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Construction Academy  
Online

## Day One – Planning & Preparation | Tuesday, April 2

8:45 – 9:00

Introductions & Welcome

TASBO Staff

9:00 – 10:00

**Why Lean?**

*Description to come.*

**John Zachara**

*Vice President  
Integrated Facilities Solutions,  
Inc.*

10:10 – 11:10

**Best Practices in Long Range Planning and Development of Educational Specifications**

*Focuses on the initial stages of construction projects, emphasizing the importance of comprehensive planning and clear specifications.*

**Kerri Brady**

*VP of Educational Practice  
Huckabee & Assoc.*

**Gary Hutton**

*General Manager, Operations  
Spring ISD*

11:20 – 12:20

**Construction Procurement Methods – How to Get Contractors on Board and How to Evaluate Contractors Submitting Bids**

*Addresses the process of contractor selection and procurement, which follows logically after establishing project specifications.*

**Jamie Spiegel, RTSBA**

*Senior Director of Business  
Process Improvement  
Leander ISD*

## Day Two – Operational Challenges & Solutions | Wednesday, April 3

8:45 – 9:00

Welcome & Sponsor Demo

TASBO Staff

9:00 – 10:00

**School Safety and How it Affects New Design Criteria and Cost**

*Explores the critical aspect of safety in school design, ensuring that infrastructure meets safety standards and addresses emerging concerns.*

**Josh Minor, RTSBA**

*Executive Director of Facilities  
& Construction  
Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD*

**Dan Phillips**

*Director of Safety & Security  
Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD*

10:10 – 11:10

**Adjusting Construction Budgets When Money is Running Short**

*Addresses the practical challenges of budget management during construction projects, providing strategies for effective cost control and mitigation.*

**Grady Slaydon, CTSBS**

*Regional Manager, Facility  
Services  
Texas Association of School  
Boards*

11:20 – 12:20

**Panel Discussion with Leaders of Large General Contractors**

*Discusses supply chain challenges, inflation, and post-COVID concerns, which are crucial operational considerations during construction.*

**Gary Aanenson**  
Executive VP, CORE  
Construction

**Stephen Cervantes**  
Project Executive, Satterfield &  
Pontikes

**Chris Brzozowski**  
Vice President, Weaver &  
Jacobs

**Moderator:**  
**Thomas Lawing, RTSBA**  
Chief Operating Officer  
Beeville ISD

**Day Three – Legal & Compliance Considerations | Thursday, April 4**

8:45 – 9:00

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9:00 – 10:00

**Legal Topics in Construction, including 2023 Legislative Session Updates and preparing for ESSER Construction Audits**

*Provides important legal updates and compliance considerations relevant to construction projects, ensuring participants are informed about regulatory changes.*

**Micki Morris**  
Partner  
Rogers, Morris & Grover LLP

10:10 – 11:10

**The Most Common Procurement, Contract, and Other Issues – And How to Avoid Them**

*Offers practical guidance on navigating legal challenges and avoiding common pitfalls in construction procurement and contracts.*

**Liz Nelson**  
Shareholder  
Walsh Gallegos Kyle Robinson &  
Roalson, P.C.

**Ashton Makarwich**  
Associate Attorney  
Walsh Gallegos Kyle Robinson &  
Roalson, P.C.

11:20 – 12:20

**Panel Discussion on Delivery Methods**

*Hear from a panel of experienced professionals on the ins and outs of varying delivery methods.*

**Brandon Boyter**  
Exec. Dir. of Construction  
Denton ISD

**Mike Brooks, RTSBA**  
Exec. Dir. of Operations  
Elgin ISD

**Lisa Kassman**  
Exec. Dir. of Planning &  
Construction  
Katy ISD

**Moderator:**  
**Jeremy Trimble, CTSBO**  
Asst. Superintendent of Ops  
Eanes ISD

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