



2026/2027 TAFE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Executive Committee

- **President:** Melanie Linnear – State Fair of Texas
 - **1st Vice President:** Sherry Free – Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo
 - **2nd VP / Treasurer:** Brady Ragland – Amarillo Tri-State Fair & Rodeo
 - **Secretary / Asst. Treasurer:** Dustin Coufal – Heart of Texas Fair & Rodeo
 - **Immediate Past President:** Tammy Dooley – Visit Granbury
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Standing Committees

Associate Member Relations

- Co-Chairs: Zach Johnson, Prissy Talley, Tracy Duck

Communications Social Media

- STAFF: Darlene Lively
- Members: Callie Huber, State Fair of Texas, Madalyn Kainer, Washington County Fair

Governmental Affairs

- Co-Chairs - Brady Ragland, Allen Kaminski

Quarterly Newsletter

- STAFF: Darlene Lively
- Members: Rudy Martinez, State Fair of Texas, Patti Martin, San Antonio Livestock Show

Past Presidents Council

- Chairman: Tammy Dooley
- Members: Neil Yelderman, Mike Hernandez, Chris Boleman, Jeff Thayne

Regional / State / National Relations (Co-Chairs)

- Co-Chairs - Melanie Linnear, Tammy Dooley

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- Chair: Melanie Linnear
- Co-Chairs: Joe Garcia, Viola Hollis

Membership Development

- Darlene Lively (Staff)
 - TAFE Board of Directors
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Annual Convention Committees

Hall of Fame / Awards

- Chair: Tammy Dooley
- Co-Chairs: Neil Yelderman, Mike Hernandez, Chris Boleman, Jeff Thayne

Convention Social Media

- Chair: Melanie Linnear
- Member: Peyton Kastl, New Kastl Events
- STAFF: Darlene Lively

Receptions Committee

- Co-Chairs: Tracy Duck, Prissy Talley
- Member: Callie Huber, State Fair of Texas

Silent Auction

- Chair: Julie Bass
- Co-Chair: Brady Ragland

Sponsorship

- Co-Chairs: Michael Zuhn, Luis Saldana
- Staff: Darlene Lively

TAFE Talley Lounge

- Co-Chairs: Zach Johnson, Tracy Duck, Viola Hollis

Talent Showcase / A/V

- Chair: Sherry Free
- Co-Chairs: Dean Fuchs, Luis Saldana, Neil Yelderman

Ticketing (Scanners)

- Co-Chairs: Luis Saldana, Stephen Naleway, Michael Zuhn

Decorations / Signage

- Chair: Prissy Talley
- Co-Chairs: Tracy Duck, Melanie Linnear
- Member: Brandie Duck, Tracy's Concessions

Event Room Coordinators

- Co-Chairs: Dean Fuchs, Dustin Coufal

Education Foundation Event

- Co-Chairs: Allen Kaminski, Dustin Coufal

Evaluation / Surveys

- Co-Chairs: Dean Fuchs, Julie Bass
- Staff: Darlene Lively

Live Auction / Drawing

- Chair: Julie Bass
- Co-Chair: Allen Kaminski

Marketing / Communications Awards

- Chair: Joe Garcia
- Co-Chairs: Tracy Duck, Stephen Naleway

Registration

- Chair: Viola Hollis
- Staff: Darlene Lively

Speaker / AV Coordination

- Chair: Julie Bass
- Co-Chair: Dean Fuchs,
- Member: Karl Hengst, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Speakers / Sessions

- Chair: Sherry Free
- Co-Chair: Dean Fuchs

Trade Show / Vendor Relations

- Chair: Zach Johnson
- Co-Chairs: Tracy Duck, Prissy Talley, Viola Hollis

Young Professionals

- Ambassador: Melanie Linnear
- Chair: Joe Garcia
- Members: Rudy Martinez, State Fair of Texas, Callie Huber, State Fair of Texas, Brandie Duck, Tracy's Concessions