

Sarah Kirkle

Director of Policy and Planning

Sarah Kirkle joined Texas 2036 in March 2018 and oversees development of the Texas 2036 Strategic Plan, including research and policy formulation.

Sarah was most recently a Review Director with the Sunset Advisory Commission, where she worked for over 12 years. There she used her broad-based knowledge of state government to positively impact the performance of state agencies, making government work smaller and smarter. In her role at Sunset, Sarah worked closely with members of the Sunset Commission and the Legislature, state agencies, and other stakeholders to make state government more efficient and effective. She oversaw multiple, simultaneous teams of analysts to provide policy direction and ensure high-quality analysis. Sarah also served as a member of Sunset's executive management team to formulate policy and strategic direction for the office. Sarah has worked across most sectors of state government, including efforts to consolidate and reorganize health and human services in Texas.

Sarah holds a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of North Texas and a bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Tarleton State University. In her spare time, Sarah enjoys playing outside and attending festivals across small-town Texas. Sarah is grateful to be involved in a nonpartisan organization focused on the long-term needs and future of all Texans.