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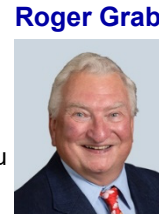
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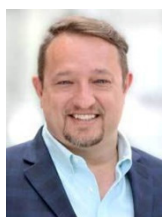
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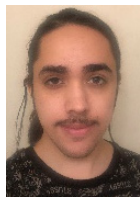


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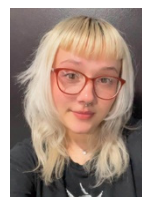
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Schedule



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

6:15–7:15 pm **Pre-Conference Meet & Greet** – Hyatt Place Austin Downtown, Lobby Cafe

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 - Conference Day 1 – Hyatt Place Austin Downtown, Meeting Place 2&3.
(Online networking before and after the first day.)

- 9:00 am **Introductions and Welcome** • [Lawrence K. Vanston, Ph.D.](#), President, TFI
- 9:15 am **Broadband Keynote: Predictions for 2026 and Beyond** [Daniel Grossman](#), Principal, NetAccess Futures
- 10:10 am Break
- 10:15 am **Wireless Keynote: Low Earth Orbit (LEO) Communications in 6G** • [Todd E. Humphreys, Ph.D.](#), Ernest Dashiell Cockrell II Chair in Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin
- 11:15 am Break
- 11:30 am **Feature Presentation: Valuations of Data Centers and the AI Impact** • [Ruben Miranda](#), Managing Director, Property Tax, Kroll
- 12:15 pm **Lunch Break** – Attendees are on their own for lunch
- 1:30 pm **Policy Keynote: Investment-Specific-Risk in Discount Rates** • [Roger Grabowski](#), Fellow Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA), Managing Director (ret.), Valuation Services, Kroll
- 2:30 pm Break
- 2:45 pm **Broadband and Wireless Industry Panel** • [Jason Butterworth](#) (Moderator) Principal, Property Tax – Complex Properties, Ryan • [Gary Hunter](#), AVP Tax, AT&T • [John Reed](#), Sr. Director, Property Tax, Charter • [Brandt Palmer](#), Sr. Manager, Property Tax, T-Mobile
- 3:45 pm Break
- 4:00 pm **Feature Presentation: From Spreadsheets to Agents: Real-World AI for Valuation & Property Tax** • [Carl Hoemke](#), GM, Property Tax, Avalara & [Vsu Subramanian](#), SVP, Engineering, Avalara
- 5:00 pm Day End
- 5:30 pm **Conference Reception** (Hyatt Place Austin Downtown, Gallery)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 – Conference Day 2

 – Hyatt Place Austin Downtown Meeting Place 2&3

- 9:00 am **Communications Technology Update** • [August \(Augie\) Grant, Ph.D.](#), Professor Emeritus, School of Journalism and Mass Communications, University of South Carolina; Co-Editor, *Communications Technology Update and Fundamentals*
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:15 am **U.S. Economic Outlook** • [Michael Brandl, Ph.D.](#), Retired Professor of Instruction, Economics, University of Texas at Austin; Principal, Brandl the Economist; Author *Money, Banking, Financial Markets & Institutions 3rd ed*, Cengage Learning.
- 11:15 am Break
- 11:30 am **TFI Industry Forecast Overview** • [Lawrence Vanston](#), President, TFI • [Ray Hodges](#), Senior Consultant, TFI
- 12:15 pm **The Last Word**
- 12:30 pm Conference Ends
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