

# President's Report: Activity Update

## Texas 2036 on Health Care



**Photo:** Director of Health and Economic Mobility Policy Charles Miller testified on All-Payers Claims Database funding at the Sept. 17 joint budget hearing for the University of Texas System.

This month, Texas 2036 touched on the [“State of Health Care for Texas Families”](#) and made an update to the [Hospital Price Transparency tool](#), in which a surge was noted in hospitals' compliance with price transparency requirements.

**Mental health:** As the official data partner for the Texas Lyceum, Texas 2036 offered key data on [“The State of Mental Health in Texas”](#) ahead of the Sept. 26 conference on the topic in Abilene.

**Testimonies:** Director of Health and Economic Mobility Policy **Charles Miller** and Policy Advisor **Emily Dove** testified at the Texas Capitol this month. Here's a sample of their testimonies:

- [Housing, nutrition needs of pregnant women](#)
- [Recommendations on prescription drug prices programs](#)
- [Nurse practitioners can improve health care access](#)
- [All-Payers Claims Database Funding](#)
- [Discussion on a functioning healthy market at Committee on Insurance](#)

## Texas 2036 on Ed & Workforce

Senior Vice President of Policy and Advocacy **John Hryhorchuk** testified on Sept. 3 before the Governor's Healthcare Workforce Task Force on how [strengthening the health care workforce starts in public schools](#) and community colleges. [Watch his full testimony on YouTube.](#)

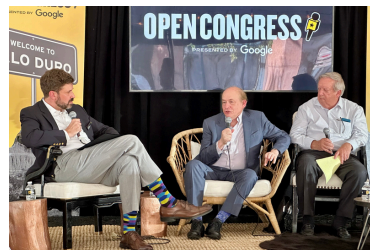
Policy Advisor **Grace Atkins** testified on Sept. 16 at the [joint budget hearing for the Texas State Technical College System](#) on how TSTC can help close the skills gap.

## Texas 2036 on Infrastructure & Natural Resources

Texas 2036 discussed [resiliency in the Lone Star State](#) and [housing affordability](#) this month in its weekly newsletters.

Director of Infrastructure and Natural Resources Policy **Jeremy Mazur** testified before the Senate Finance Committee on Sept. 5 and again on Sept. 24 before the House Natural Resources Committee on closing the state's [long-term water infrastructure funding gap](#).

## Texas 2036 at Texas Tribune Festival 2024



**Photo:** President and CEO David Leebron at “We the Texans Come Together” panel at TribFest on Sept. 7 in Austin.



**Photo:** Executive Vice President A.J. Rodriguez at the “Through the Roof” panel at TribFest on Sept. 7 in Austin.

Texas 2036 President and CEO **David Leebron**, Executive Vice President **A.J. Rodriguez** and **John Hryhorchuk** had the honor of participating in panels at the Texas Tribune Festival in September. David discussed how Texans can reduce polarization in their communities, A.J. touched on housing affordability and John talked about the road ahead for Texas' infrastructure needs.

**Texas Tribune Festival:** On Sept. 5-7, the [Texas Tribune held TribFest](#), in which Texas 2036 has participated over the past five years. In 2019, Tom and Margaret chose TribFest to launch Texas 2036's new board, brand, team and website.



**Photo:** Senior Vice President of Policy and Advocacy John Hryhorchuk at “The Road Ahead” panel at TribFest on Sept. 7 in Austin.

## Texas 2036 in the Community

*Our team made several stops across the state this month to speak about our work. Here's where we've been:*

**Sept. 9: A.J. Rodriguez** was invited to speak at the San Antonio Business Forum to discuss Texas 2036's past successes and emerging opportunities for the 2025 legislative session.

**Sept. 10: Charles Miller** spoke to the Texas Lyceum about our study "Who Are the Uninsured?", the uninsured population and what insights from the report might relate to the topic of mental health.

**Sept. 10:** Texas 2036 board member **Roberto Coronado** hosted a Business and Community Leader Roundtable at the El Paso Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, where **David Leebron** provided an overview of the organization. They were joined by **A.J. Rodriguez** and Senior Vice President of Development **Anne Krause**.

**Sept. 12: Anne Krause** spoke at the Leadership Texas meeting in San Antonio and held a brainstorming workshop about some of our policy areas.

**Sept. 13: David Leebron** and **A.J. Rodriguez** made a stop in Dallas to talk at the North Texas Commission's executive meeting. Both leaders discussed the latest data on workforce, water, energy, housing affordability and childcare.

**Sept. 23:** Vice President of Data and Analytics **Dr. Holly Heard** spoke about demographic and economic trends at the TX CPA Single Audits and Government Accounting Conference in Austin.

**Sept. 24: David Leebron** met with state and national policy experts to discuss critical issues facing the country at the Hoover Institution's Texas Conference in Dallas.

**Sept. 25: John Hryhorchuk** spoke on a panel at the Longview Chamber of Commerce's State of Workforce Summit.

**Sept. 25: A.J. Rodriguez** presented Texas 2036 to the Plano Chamber of Commerce - Propel Leadership Program, which hosts corporate executives who have relocated to or been promoted to senior leadership positions in the region.

**Sept. 26: Holly Heard** facilitated a session on workforce-aligned instruction at the LONESTAR3 Success Summit in Austin.



**Photo:** Texas 2036 board member Roberto Coronado hosted a Business and Community Leader Roundtable at the El Paso Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas on Sept. 10. Texas 2036's David Leebron, A.J. Rodriguez and Anne Krause were in attendance.

## Texas 2036 in the News

In September, Texas 2036 continued to add to our growing list of 359 media stories published in more than 180 outlets this year.

This month, our work was featured in Aol.com, Capital & Main, City Watch, Community Impact, The Daily Texan, The Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Houston Business Journal, KETK, KXAN, Longview News-Journal, NewsNation, Politico Pro, San Antonio Express-News, San Antonio Report, Spectrum News and The Alcalde.

**Here's a sampling of the news stories:**

- Community Impact - "[Amid statewide low math scores, Leander ISD sees new decline](#)"
- KXAN - "[Shortlist for where the Texas Water Fund's \\$1 billion could go first](#)"
- Spectrum News - "[Environmental experts expect extreme weather to drive 2025 policy](#)"
- The Daily Texan - "[Through the roof: officials on state of housing affordability, availability](#)"
- Politico Pro - "[States embrace Trump-era health insurance policy](#)"



**Texas 2036 Reaches New Milestone – 65,000+ Social Media Followers!**

## Donor Advisory Committee Meeting

Texas 2036's Donor Advisory Committee met on Sept. 26 for the Fall Policy Convening at Rice University in Houston.

The event featured keynote speaker Dr. Lawrence S. Coben, President and CEO and Chairman of NRG Energy.

