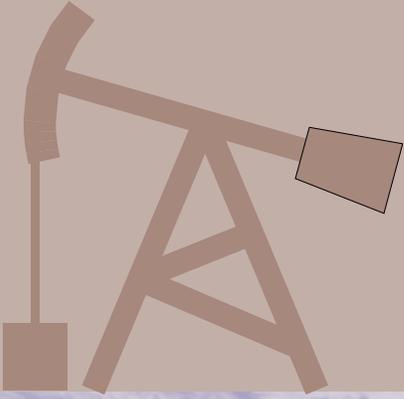


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UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and were able to spend time with those you love.

We are officially in the 88th Texas Legislative Session! For the next 5 months, we will be advocating on your behalf! Information regarding the session will be shared in our newsletters, through email, and on our website. A link dedicated to the legislative session page is available on our website home page.

Please be sure that you are signed up for our email alerts AND that emails coming from the TLMA website are marked as a safe sender. Your voice is most effective and we will be seeking your help throughout the session when time is of the essence.

I will be in Austin through the entire session, so if you are here, make sure to come by and say hello! I look forward to getting out on the road again this summer and fall.

As we begin the legislative session, please keep in mind that email will be the best and fastest way to contact me—info@tlma.org. I will return phone calls as available.

Later in the newsletter, you'll see that we had a phenomenal in-person Statewide Members Meeting last fall. So good that we'll be back in-person this fall! I am extremely excited that the Statewide Members Meeting will now be an annual event. Mark your calendars for the first Thursday in October!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention membership! We are **always** seeking members. Our organization advocates for ALL Texas surface and mineral owners. I encourage you to invite all of your family and friends to join. At \$75, we're one of the most affordable associations to join. The return on investment is 100 fold! If you're a member, I welcome and encourage you to increase your membership level.

This year, we are going to pilot a new monthly email update to our members, in addition to the quarterly newsletters. In the coming years, we are seeking to transition to monthly email updates and an annual magazine. This will allow us to communicate more frequently with our members and share additional items, including news articles, events, published papers that are too long for a newsletter, and more!

I am sincerely grateful for all of your continued support and look forward to a prosperous 2023!



Jennifer

2022 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS AND THE BEGINNING OF THE 88TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By: Will Temple, General Counsel of PhenixSaenz and Jennifer Bremer

2022 General Election

After all the media coverage and money spent, the political landscape of Texas remains about the same. Texas is a solidly red state and will most likely continue to be that way – there has not been a Democrat elected to a statewide office since 1994. Republicans will maintain control of the Legislature and increased their majority in both chambers. Due to redistricting, most competitive elections were decided during the primary, but Democrats were able to hold onto a few tossup seats in the general election.

Unlike the rest of the country, voter turnout lagged in Texas. This year, a little over 45% of registered voters cast a ballot in the midterm election, compared to 54% of registered voters in 2018. Although turnout dropped from the last midterm election, 2022 had the second highest voter turnout for a midterm election in the last 20 years.

The following Republicans were successful in maintaining Republican control of statewide offices.

Governor: Greg Abbott (R)
Lieutenant Governor: Dan Patrick (R)
House Speaker: Dade Phelan (R)
Attorney General: Ken Paxton (R)
Comptroller: Glenn Hegar (R)
Texas Land Commissioner: Dawn Buckingham (R)
Agricultural Commissioner: Sid Miller (R)
Railroad Commissioner: Wayne Christian (R)

Following the election, the balance of power in the legislature remains unchanged, and the election provided few, if any, surprises. In the Senate, the Republicans added one seat to their majority. In the House, Republicans picked up 3 seats.

State Senate: 19 Republican — 12 Democrats
State House: 86 Republicans — 64 Democrats

88th Legislative Session

On January 10, 2023, the Texas House and Senate convened for the 88th Legislative Session. For the next 140 days, members will discuss and debate a myriad of issues facing the State of Texas.

As of early January, there are over 1,600 bills and joint resolutions filed between the House and Senate. Many of the bills filed address ongoing issues from previous major events in Texas—Winter Storm Uri and the Uvalde school shooting. Bill filing began on November 14, which often provides a glimpse into what legislative priorities and debates are on the horizon. So far, the following issues will be major priorities: public education; firearms; abortion rights; LGBTQ rights; energy; health care; election security; disaster declaration; and property taxes.

Throughout the 140 days, lawmakers will work against the clock, facing various Constitutional deadlines to pass bills of importance to their constituents and the State of Texas. The first deadline is the bill filing deadline on Friday, March 10—the 60th day of the legislative session.

2022 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS AND THE BEGINNING OF THE 88TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION CONTINUED

The first items of business were swearing in the members and electing a speaker in the House of Representatives. The Republican party maintained a majority in the House and, in the fall, the GOP Caucus voted to endorse current Speaker Dade Phelan for a second term. Representative Tony Tinderoth was also nominated for Speaker. Speaker Phelan was elected by a vote of 143-3. The next item of business was debating and passing the rules for each respective chamber.

The Lt. Governor and Speaker will make committee appointments in the coming weeks. Once committees are assigned, bills can get referred and hearings begin. The Constitution prohibits a bill from being debated on the floor of either chamber prior to the 60th day of session, unless the bill is deemed an emergency item by the Governor.

One day before the legislative session began, Comptroller Glenn Hegar released the Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE) that provides legislators with the amount of funding available to appropriate for the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget. For the upcoming budget year, Texas is expected to have a surplus of \$32.7 billion making \$188.23 billion available for spending by the legislature. These budget numbers are record-breaking.

Governor Abbott will announce his emergency and priority issues during the State of the State address in late January. Lt. Governor Dan Patrick released the following list of his priorities late in 2022. Lt. Governor Patrick's priorities closely follow the list of all bills introduced and include: Property Taxes; Power grid security; Border security and law enforcement; Mental Health Education; School Security; and Election Laws

During his acceptance speech on opening day, Speaker Phelan announced the following priorities: providing lasting, meaningful property tax relief; increasing access to and giving patients greater control over their healthcare; prioritizing criminal justice reform, DA accountability, and public safety; utilizing the state's once-in-a-lifetime budget surplus to improve infrastructure; fighting back against the exploitation, sexualization, and indoctrination of Texas children; making schools safer for students and teachers; extending postpartum health coverage for new mothers to a full year; and addressing the threats posed by a porous border.

In addition to the Legislature being sworn in, statewide officials are also being sworn in. Republican Wayne Christian was sworn in for another six-year term as Railroad Commissioner in December and Commissioner Christi Craddick was voted Chairwoman of the Railroad Commission, by Commissioner Christian and Commissioner Jim Wright. Incumbent Comptroller Glenn Hegar, incumbent Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller and newly-elected Land Commissioner, Dawn Buckingham, took the oath of office in January. They each serve four-year terms.

On January 17, 2023, Governor Greg Abbott and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick will be inaugurated for their four-year terms.

The legislature will adjourn on Monday, May 29, 2023.

TLMA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS NOMINATIONS

At the beginning of each year, TLMA recognizes two of our dedicated members for their efforts—one for their service to TLMA and one for membership recruitment. Please use the form provided below or email us your nominees by **January 25, 2023!**

TLMA Outstanding Service Award

The Outstanding Service Award was established to promote and underscore the association's continuing dedication to oilfield cleanup, protection of surface and groundwater, accurate royalty payments, and to encourage new drilling of the state's oil and gas resources. The Board of Directors will award the TLMA Outstanding Service Award to one member who provides outstanding service to TLMA.

The ideal candidate for the 2022 TLMA Outstanding Service Award is dedicated to reinstating a sense of fairness in the relationship between those that use the land and those who live on it, and has made an outstanding contribution to TLMA through active service.

TLMA Outstanding Membership Recruitment Award

The Membership Recruitment Award honors those who have taken an active role in introducing other land and mineral owners to TLMA and helping to bring new members to the association.

Visit our website to view a list of previous winners!

ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Please use the form below or visit our website to make your nominations for the TLMA Annual Awards. You may mail the form to 1005 Congress Ave., Suite 360, Austin, TX 78701 or email the form to info@tlma.org

★ TLMA Award Nomination Form ★

Please provide the full name and city where member resides.

2022 TLMA Outstanding Service Award Nominee(s): _____

2022 TLMA Membership Recruitment Award Nominee(s): _____

Nomination submitted by (please print):

E-Mail or mail this completed form with your nominations by Friday, January 25, 2023!

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2022 STATEWIDE MEMBERS MEETING WRAP UP

It feels like an eternity passed between the two in-person Statewide Members Meetings I have coordinated, but I am thrilled to say we did it! There were a few hiccups, such as me forgetting to share my own presentation, but overall the Statewide Members Meeting was a great success. As mentioned in the past, the virtual only meetings opened the door to adding a virtual option at this year's meeting.

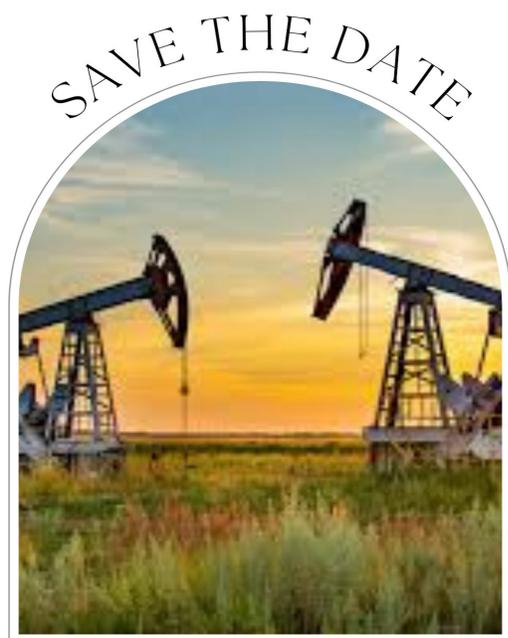
I, personally, cannot say enough wonderful things about our speakers—Dr. Roel Lopez, Charles Hosey, J. Kyle Bass, Billy Phenix, Anson Howard, and Dr. Tip Meckel. The information they provided was extremely enlightening and informative.

The presentations and recordings are only available to those that registered for the meeting. If you registered and would like a copy, please email execdir@tlma.org.

The survey closed at the end of 2022, but if you would still like to complete it, send an email and I will open it for you or send you a hard copy by mail. We always welcome your feedback!

Thank you again to our sponsors, exhibitors, attendees, and speakers for participating in the 2022 TLMA Statewide Member's Meeting. We are immensely grateful for the ongoing support of our efforts.

I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio this fall!



2023 Statewide Members Meeting

10.05.2023
MCNAY ART MUSEUM

MINUTES FROM THE 2022 TLMA STATEWIDE MEMBERS MEETING

The TLMA held a business meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at the McNay Art Museum.

Chairman Broussard opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Broussard recognized the sponsors, exhibitors and current board of directors. Mr. Broussard presented the slate of directors for the election. Ms. Keenan made the motion to approve the presented slate and Mr. Russell Hayter seconded the motion. The motion prevailed.

Jennifer Bremer presented the Executive Director's report. She presented TLMA's mission, financial report from 2021, the services provided to members, and the activities TLMA participated in over the last year.

There being no other business, the business meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

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UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

Tuesday, January 10—88th Texas Legislative Session Begins
Wednesday, January 18—RRC Open Meeting
Tuesday, February 28—RRC Open Meeting
Tuesday, March 28—RRC Open Meeting
March 24-26—TSCRA Cattle Raisers Convention
Tuesday, March 28—RRC Open Meeting
Thursday, October 5, 2022—TLMA Statewide Member's Meeting



Additional dates of interest regarding the Texas Legislature will be posted on our website as they become available.

Have an event we should share with our membership? Please email execdir@tlma.org.

All legislative hearings are available to be livestreamed at <https://house.texas.gov/video-audio/> and <https://senate.texas.gov/av-live.php>. Railroad Commission Open Meetings can be streamed at https://www.adminmonitor.com/tx/rrc/open_meeting/.



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TLMA Membership Information Form

I would like to join TLMA I am a member, please update my contact info

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