# 2026 Legislative Conference "Diamonds and Denim"

*Real Talk.*
*Real Leadership.*
*The Road to the 90th.*

**Location:** The Sheraton Georgetown Hotel
**Date:** December 3-4, 2026
**Time:** 7:30AM – Breakfast
8:15AM – Day 1 Conference
8:15AM – Day 2 Conference

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| Day 1: December 3, 2026 | |
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| 8:15-8:30 | **"The Welcome Thread": Dr. Greg Gibson (TAMS); Dr. Buck Gilcrease (MoakCasey LLC)**<br>Platinum Sponsor: WRA<br>Breakfast Sponsor: M&R Roofing and Construction |
| 8:30-9:30 | **"Denim and the Dome": Texas Politics, Public Education, & the Road Ahead**<br>Moderator: Dr. Greg Gibson<br>Panelists: Scott Braddock and Harvey Kronberg, Quorum Report |
| 9:30-10:15 | **"Unbuttoned": A Candid Conversation on Texas Education**<br>Moderator: Dr. Dan Huberty, CEO MoakCasey LLC<br>Panelist: Chairman Brad Buckley |
| 10:15-10:30 | **BREAK** |
| 10:30-11:15 | **"The Next Cut": Shaping the Future of Public Education**<br>Moderator: Dr. Greg Gibson<br>Panelist: Rep. Terri Leo Wilson, Rep. Diego Bernal, Sen. Taylor Rehmet |
| 11:15-12:00 | **"Diamonds, Dollars, and Difficult Decisions": School Finance and Funding Priorities**<br>Moderator: Josh Haney<br>Panelist: State Comptroller Office |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch Sponsored by Legefy Roofing |
| 1:00-1:15 | **"Back in Session": Announcements and Recognitions**<br>Platinum Sponsor: Geneva Jones and Associates |
| 1:15-2:00 | **"Boots on the Ground. Eyes on the Future": The Superintendent's Perspective**<br>Moderator: Dr. Jodi Duron<br>Panelist: Kristen Brown (TAMS), Aaron Hood (TAC), Casey Adams (TARS), Brandon Enos (TREA) |
| 2:00-2:45 | **"Cut and Clarity": Top Priorities for the 90th Legislative Session**<br>Moderator: Dr. Greg Gibson<br>Panelists: Dr. Jodi Duron (TAMS), Randy Willis (TARS), Crystal White (TACS), Bill Tarleton (TREA), Josh Sanderson (EC) |
| 2:45-3:00 | **BREAK** |
| 3:00-3:45 | **"The Blue Jean Briefing": Political Insights from the Advocacy Experts**<br>Panelists: MoakCasey Advocacy Team – Dr. Dan Huberty, Ginger Murray, Addie Gomez, Leo Lopez |
| 3:45-4:00 | **"The Denim Dispatch": Announcements, Sponsor Recognitions, and Door Prizes** |
| 4:00-5:30 | **"The Diamond Hour(s)": Libations and Munchies**<br>Reception Sponsored by MoakCasey |
| DINNER | **"Good Eats and Great Company!": Dinner on your own (Sponsor Opportunities)** |

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| Day 2: December 4, 2026 | |
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| 8:15-8:30 | **"The Opening Stitch": Dr. Jodi Duron (TAMS)**<br>Platinum Sponsor: Pogue Construction |
| 8:30-9:00 | **"Buckle Up": The Stories Shaping Public Education**<br>Moderator: Dr. Jodi Duron<br>Guest Speaker: Jaden Edison and Megan Menchaca, Texas Tribune |
| 9:00-9:45 | **"Navigating the Minefield": A Bi-Partisan Approach to Finding Common Ground**<br>Moderator: Addie Gomez<br>Panelists: Rep. Ken King, Rep. Linda Garcia, SBOE Audrey Young, SBOE Dr. Tiffany Clark, SBOE LJ Francis |
| 9:45-10:00 | **BREAK** |
| 10:00-10:30 | **"Legends Who Fought. Legacies that Shine": Then and Now**<br>Moderator: Dr. Greg Gibson<br>Panelists: Former Reps. Glenn Rogers, John Kuempel, Marsha Farney |
| 10:30-11:00 | **"Saddle Up": The Work Starts Now**<br>Moderator: Ginger Murray<br>Special Guests: Former Senators Kel Seliger and Kirk Watson, Members of Lt. Gov-Elect Goodwin's Transition Team |
| 11:00-11:45 | **"The Future is Bright for Public Education": A New Direction**<br>Moderator: Dr. Dan Huberty<br>Special Guest: Former Rep. Ernest Bailes, Member of Governor-Elect Hinojosa's Transition Team |
| 11:45-12:00 | **"The Final Cut": Closing Thoughts, Door Prizes, Adjournment**<br>Executive Directors: Dr. Greg Gibson, TAMS; Dr. Buck Gilcrease, MoakCasey LLC |

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