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Children will not be admitted in the conference areas.

TOPICS & SPEAKERS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

2026 AWBD MIDWINTER CONFERENCE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**Marriott
Marquis Houston**

Friday 1/23/26

1:00 p.m.	Conference Check-In Opens	Texas Foyer
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception (One guest per registered delegate; advanced guest registration required; no guests will be registered at the conference; no children permitted)	Texas Ballroom
7:00 p.m.	Conference Check-In Closes	Texas Foyer

Saturday 1/24/26-Delegates Only

8:00 a.m.	Conference Check-In Opens	Texas Foyer
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. <i>Complimentary Beverage Service For Delegates Only Throughout Day</i>	Continental Breakfast (Delegates Only) Delegates only will be admitted to the continental breakfast; no guests will be allowed in this area or at this function.	Texas Foyer
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome Session	Texas Ballroom
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	SEMINAR I	Texas Ballroom
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 am	SEMINAR BLOCK II	
Session II – A	Busted: What Districts Can Do When Private Utilities Damage Infrastructure Michael P. Bacon – Coats Rose, P.C. Lonnie Wright – Municipal Operations & Consulting, Inc.	Houston 5-7
Session II – B	Developing Resilient Water Infrastructure Greg Lentz, P.E., MBA – Masterson Advisors LLC Taylor Reed, P.E. – Vogler & Spencer Engineering, Inc. Melinda Salazar, P.E. – BGE, Inc. Mike Thornhill – Si Environmental, LLC	Houston 4

Session II – C	Do You Think You've Seen It All: Solving Problems & Resolving Conflicts Jason Johnson, P.E., ENV SP – Pape Dawson Engineers, Inc. Rebecca Marcucci – Municipal District Services, LLC Alia Vinson – Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP	Houston 1-3
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. <i>Delegates must present Ticket for admission.</i>	LUNCHEON (Delegates Only) The True Stewards of Public Trust Charles Blain – Writer, Commentator, Founder of Urban Reform	Texas Ballroom
1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	SEMINAR BLOCK III	
Session III – A	Go with the Flow: Transitioning to Surface Water Matt L. Froehlich, P.E., ENV SP – BGE, Inc. Christina Leigh Miller – Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP Bryan Thomas – INFRAMARK, LLC	Houston 5-7
Session III – B	District Construction Projects - Start to Completion Matt Carpenter, P.E. – IDS Engineering Group John R. Wallace – Wallace & Philbin, LLP	Houston 4
Session III – C	From Fields to Faucets: Managing the Full MUD Lifecycle Keith Arrant – Municipal Operations & Consulting, Inc. Jeffrey Bishop, P.E. – Quiddity Engineering, LLC	Houston 1-3
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	SEMINAR BLOCK IV	
Session IV – A	Beyond the Budget: How MUDs Can Leverage Grants to Do More Kara Escajeda – Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Scott Galaway – Texas Water Development Board Jennifer Mays, P.E., PMP – Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc.	Houston 5-7
Session IV – B	Good to Great: Elevating Water Projects Through Nature-Based Land Management for Water, Finance, Health & Recreation Jaime González, M.Ed. - Institute for Ecological Resilience University of Houston	Houston 4
Session IV – C	Back to Basics – Building Blocks of District Facilities Justin R. Ring, P.E. – Odyssey Engineering Group Nathan White – Si Environmental, LLC	Houston 1-3
3:30 p.m.	Conference Check-In Closes	Texas Foyer
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	AWBD Board of Trustees Candidacy Workshop	Houston 5-7