



**THE 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TEXPERS CONFERENCE**  
**Hilton Austin**  
**Austin, TEXAS**  
**April 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

***Building Strong Foundations for Secure Futures***

**DRAFT PROGRAM**

**SATURDAY, April 6th, 2019**

- 8:00 – 4:00 pm            [Basic Trustee Training](#)  
Room 615
- 9:30 am – 2:30 pm        [Advanced Trustee Training](#)  
Room 616

**SUNDAY, April 7th, 2019**

- 7:30 – 1:00 p.m.            Golf Tournament  
Falconhead Golf Club  
15201 Falcon Head Blvd
- 10:00 am – Noon            Pre-Conference Workshop  
Presiding with Confidence  
Kay Crews, President, American Institute of Parliamentarians  
Salon J
- 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.            REGISTRATION FOR DELEGATES  
Grand Ballroom Foyer
- 3:30 p.m.                    ANNUAL MEMBERS BUSINESS MEETING  
Salon J
- 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.            CONFERENCE REGISTRATION  
Grand Ballroom Foyer
- 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.            **Member Dinner Party**  
**Broken Spoke (South Lamar St)**  
**(Immediately Following Annual Members Business Meeting)**

**MONDAY, April 8th, 2019**

- 7:00 a.m.                    **REGISTRATION**  
Grand Ballroom Foyer
- 7:00-7:45 a.m.            **BREAKFAST**  
Salon H



Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch  
Salon H

1:00 – 1:45 pm

Keynote Luncheon Speaker  
Elite Teams: How They're Formed and Why They Survive  
JJ Parma  
EntrustPermal

### **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

2:00 – 2:50 p.m.

*Breakout A*  
Private Equity and Diversifiers  
Salon JK  
Moderator: Jeff Blazek, Cambridge Associates LLC  
Meredith Rerisi, Abbott Capital  
Ted Brooks, CenterSquare Investment Management  
Erin Carney, Thornburg Investment Management

*Breakout B*  
Using Social Media to Engage Your Members  
Salon G  
Jeff Pabst. Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System

3:00 – 3:50 p.m.

*Breakout Session A*  
All About Real Estate  
Salon JK  
Moderator: Meredith Despins, NAREIT  
Brian Cordes, Cohen & Steers Capital Management Inc.  
Paul Nasser, Intercontinental Real Estate Corp.  
Will McIntosh, USAA Real Estate Co.

*Breakout Session B*  
Investing in Diversity  
Salon G  
Emily Lawrence  
Northern Trust Asset Management

4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

*Breakout A*  
Recognizing Depression and PTSD in First Responders  
Salon JK  
Sean Riley  
Safe Call Now

*Breakout B*  
Puerto Rico Financial Crisis  
Salon G  
Moderator: Robert Longfield, Gavion  
Elias Sanchez, Wolf Popper  
Additional panelists TBD

4:50 – 5:50 p.m.            **Reception**

**TUESDAY, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:30 a.m.                    **REGISTRATION**  
**Grand Ballroom Foyer**

7:30-8:15 a.m.            **BREAKFAST**  
**Salon H**

8:30-9:00 a.m.            Opening Keynote  
Salon JK  
Global Market Perspectives  
Speaker TBD  
MFS Investment Management

9:05 – 9:50 a.m.            The Rise of the Working Class Shareholder  
David Webber  
Boston University School of Law

9:55 – 10:20 a.m.            TEXPERS Asset Allocation Study Report  
James Perry, Maples Financial Services

10:20 – 10:40 a.m.            **BREAK**

**DOOR PRIZE DRAWING**  
**(System Members/Groups only –**  
**Must be present to win)**

10:40-11:30 a.m.            The Case for IPS Review: An In-Depth Look at the Employees Retirement  
System of Texas  
Moderator: Dr. Jim Kee, South Texas Money Management  
Employee Retirement System of Texas panelists:  
Craig Hester, Board Chair  
Porter Wilson, Executive Director  
Sharmila Kassam, Deputy CIO

11:35 am to 12:10 pm            Using Technology to Simplify the RFP Process  
Albert Reiter, e-Fund Research/InvestRFP.com

12:15 – 1:15 pm.            Lunch  
Salon H

1:15 – 2:00 pm            Rethinking Investment Fees  
Moderator: James Perry, Maples Financial Services  
Sam Austin, NEPC, LLC  
Scott Whalen, Veras  
T.J. Carlson, Texas Municipal Retirement System  
Sharmila Kassam, Employees Retirement System of Texas

## Concurrent Sessions

2:20 – 3:10 p.m.

### *Breakout Session A*

Cash-Flow Focused Real Estate Strategies

Salon JK

Moderator: Dale Connors, Ellwood Associates

Michael Chesser, Apartment Income Investors Inc.

Speaker TBD, DWS Distributors

Brandon Zureick, Johnson Asset Management

### *Breakout Session B*

Infrastructure as an Asset Class and Portfolio Diversifier

Salon G

Nicholas Moller

J.P. Morgan Asset Management

3:20 – 4:10 p.m.

### *Breakout Session A*

Fixed Income Insights

Salon JK

Moderator: Mary Kathryn Campion

Douglas Gimple, Diamond Hill Capital Management

Brandon Zureick, Johnson Asset Management

Add'l panelists TBD

### Breakout Session B:

Delivering More Than Factor Exposure—Unearthing Excess Return in a Low-Growth World

Salon G

Kurt Umbarger

T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.

4:20 – 5:10 p.m.

### *Breakout Session A*

Credit Panel

Salon JK

Moderator: Aaron Lally, Meketa Investment Group Inc.

Speaker TBD, Crestline Investors Inc.

Justin Slatky, Shenkman Capital

Linda Chaffin, NXT Capital

### *Breakout Session B*

Aircraft Leasing

Salon G

Moderator, TBD

John Morabito, Entrust

Speaker TBD, Corrum Capital

Speaker TBD, JP Morgan Asset Management (tent)

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5:10 – 6:10 p.m.            RECEPTION  
Grand Ballroom Foyer

**WEDNESDAY, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

7:30 - 8:30 am            Breakfast  
Salon J

8:30 – 9:10 am            A conversation with Josh McGee  
Moderator: Joe Gimenez9:15  
Salon J

9:15 – 10 am            Legislative Update  
Eddie Solis, HillCo