

# ADVOCACY DAY AND MIDYEAR LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 28-29, 2025 AUSTIN, TX



The 2025 Advocacy Day & Midyear Leadership Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday & Wednesday, January 28-29, 2025 in Austin, TX. Attendees will hear legislative updates during the Advocacy Day program on Tuesday and are encouraged to visit legislators and legislative staff to discuss critical business issues Tuesday afternoon. The meeting is open to all TXCPA member.

### ACCOMMODATIONS



Downright Austin, a Renaissance Hotel Previously the Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol 701 East 11<sup>th</sup> St. | Austin, TX 78701 | 512-478-1111 Check-in: 3pm | Check-out: 12pm **Rate**: \$249 single or double + 15% occupancy tax **Parking**: Self-parking discounted to \$20/day **Cutoff Date:** January 12, 2025 **Book Your Room Now** 

## **AMENITIES & HOTEL FEATURES**

- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Fitness Center
- Outdoor pool
- Dry cleaning
- Rooms come with a steamer. Irons available upon request

\*\*please note, hotel does not offer safes in room



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#### DINING



<u>Morningbird</u> – open 6:30m – 4pm daily – this walk-up counter is perfect for a morning coffee, breakfast taco, lobby meeting <u>Swim Club</u> – open 11am – 11pm daily

# THINGS TO DO

Home to the University of Texas flagship campus, Austin is known for its eclectic live-music scene. With vibrant entertainment, art and culture in addition to its many parks and lakes, Austin has something for everyone! <u>See more options here</u>.



# GETTING THERE

<u>Austin-Bergstrom International Airport</u> (AUS) is approximately 11 miles from the hotel.

- <u>Rental Cars</u> Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz, National and more
- Rideshare Uber and Lyft available. Estimated cost \$25 one way
- <u>Taxis and shuttles</u> also available

# WEATHER

Temperatures in early January in Austin range from highs in the lower 60s to lows in the lower 40s.

## ATTIRE

The dress code for meetings is business casual. Business attire is requested when visiting the Capitol.

As indoor environments tend to be cool, dress in layers or bring a sweater, suit jacket or shawl and wear comfortable shoes.

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## **CAPITOL VISITS**

We are excited to get back to the Capitol to meet with Texas legislators in person. Your voice is more important than ever as we head to the Capitol to meet old friend and make new friends. We have an exciting legislative program to share with the Texas Legislature. We encourage you to visit the Texas Capitol on January 28. Members can contact their Chapter for more information on how to participate or reach out to <u>Kenneth Besserman</u> with additional questions.

#### ITINERARY

Times and activities subject to change.

#### Monday, January 27, 2025

| 9:30am – 11:30am  | <b>Accounting Education Foundation Board Meeting*</b><br>2024-25 AEF Board Members, Invited Guests and TXCPA Staff<br>Capitol Ballroom E – level 3 (main floor)                     |
|-------------------|---|
| 10:00am – 3:00pm  | <b>Federal Tax Policy Committee Meeting &amp; Luncheon*</b><br>Federal Tax Committee Members & Invited Guests<br>Lunch served<br><i>Capitol Ballroom FH – level 3 (main floor)</i>  |
| 10:00am – 12:00pm | <b>Chapter Presidents-elect Orientation*</b><br>2024-25 Chapter Presidents-elect, Chapter Executive Directors and TXCPA Staff<br><i>Capitol View Terrace – level 3 (main floor)</i> |
| 10:00am – 2:00pm  | <b>Peer Assistance Committee Meeting*</b><br>Peer Assistance Committee Members & Invited Guests<br>Bickler – level 4  |
| 11:30am – 5:30pm  | <b>Registration</b><br>Capitol Ballroom Foyer — level 3 (main floor)  |
| 12:00 – 1:00pm    | <b>Joint AEF and Board of Directors Lunch*</b><br>2024-25 AEF Board Members and 2024-25 Board Members<br>Capitol Ballroom E – level 3 (main floor)                                  |
| 1:30 – 5:30pm     | <b>Board of Directors Meeting*</b><br>2024-25 Board of Directors, Chapter and Invited Guests and TXCPA Staff<br>Capitol Ballroom E – level 3 (main floor)                           |
| 6:30pm            | Board bus for Dinner  |

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| 7:00 – 9:30pm | Joint AEF and Board Dinner *   |
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|               | 2024-25 AEF Board Members and 2024-25 Board Members, Chapter and Invited |
|               | Guest, TXCPA Staff and spouse/guest                                      |
|               | Location TBD   |
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**9:30pm** Board bus for hotel

### <u>Tuesday, January 28, 2025</u>

| 7:00am – 3:30pm             | <b>Registration</b><br>Capitol Ballroom Foyer – level 3 (main floor)  |
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| 7:30 – 8:45am               | <b>Chapter Coordinating Breakfast and Meeting*</b><br>Chapter Coordinating Steering Committee, Chapter Executive Directors, Chapter<br>Presidents, Chapter Presidents-elect, Chapter Presidents-elect Nominees<br>Capitol View Terrace – level 3 (main floor)   |
| 9:00am – 2:00pm             | <b>Advocacy Day Program &amp; Luncheon</b><br>Capitol Ballroom A-E – level 3 (main floor)   |
| 2:45 – 5:30pm               | <b>Visit Capitol</b><br>Members visit legislators and legislative staff. We encourage you to visit the<br>Texas Capitol on January 25 to discuss critical business issues. Members can<br>contact their Chapter for more information on how to participate or reach out to<br><u>Kenneth Besserman</u> with additional questions. |
| 2:15 – 8pm                  | Shuttle buses run to/from Downright, Capitol and Austin Club  |
| 5:30 – 7:30pm               | <b>Legislative reception*</b><br>Attendance by invitation only. (Special guests and PAC contributors of \$100 or<br>more) Shuttle bus service will be provided throughout the reception until 8pm.<br><i>Austin Club</i>  |
| Wednesday, January 29, 2025 |   |
| 7:30am – 12:30pm            | <b>Registration</b><br>Capitol Ballroom Foyer – level 3 (main floor)  |
| 7:30 – 830am                | <b>Breakfast Buffet</b><br>Capitol View Terrace. Additional seating available inside meeting room   |

8:30am – 12:00pm Leadership Council Meeting Capitol Ballroom A-E – level 3 (main floor)

#### **Questions?** Holly McCauley – <u>hmccauley@tx.cpa</u>