

Texas Realtors 2025 Winter Meetings Report

February 6-11, 2025/Austin, Texas

I had the privilege of attending the Texas Realtors 2025 Winter Meetings in Austin, Texas, from February 6 through February 11. I stayed at the Hyatt Regency Barton Creek and arrived on February 6, ready for a full week of engagement, education, advocacy, and networking.

February 7: TREPAC Trustee Interview & Opening Session

My day began with my interview with the TREPAC Trustees for my second term. Following that, I attended Public Policy in Action: The 89th Legislative Session, followed by a luncheon for the FPCs and Lead Contacts.

Later, I attended the Opening Session, where we honored Travis Kessler on his well-deserved retirement and welcomed Mike Barnett as the incoming CEO of Texas Realtors.

That evening, I had dinner with Zhelun Chen (TR Staff) and Nancy Garcia to discuss upcoming TREPAC events and celebrate my reappointment for another two years.

February 8: TREPAC Awards & Meetings

The day kicked off bright and early at 6:45 AM with the TREPAC Awards Breakfast, where I was honored alongside Shana Acquisto, Mary Leidy, and Jennifer Parker for our Platinum R investments and Hall of Fame recognition. Additionally:

- Joseph Miller received the Heart of TREPAC Award.
- Shana Acquisto was recognized with the Spirit of TREPAC Award.

Our speaker, Giselle Ugarte, was incredibly energetic. My key takeaway was the importance of valuing myself as both a person and a Realtor.

The remainder of the day was filled with important committee meetings, including:

- TREPAC Education Meetings,
- TREPAC Orientation Committee Meetings (*where I serve as Vice Chair*),
- Issues PAC Local Issues Committee Meeting,
- TREPAC Trustees Meeting,

- Strategic Planning Committee Meeting for Texas Realtors (*I caught the final portion of this*).

That night, I attended the TREPAC Major Investor Reception, connecting with fellow investors and advocates.

February 9: Blueprints & Housing Initiatives

Sunday started with Blueprints: Understanding Today, Preparing for Tomorrow, featuring William Taggart, author of *Fixing America*, and Dr. Ray Perryman, widely regarded as "Texas' unofficial economist."

The meeting concluded with awards, including:

- Grassroots Individual Award: *Jeff Varnell (MetroTex)*.
- Mark Lehman Award: *Collin County Area Realtors*.

Later, I attended the Housing Initiative Committee, hosted by Socrates Chapman Thomas, which focused on "*Disappearing Act: Affordable Housing to Housing Affordability*."

That night, I joined the TREPAC Pickleball and Super Bowl Watch Party, where I played-and even won-a few games with my partner, Amy Hanson. It was a fun and engaging way to end the day!

February 10: Awards & Recognition

One of the highlights of the week was attending the Awards Luncheon, where I was deeply honored to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge. Additionally, Collin County Area Realtors' Shelyna Tinglin was recognized as Instructor of the Year-a well-earned achievement!

In the afternoon, I attended an appraisal session hosted by Candy Cooke and her panel, gaining valuable insights into the world of appraisals and helpful tips.

Later, I attended the STARs Reception, where Cindi Bulla was named TR Realtor of the Year -a fantastic recognition of her contributions.

That night, CCAR hosted our Directors' Dinner, bringing together our leadership team for an evening of reflection and camaraderie.

February 11:TR Board of Directors Meeting

The meetings concluded with the TR Board of Directors Meeting, wrapping up another successful Texas Realtors Winter Meeting filled with advocacy, education, and celebration.

This event was an incredible opportunity to strengthen my role within CCAR and TREPAC,engage with industry leaders, and continue advocating for our profession. I'm grateful for the connections made, the knowledge gained, and the chance to contribute to the future of Texas real estate.

I look forward to carrying this momentum forward in 2025!

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Click