



**2025 TASB/TACCA Post-Legislative Seminar
for Community Colleges and Their Attorneys
August 1, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **Overview of the 89th Session of the Texas Legislature**
Amy Magee, Division Director, TASB Community College Services
- An overview of higher education issues from the session.
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Open Government and Governance**
Heather Allison, Staff Attorney, TASB Community College Services
- A review of legislation related to the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Public Information Act as well as community college governance issues.
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Personnel Issues**
*Mark White, Executive Vice President & General Counsel
Amarillo College*
- An update on legislation affecting community college personnel, including benefits, TRS, ERS, and workers' compensation.
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. **Break**
- 10:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. **Community College Finance**
*Ray Martinez III, J.D., President & Chief Executive Officer
Texas Association of Community Colleges*
- An update on community college finance.
- 11:10 a.m. – 11:55 p.m. **Instruction, College Readiness, and Research**
Colette Billings, Staff Attorney, TASB Community College Services
- An overview of bills related to curriculum, instruction, college readiness, and research.
- 11:55 p.m. – 12:10 p.m. **Break**

- 12:10 p.m. – 12:55 p.m. **Taxation, Bonds, and Elections**
Augustin Rivera, Jr., General Counsel, Del Mar College
- A description of changes affecting taxation, appraisals, bonds, and election procedures.
- 12:55 p.m. – 1:10 p.m. **Break**
- 1:10 p.m. – 1:55 p.m. **Purchasing, Construction, Technology, and Operations**
John Hopkins, Partner, Thompson & Horton LLP
- A review of legislative changes affecting community college purchasing, construction, technology, and operations.
- 1:55 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Campus Safety and Law Enforcement**
Cobby A. Caputo, Attorney, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP
- A review of legislative changes affecting campus safety and law enforcement.
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Senate Bill 37, Student Issues, and Special Topics**
Amy Magee, Division Director, TASB Community College Services
- A look at new legislation addressing student services and special topics, including SB 37, campus expression, and more.