



2026 TACUBO Fall Conference Agenda
 September 20-22, 2026
 Omni Las Colinas, Las Colinas, Texas
 No Prerequisites Required/Up to 12.9 CPEs available

BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

Sunday, September 20		Location	CPE Credits
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Registration and QR Code assistance - <i>WiFi sponsored by Aramark</i>	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 <i>sponsored by Touchnet</i>	Mandalay	
	<i>Evening on your own!</i>		
Monday, September 21		Location	CPE Credits
7:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Mandalay	
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Session #1 - 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 #2 - Leadership with Purpose: Inspiring Growth, Impact, and Change	Salons D-F	1.2
	<i>In today's environment of constant change, the most effective leaders are not those with all the answers—they are those willing to lead with authenticity, humility, and purpose. Author Gerald Hector, will share lessons from his leadership journey, offering practical insights on building trust, embracing vulnerability, navigating uncertainty, and inspiring teams to achieve meaningful impact, from his current and past leadership roles as CFO at institutions such as Morehouse School of Medicine, and University of Central Florida, and VP for Finance and Treasurer at Cornell University. Attendees will leave challenged to rethink leadership and equipped to lead with greater confidence and intention.</i>		
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Networking Break <i>sponsored by OneStream</i>	LC Foyer	
10:30 a.m. - Noon	Session #3 - 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 <i>sponsored by Aramark</i>	Mandalay	
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Session #4 - Mental Health Resilience in a Changing Environment	Salons D-F	1.8
	<i>Change, uncertainty, and constant demands can challenge even the most experienced leaders. This session presented by ComPsych explores how stress affects decision-making, performance, and well-being while providing practical tools to build resilience in today's workplace, especially after setbacks. Through real-world strategies and techniques, participants will learn how to identify stressors, strengthen personal resilience, and maintain effectiveness during periods of change. Participants will be able to recognize the impact of stress and apply resilience strategies to enhance personal and professional performance.</i>		
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Networking Break <i>sponsored by Forvis Mazars</i>	LC Foyer	
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Budget Technical Forum	Salons D-F	1.2
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Student Services Technical Forum	Lakewood	
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Primary Members Meeting hosted by Derek Horton, Deputy CFO at UT System	Salons A-C	2.4
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Accounting Technical Forum	Salons D-F	1.2
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Asset Management Technical Forum	Lakewood	

Dinner with Friends

Tuesday, September 22
CPE Credits

6:45 - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	Mandalay	
7:15 - 8:15 a.m.	Health Related Institutions Technical Forum	Lakewood	1.2
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Session # 5 - From the Inside Out: How Leadership, Culture, and Programming Shape Policing in Higher Education	Salons D-F	1.2
	<i>Campus policing requires more than enforcement—it requires trust, legitimacy, and strong community partnerships. This session presented by UNT Police Chief Ramona Washington explores how leadership, organizational culture, and intentional programming shape campus safety and public trust. Through practical examples, participants will learn how internal investments and values drive stronger organizational and community outcomes.</i>		
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Technical Forums Insights	Salons D-F	0.6
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Networking Break <i>sponsored by Convera</i>	LC Foyer	
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.	Session #6 - 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 make 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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