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March 2024 Update

We are thrilled to announce the 2024 Statewide Member's Meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 8, 2024** at the **McNay Art Museum in San Antonio**. *Please note the change in the day of the week!*

We are working to secure another set of phenomenal experts to speak to our members, and we will announce the agenda this summer. Stay tuned for our list of exciting guests!

Last year, we set a record for the number of meeting sponsors. We hope to surpass that level this year, and, with your help, we know we can do it! Sponsorships are available now and are open to individuals and entities. The [sponsorship form](#) is available on the website.

Exhibitor spaces will be open to last year's exhibitors first and then will be open to new exhibitors. We expect to open new exhibitor spaces, if available, by June 1.

We will open registration for attendees in April and will send a reminder by email then.

A couple of generous TLMA sponsors will host a cocktail reception at Club Giraud on Monday, October 7, 2024 for members at the \$250 level and above. If you are interested in raising your membership level in order to attend, please contact Jennifer at info@tlma.org or 512-479-5000.

If you have any additional questions, please let us know.



Investigative Committee on the Panhandle Wildfires

Following the devastating wildfires in the Panhandle, Speaker Dade Phelan created the [Investigative Committee on the Panhandle Wildfires](#). Serving on the committee are Chairman and Representative Ken King, Representative Dustin Burrows, Representative Todd Hunter, Jason Abraham, and Ashley Cash.

The Committee is tasked with investigating:

1. Factors contributing to the wildfires;
2. Allocation of resources to and effectiveness of wildfire disaster preparedness and response; and
3. Coordination between local, state, and federal governmental entities with regard to wildfire prevention, disaster preparedness, and response.

The Committee report is due by May 1, 2024.

[*For more information and ways to support our panhandle neighbors, visit our Wildfire Relief webpage.*](#)



[Carl/White Trust v. Hilcorp Energy Company Oral Arguments](#)

On March 19, 2024, the Texas Supreme Court heard oral arguments in this certified questions case received from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals regarding a market-value-at-the-well oil and gas lease, off-lease gas use, and post-production costs.

TLMA submitted an amicus brief supporting the Trust in its efforts to prevent the overapplication of *Heritage*. *You can read more about our position on the [Recent News webpage](#).*



[Primary Election Results and Runoffs](#)

The 2024 primary races early this month across the State of Texas were as intense and expensive as we have seen in years.

The Texas House already faced turnover with 16 announced retirements prior to Election Day. The primary election brought more change with 9 incumbents losing outright and 8 more facing runoffs.

Most notably, sitting Speaker of the House Dade Phelan faces a runoff on May 28th, which will be the most watched race by a long shot. Additionally, four House Chairmen also face runoffs: DeWayne Burns (chair of Land and Resource Management), John Kuempel (chair of Higher Education), Justin Holland (chair of Sunset), and Stephanie Klick (chair of Public Health).

These 9 House Republican incumbents lost in the primary:

- Jill Dutton (newly elected in January special election)
- Travis Clardy
- Ernest Bailes
- Jacey Jetton
- Hugh Shine
- Glenn Rogers
- Reggie Smith
- Kronda Thimesch
- Steve Allison

These 8 House Republican incumbents face runoffs on May 28th:

- Gary VanDeaver
- Speaker Dade Phelan
- Justin Holland
- John Kuempel
- DeWayne Burns
- Frederick Frazier
- Lynn Stucky
- Stephanie Klick

On the Senate side, there was much less intensity, but three important races were/are in focus:

- Senate District (SD) 15 Democrat Primary
Runoff: Representative Jarvis Johnson will face Molly Cook to replace John Whitmire, the newly elected mayor of Houston.
- SD 16 Democrat Primary: Incumbent Sen. Nathan Johnson defeated Representative Victoria Neave Criado.
- SD 30 Republican Primary: Brent Hagenbuck and Jace Yarbrough will meet again in a runoff to replace Senator Drew Springer.

Lastly, state senator Roland Gutierrez (D) will remain in the Texas Senate after an unsuccessful run in the Democrat Primary for U.S. Senate, losing to Congressman Colin Allred.

LOOKING AHEAD

The May runoff elections will also be expensive and will most likely feature lots more attention and action from former President Trump, Governor Greg Abbott, and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick.

The primary runoff election date is May 28th, and early voting begins May 20th.

Do you have a topic or issues you want to be included in the monthly newsletter? Please email it to info@tlma.org for review and potential inclusion.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

April 2 - 4, 2024 - Investigative Committee on the Panhandle Wildfire Hearings, Pampa, Texas

April 24, 2024 - RRC Open Meeting

April 26, 2024 - [GDHM Land & Mineral Owner Seminar, Austin](#)

May 20, 2024 - Early Voting in Primary Runoffs Begin

May 28, 2024 - Primary Runoff Election

Additional Articles and Links

[Texas Ag Law Blog 2024 Live Programs](#)

[Texas Monthly: "Big Oil vs. a Little West Texas Lizard"](#)

[Texas Tribune Clean Energy Race Series](#)

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