

9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. | September 24, 2025
1 Baylor Plaza, Houston, TX 77030

Panel Start Times:

Session 1 - 1pm

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Session 1

Panel A - Auditorium

Air Quality and the Public Sector

Discussion on policies, strategies, and leadership at the public sector level



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Chief Environmental
Science Officer,
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Department



Melanie Beaman
Transportation &
Mobility Manager,
City of Sugar Land



Stuart Mueller
Deputy Director, Harris
County Pollution
Control Services

Moderated by: Vinny Polignano

Air Quality Planner, Houston-
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Panel B - Room 201

Air Quality and Public Health

Health implications of air pollution and regional health initiatives



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Industry and Business Spotlight

Private sector solutions and innovations
in reducing emissions



Trae Camble

Director of
Environmental Affairs,
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David Snyder

Senior Staff Analyst,
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Christina Penrose

Senior Environmental
Manger, The Lubrizol
Corporation

Moderated by: Feyi Akeredolu

Sustainability Manger, Neste US, Inc.

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Community Action and Advocacy

Showcasing grassroots efforts and
successful community models



Stefanie Martinez

Executive Director,
Environmental Community
Advocates of Galena Park



Rev. James Caldwell

Founder/Director, Coalition
of Community
Organizations (COCO)



Juan Flores

Programs Director,
Air Alliance Houston

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Co-Benefits of Air Quality Improvements

Exploring solutions that deliver multiple benefits (health, energy, etc.)



Lisa Lin
Director of Sustainability,
Harris County



Meredith Jennings
Director, Local Government & Community Initiatives,
Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC)



Chase Kronzer
Senior Policy Advisor, City of Houston, Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resilience

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University Engagement

Highlighting university and higher education advocacy for cleaner air



Jaqkolbi Wesley
Vice President, The Bullard Center's Environmental Conservation Organization,
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Kristianna Bowles
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Rebecca J. Sheesley, Ph.D.
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