



2026 TACUBO Winter Conference Agenda
January 25-27, 2026
Omni Las Colinas, Las Colinas, Texas
No Prerequisites Required/Up to 12.9 CPEs available

BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

Sunday, January 25		Location	CPE Credits
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Registration and QR Code assistance	LC Foyer	
4:00 - 4:50 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	LC Boardroom	
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.	New Member Reception with Executive Committee	Mandalay	
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Reception	Mandalay	
	<i>Evening on your own!</i>		
Monday, January 26		Location	CPE Credits
7:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Mandalay	
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	New to Higher Education or Texas Higher Education - Bob Brown	Salons A-C	1.2
	<i>Are you relatively new to higher education? It can be a different world but Bob Brown is here to welcome you and provide an overview of what to expect as well as the challenges and rewards of a career in higher education. Bob has been a higher education CFO for over 40 years and has served a variety of institutions from community colleges to flagship research universities. He is a proud alumnus of the University of North Texas and has received the Distinguished Service Award from NACUBO.</i>		
7:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Registration	LC Foyer	
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Welcome and Conference Briefing (Recap of Primary Member Meeting)	Salons D-F	
	<i>John McCall, President, TACUBO</i>		
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.	Session #1 - Macro Pulse: Outlook on the Economy and Interest Rates	Salons D-F	1.2
	<i>As interest rate policy enters a new phase, college and university business officers face critical decisions that will shape financial stability and growth. This session, led by Texas Capital's financial experts, will examine how evolving U.S. rate trends impact capital planning, liquidity strategies, and long-term investments for higher education institutions. Presented by Steve Orr, Chief Investment Officer for Texas Capital and Tim Gereg, Head of Capital Solutions at Texas Capital, this session will offer insights into the U.S. economy and macroeconomic outlook, the impact of interest rate changes on institutional financing, and the broader implications of Federal Reserve policy on funding strategies.</i>		
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Networking Break	LC Foyer	
10:30 a.m. - Noon	Session #2 - Confidence in Difficult Conversations: SOS Tools for Success	Salons D-F	1.8
	<i>Dr Norma Guerra, Emeritus Professor of UTSA provides practical strategies to navigate challenging conversations with confidence and clarity. This session highlights the power of pulse checks, effective preparation, and in-the-moment management techniques that lead to collaborative solutions.</i>		
Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Mandalay	
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Session #3 - GAI and HRI Formula Funding Overview	Salons D-F	1.8
	<i>Lann Bolding and Colin Brock with Legislative Budget Board (LBB) will provide an overview of formula funding for GAI and HRI institutions. They will discuss the scale of formula funding within state appropriations as well as walk through the various formulas' mechanics, data, and calculations.</i>		
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Networking Break	LC Foyer	
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Budget Committee Meeting	Salons D-F	1.2
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Primary Members Meeting	Salons A-C	
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Student Services Committee Meeting	Lakewood	
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Accounting Committee Meeting	Salons D-F	1.2
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Asset Management Committee Meeting	Salons A-C	

Dinner with Friends

Tuesday, January 27			CPE Credits
6:45 - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	Mandalay	
7:15 - 8:15 a.m.	Health Related Institutes Committee Meeting	Lakewood	1.2
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Session # 4 - Mergers & Acquisitions in Higher Education: The Journey of TTUHSC and The Cooper Institute	Salons D-F	1.2
	<i>Kerry Romine, Mike West, Kayla Heath with TTUHSC. This session explores the journey that brought The Cooper Institute into Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Speakers will walk through the strategic drivers, due-diligence process, and operational planning that shaped the transition. Attendees will gain practical insights, lessons learned, and key considerations for navigating complex mergers and acquisitions within the higher education landscape.</i>		
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Committee Reports	Salons D-F	0.6
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Networking Break	LC Foyer	
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.	Session #5 - Service and Funding Models For the Texas State Technical College and Texas A&M Transportation Institute	Salons D-F	1.5
	<i>Joins us as we dive into two of our member institutions. Leadership from the Texas State Technical College and Texas A&M Transportation Institute will share their funding models and help attendees better understand how they help educate future Texans and keep them safe through impacts they may every moment of every day.</i>		
11:45 - 12:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks	Salons D-F	
	<i>John McCall, President, TACUBO</i>		
	HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!		
			12.9

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