

# STAFF REPORTS

## TEXAS GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

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The Texas Legislative Committee has held several meetings throughout the quarter ahead of the Texas Legislative Session, set to begin in 6 months.

With elections being delayed, and interim hearings non-existent since the first of the year, our efforts have largely gone digital in communicating with Texas Legislative Committee Members and we have continued to work with Members to discuss the legislative issues important to the Permian Basin.

Our early work included a discussion with the President of TTARA, Dale Craymer over “The Permian Basin: Enriching Texas” report developed with PBPA. Our members have been very supportive of this report as they see the need to define the value of the Permian Basin in a budgetary perspective. More so now than ever, the Legislative Committee also recognizes the challenges that the industry and taxpayers will face in a tight budget session in 2021.

Additionally, PBPA provided the report to legislators that represent portions of the Permian Basin, like Senators Kel Seliger and Charles Perry, House Members Tom Craddick, Drew Darby, and Brooks Landgraf as well as key Chairs of important committees like Senator Brian Birdwell who chairs Senate Natural Resources and House Energy Chairman Chris Paddie. It is our hope to also host a large gathering for elected officials across the state to review the report this fall to continue our member engagement and update the tables with new data at the beginning of the Legislative Session in early 2021.

With the work of the Legislature to consider eminent domain reform, PBPA has been working with other trades to determine policy aims and potential legislation to finally address an issue that challenges the industry and landowners in pipeline development. Our members believe compromise is possible on this front and hope to deliver a product that balances the need for infrastructure with the rights of landowners.

The Committee has also seen consistently high turnout to discuss elections results as they happen. From the first ballot in the Republican and Democratic primaries to the ongoing run-offs and special elections, PBPA members have greatly benefited from the insight our committee provides. A perspective that we want our members to be mindful of is that although the Permian Basin is a limited region, its impact is statewide, and the impact of statewide elected officials bear a great impact on the continued success of the region.

All in all, our focus, remains a friendly, sensible, and consistent political environment for Texas’ greatest industry, it the greatest region, for generations to come.