



Texas Forward Coalition Structure

Supporters

Any individual, group, or organization can be a **Supporter** of the Texas Forward regardless of affiliation or IRS tax status. Supporters are not required to endorse the Texas Forward's principles* but are invited to join the general coalition listserv. Supporters do not have voting privileges within the coalition and may not act as ambassadors or speak on behalf of the coalition.

Members

Members of Texas Forward are groups, organizations or coalitions who endorse Texas Forward's principles*. By endorsing the principles, **Members** agree to be publicly associated with the coalition and can:

- Participate in open coalition meetings (quarterly)
- Participate in decision-making and voting (one vote per organization)
- Subscribe to the general Texas Forward listserv
- Participate in member-only discussion forums

Additionally, coalition **Members** may be asked to participate in the following activities according to their organizational capacity:

- Educate members about the work of the coalition through e-mail alerts or other communication
- Host a presentation about Texas Forward
- Participate in legislative lobby visits
- Conduct strategic outreach and membership recruitment on behalf of the coalition
- Speak on behalf of and act as an ambassador for the coalition at media and other public events

Steering Committee

The **Steering Committee** is comprised of coalition members and is tasked with ensuring that the coalition moves forward with its objectives and agenda. In addition to the responsibilities of all members, the **Steering Committee**:

- Provides thought leadership for coalition initiatives and will put forth specific legislative ideas based on the coalition's adopted principles and legislative agenda.
- With input from the general membership, makes the high-level, strategic coalition decisions
- Works with staff member to make day-to-day decisions necessary for carrying the coalition forward
- Acts as the face and the first point of contact to the coalition for media and the general public
- Commits to providing support to the coalition such as: staff time; meeting space; printing; e-communications; teleconference hosting; etc.
- Meets in person on a monthly basis

Currently the Steering Committee is comprised of an ad hoc group of organizations who expressed interest in getting the coalition up and running.

Staff

Currently Texas Forward receives staff support from the Center for Public Policy Priorities. The staff member is responsible for convening the steering committee, providing logistical and administrative support for the coalition at-large, and communicating with national partners that work on state revenue issues.