

Katharine Teleki

Director of Policy and Planning

Katharine joined Texas 2036 in October 2018 and oversees development of the Texas 2036 Strategic Plan, including research and policy formulation.

Katharine was most recently on the executive staff of the Texas Sunset Commission where she served a key role as Review Director, overseeing Sunset's work to evaluate the mission and performance of Texas state agencies. During her 12-year career at Sunset, Katharine developed a deep understanding of Texas state government, working with a wide variety of elected officials, stakeholders, and members of the public to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, transparency, and accountability of government agencies and programs. She developed strong skills in project supervision, objective research and analysis, stakeholder engagement, writing and editing, and the legislative process.

Katharine graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Texas at Austin and holds a Master of Public Affairs Degree from the University's Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs. She also has experience and interest in the nonprofit sector, earning a Portfolio in Nonprofit and Philanthropic Studies as part of her Masters degree and serving on the board of a small Austin-based nonprofit for six years.

When not studying policy or reading history books, Katharine can usually be found exploring the backcountry of the Big Bend region or one of the state's many other natural wonders. A fifth-generation Texan on her mom's side and a first-generation American on her dad's side, Katharine has a deep appreciation for the state's rich history and opportunities and is thrilled to be part of Texas 2036's important mission.