewell LLP (.75 hour)
- 10:00-10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15-10:45 a.m. **The Tortured Purchasing Department: Special “Cooperative Purchasing” Edition in “2026 Galveston Beach Glitter Blue”**
Courtney White, City of Amarillo; and Sandy Hellums-Gomez, Husch Blackwell (.5 hour)
- 10:45-11:15 a.m. **Who Is My Client? Boards and Commissions**
Jonathan Koury, City of Bryan (.5 hour ethics)
- 11:15 a.m.-Noon **Practical Conversations on Political Landmines: Immigration Enforcement and Cities**
Jeffrey Bert, Police Chief, and David Esquivel, City Manager, City of Tomball; and Scott Houston, Attorney, Bovey & Cochran, PLLC (.75 hour)
- Noon **Adjourn**